



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND  
SHELTER ISLAND  
NEW YORK**

**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee  
July 14, 2015  
Town Hall  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Co-Chairs P.A.T. Hunt and Richie Surozenski, Barbara "Buzz" Clark, Keith Clark, Carol Galligan, Kathy Gooding, Steve Lenox.

**Member Absent:** Town Board Liaison Ed Brown.

**Guests:** Harriet O'Halloran, Julie Ben-Susan, Louise Clark

**Meeting called to order:** 9:01 AM

A motion was made to amend the June 9, 2015 minutes by Co-Chair Richie Surozenski. The requested change was made, the motion was seconded by Kathy Gooding; the minutes were approved.

**Old Business:**

**Cabin interior and Exterior**

**New Windows:** The three new double hung window drawings were reviewed by Project Architect Eric Hildebrandt and Jason Shields. Pat phoned and left a message for Kerry Tis of Reilly Windows & Doors regarding production.

**Repainting the fireplace:** All agreed Thoroseal should be applied to the exterior of the fireplace. Keith will purchase the product and bring it to the Island. Jason will apply the necessary two or three coats.

**Gas fireplace and logs:** Nothing new to report.

**Stain on logs, paint on windows:** Pat invited those present to accompany her to meet Jason at the Cabin this afternoon to discuss staining, painting and other tasks. Julie said she was available.

**Porch deck and railings:** Jason repaired the northeast corner of the porch deck. Pat spoke with Patrick Rutledge about refinishing the porch deck, along with a couple of rooms in the Cabin. Jason will be asked to first install railings along the north side of the porch.

**Interior bathroom and kitchen:** The shower stall was removed by Keith and Louise and exposed the flooring which will need replacing, probably with oak flooring. The interior brick chimney will also be removed, making it easier to configure the size of the claw-foot tub, a gift to the Cabin from the couple who recently were married there. The kitchen interior can wait until the bathroom is completed.

**Financial Business:**

**June 30, 2015 Bank Statement:**

Co-Chair Hunt reported that as of June 30, 2015, the Chase Business High Yield Savings Account balance is \$39,701.33, which includes interest of \$0.32.

**Additional bank statement:** We are receiving a monthly Bridgehampton National Bank, Taylor's Island, statement from the Town Bookkeeper. The June 30, 2015 statement has a balance of \$12,217.85. Pat will check with the Bookkeeper, and if necessary, the Town Clerk's office for clarification.

**Monthly Budget Report:** Kathy Gooding asked about receiving a statement of our Committee budget each month. Pat will speak with Kathy Sullivan about that possibility.

**SAM Funding from Senator Ken LaValle:** Pat will follow through on this.

**NYSOPR&HP Hurricane Sandy Grant:** We will not know about our eligibility for this grant until later this year.

**Update on Work Accomplished on Taylor's Island and Future Plans:**

**Generator bunk house:** Richie reported that Mary Wilson will be working on the necessary paperwork this afternoon.

**Utility trailer:** The utility trailer is in the process of being registered.

**Termite traps:** They are continuing to be monitored.

**Taylor's Whaler:** The boat is at a floating dock at Clark's. Keith recommended regular use, thereby avoiding gasoline back-up which has made starting the motor difficult. We may paint the woodwork rather than try to keep up the varnish.

**Stairs:** It was agreed that stairs with handrails is the best way to go, in wood, stone work, or brick

**Truck:** Louise Clark designed a decal for the doors which was met with unanimous approval and gratitude. She will check prices for applying the graphic.

**New Business:**

**Contained fire:** Pat reported that on a recent visit to the Island, she observed the remains of a contained fire, within a metal kettle, on a concrete slab that was extinguished with water, but not at the far west area of the Island. A lengthy discussion followed with Committee members divided between those who felt no fires should be allowed, and those who felt that because fires would inevitably take place, they should be controlled by the existence of a well-planned fire pit, as permitted by Town Code. No decision was reached.

**Taylor's Island Foundation News:**

**Update on Website and facebook:** For the month of June there were 462 visits and 1,132 page views. To date, Taylor's Island has 568 likes on facebook.

**Boat Donation:** Keith and Louise cleaned and straightened up the boat, trailer and accessories and put them on display at the Recycling Center. The sealed bids, received in the mail, will be opened before the end of today, July 14.

**Shelter Island School Sixth Grade Kayak Trip:** Jim Polychron facilitated the group's visit on Friday, June 12.

**Collaboration with East End Historical Venues:** Julie Ben-Susan attended the meeting hosted by the Shelter Island Historical Society. Foundation and Committee members agreed our participation was not mutually beneficial.

**2015 Kettle Clambake:** The event sold out in record time. Mary Ellen Mcgayhey will photograph and record the event for public access viewing.

Richie reported that the 10K Community Fund's Special Olympics tent, that they allow us to use each year, has been damaged beyond repair. Pat will inquire as to what other tent/s may be available.

Keith reviewed the transportation situation and expressed a need for detailed commitments from those who plan to shuttle. Volunteers to assist passengers on and off the boats and docks are also needed.

**Taylor's Island Foundation Annual Meeting:** The Foundation's annual meeting was held at Pat's house on Saturday morning, June 20. Board member Alfred Kilb asked to step down from the Board.

**Solstice Wedding:** Guests arrived on Taylor's Island from the Ram's Head Inn for the ceremony and champagne toast. When the bride and groom and their guests returned to the Ram's Head for the reception, there was a double rainbow on the east side of Coecles Harbor.

**2013 Luncheon for Eight Raffle Prize:** The winner, Jackie Tuttle, and her guests enjoyed a gourmet luncheon at the Smith-Taylor Cabin, prepared by Chef Harriet Reilly O'Halloran, on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Press Coverage:** Both the Plein Air Workshop and the Kettle Clambake were covered in the *Shelter Island Reporter*. Taylor's Island was included in the new publication, *Shelter Island Comprehensive Guide 2015*.

**Stonington Harbor and Watch Hill Yacht Clubs Rendezvous:** On Saturday, August 1, about 40 members will enjoy a cookout and pot luck dinner on the Island.

**The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2015.**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:45AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Galligan