



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND  
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NEW YORK**

**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee  
June 12, 2012  
Town Hall  
Minutes**

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

**Member Excused:** Town Board Liaison Ed Brown

**Guests:** Charlie and Linda Puls

**Meeting called to order:** 9:04 a.m.

A motion to accept the revised minutes of May 8, 2012 was made by Mark Ketcham and seconded by Kathy Gooding. The minutes are approved as corrected.

**Old Business:**

**NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP Grant:**

Co-Chair Hunt reported she gave Charlie and Linda Puls a tour of the Smith-Taylor Cabin on May 11 and met with them again on May 29 to review specs and plans. Charlie mentioned a ridgepole and Pat researched it; we may celebrate the completion of the restoration with a cedar bough ceremony.

The stamped specs and drawings were copied and distributed. Keith, Kathy, and Pat met with Alfred Kilb, a member of the Taylor's Island Foundation, at his home on May 21 regarding the bid packets.

Kathy presented, with a handout, to the Town Board at the May 22 Town Board Work Session. The Legal Notice, Notice to Bidders appeared in the June 7 *Shelter Island Reporter*. On Friday, June 8 the Town Board passed a resolution regarding placing the Notice to Bidders in the paper for two weeks, June 7 and 14. Pat scanned the Notice to Bidders and sent it out to Kathy, Jay Card, Commissioner of Public Works, the architects and contractors who have shown an interest in the restoration of the Smith-Taylor Cabin.

Kathy mentioned the specs did not mention painting the windows; an addendum has been written and she is putting the bid packets together. Kathy researched the women and minority contractor requirements and sent emails and faxes as required. Jay Card has been calling local contractors and alerting them. A log is being kept.

**Bulkhead/Seawall repair/restoration:**

The plantings done with Taylor's Island volunteers, the Garden Club and the Group for the East End are thriving. The East end of Area 1 and the West end of Area 4 show

some soil seepage. The East section should be sandbagged and the West might need something additional to fill what appears to be a small crack. Pat will check with Jay Card about this.

**Financial Business—May 31, 2012:**

Co-Chair Hunt reported: as of May 31, 2012, the New York Class Account balance is \$80,512.67 which includes of \$1.20 interest; the Chase Business High Yield Savings Account balance is \$7,416.21 which includes a deposit of \$124.08 and interest of \$0.31. The deposit comes from residual AT&T shares.

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

One of the old floating docks will be returned to Peter Dobson and a thank you note sent for lending it to Taylor's Island. The second dock to be removed before the Fall.

Walter Ogar of East End Pest Control placed six (6) termite traps around/in the Cabin, which he'll keep checking.

Spring clean-up happened on May 23 and Pat reported the cabin now looks pleasant and inviting.

The spigot near the generator needs to be replaced. Richie thinks that repair can wait. Pat suggested contacting Will Anderson who has in the past expressed a willingness to work for the Island pro bono. She will follow up.

Richie has been mowing the invasive Japanese knotweed.

The Boston whaler is in slip #4 at Congdon's Dock and will go to the stake and pulley mooring at Captain Bob's Landing at the end of June.

The flag pole is ready to go. Richie will check with Jay Card.

Keith reported he and Louise took the brick chimney down on Friday, June 8. It was decided to keep the bricks for future use. Kathy will send him the form for reporting the particulars of his volunteer work on the Cabin. Keith reported that the battery for the generator needs to be replaced. Richie will check with Jay Card. Funds can come from the equipment budget.

Kathy reminded the Committee that the NYSOPRHP sign has to go up. Pat reported Bridg Hunt has the materials to make it and the sign will be in place, as required, before the Town requests a first payment from NYS for one third of the project.

Keys to the Cabin are needed for current Committee and Foundation members. Richie will ask Michael Laspia, who no longer serve on the Committee, for his key. Pat had the keys made in Southampton and will follow through.

**Peconic Estuary Program Community Day:**

Pat stopped by the Peconic Estuary Program's Community Day celebrating the PEP's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Long Island Science Center in Riverhead on Saturday, June 2 for about an hour. She was able to thank people personally, in addition to written notes,

for the American Beach Grass, Beach Goldenrod, Prickly Pear Cactus and Grousel provided for the planting along Areas 3 and 4 of the DEC Permit.

**New Business:**

**Mashomack-Coeclles Harbor Association Meeting:**

The Mashomack-Coeclles Harbor Association Meeting was held on Saturday, May 19. Buzz Clark reported no significant business was enacted.

**Boy Scouts:**

Pat received a call from Joe Krsnak of Congdon Road and Bayside Queens regarding 17 or 18 Scouts between the ages of 11 and 18 with three of four adults camping out on the Island in September. Pat explained about the restoration happening in the Fall, maybe next Spring.

**Taylor's Island Foundation News:**

**Update on Website and facebook:**

For the month of May our website had 270 visits with 1,155 page views. To date Taylor's Island has 417 fans on facebook.

Kathy suggested putting the bid specs on the web site; Pat agreed to do so.

**Kettle Clambake:**

On May 10 Pat, Richie, Keith, and Jamie Cogan met with Kevin Springer, the caretaker at St. Gabriel's, to tour the grounds and decide on the placement of the tent. The dining hall will be used in case of rain.

Pat asked John Hallman to test the water for the customary SC Bureau of Public Health Protection permit and there are elevated iron levels. Pat was told by the SC Bureau of Public Health Protection that iron levels are not relevant for a temporary permit.

Pat commented that on the day of our annual Kettle Clambake Fundraiser, the S.I. Historical Society has scheduled a car show. She will check the hours. Since we do one event a year, it would be appreciated if there was no conflict.

**Raffle:**

The four prizes will include a one-year lease with Buffy, two (2) tickets to the 2013 Kettle Clambake, an overnight for two (2) at the Cabin in 2013 and lunch for possibly twelve (12) at the Smith-Taylor Cabin on Taylor's Island. Pat will check with Chef Harriet Reilly O'Halloran on the final number of guests for lunch.

**Shelter Island School:**

The sixth grade from the Shelter Island School will be kayaking out this Friday, June 15 in the morning.

**T-Shirt:**

The T-shirt sample, silkscreened by Catherine Brigham of Shelter Island Clothing, shown at last month's meeting is the choice selected.

**Father's Day Paddle:**

The Taylor's Island Foundation and Shelter Island Kayak's Father's Day paddle to Taylor's Island and tour of the Smith-Taylor Cabin is scheduled for Sunday, June 17, meeting at Burns Road at 4:30 p.m.

**Shelter Island Library Trip:**

This second annual trip and Smith-Taylor Cabin tour is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Essex Yacht Club:**

On Saturday, May 26 the EYC returned for a third time to Taylor's Island and the Smith-Taylor Cabin. They are so appreciative of our efforts and improvements, in particular, the two new floating docks.

**Sauers Family on Taylor's Island:**

Shelter Island resident Rod Anderson contacted Pat saying Ronnie Sauers has materials she'd like to share of their family's time on Taylor's Island. Pat phoned Ronnie, left a message and followed up with an email.

**Linda Hynes, Watercolorist:**

Linda Hynes, mother of Shelter Island School Superintendent Michael Hynes, paints portraits of homes, and is working on a painting of the Smith-Taylor Cabin from photos Pat took and sent her.

**The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2012.**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Galligan