



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

**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee  
June 9, 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 and Town Board Liaison Ed Brown.

**Guests:** Julie Ben-Susan, Jay L. Card, Jr., Harriet Reilly O'Halloran

**Meeting called to order:** 9:05 AM

A motion was made to approve the May 19, 2015 minutes by Co-Chair Richie Surozenski and seconded by Steve Lenox; the minutes were approved.

**Old Business:**

**Cabin Interior and Exterior**

**New Windows:** Kerry Tis of Reilly Windows and Doors came to the Cabin on Thursday, May 21 to measure for the three double-hung windows. Kerry followed up with drawings which will be sent to the architects. Keith suggested including a reminder that the face trim must be as thick as the log ends.

**Repointing the fireplace:** Matt Labrozzi, assisted by Randy Gates, has repointed the fireplace up to the mantel. He will return to finish above the mantle and fill in the gap on the bottom right hand side. Pat said it looked good.

**Gas fireplace and logs:** Two insurance agents have been to the Cabin and were asked about installing a gas fireplace system in the hearth, which they were in agreement with. Harriet suggested we pick a charred set of logs that looks best when turned off, since that is what most visitors will see. Carol suggested a movable screen be included and all agreed, reemphasizing that fire is a major concern.

**Stain/Paint color:** The architect visited the Cabin and chose cinnamon for the trim color; he felt the white was too much of a contrast for a small building. The majority of committee members agreed to follow his suggestion. Doors and windows were then reviewed: it was agreed that all doors and tower railings will be sealed in their current condition, as well as cedar logs and siding. New porch railings will be sealed. All windows will be cinnamon. The tower door exterior will be sealed as is and the interior will be covered with a vapor barrier and plywood sheathing to prevent east wind rain water leaks.

**Porch deck and railings:** The architect thought the porch should only have railings on the north side; most of the committee disagreed. After a long discussion of possibilities, it was decided that the porch would be fully railed with an opening, steps and railing on the east side opposite the double doors, and the current openings and steps on the west and north sides. The railings will be sealed as well.

**Interior Full Bath:** Pat exposed the brick chimney next to the toilet and likes how it looks; if left as is, however, the brick surface will be vulnerable to “bathroom splash.” Some way to protect the brick will be necessary. She checked under the linoleum, finding some sort of burlap and then a wood floor; it was thought that the wood would probably need to be replaced. It seems important for the shower stall to be removed as soon as possible so that dimensions for the proposed claw foot tub can be assessed. Richie and Steve will follow through before Father’s Day, when the donor of the tub will be on the Island.

**Financial Business:**

**May 29, 2015 Bank Statement:**

Co-Chair Hunt reported that as of May 29, 2015, the Chase Business High Yield Savings Account balance is \$39,701.01, which includes interest of \$0.33 and two deposits totaling \$84.93.

**SAM Funding from Senator Ken LaValle:** Pat will follow through with Albany.

**NYSOPR&HP Hurricane Sandy Grant:** Kathy reported that a decision will probably not be made, regarding our eligibility for the grant money, until December.

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

**Generator bunk house:** Richie talked again with Mary Wilson again about this proposed replacement building which qualifies as non-jurisdiction with the DEC. The Town can approve a 10 x 10 structure but the plan for this building is somewhat larger.

**Utility trailer:** The utility trailer registration paperwork is in process.

**Termite traps:** P.J. Lechmanski was out at the Cabin on Friday, June 5 baiting the existing traps and putting new ones in. He said with the years of neglect various insects got established. He’ll return continuing his inspections. He reiterated his wish to offer his time for free charging only for the materials; his offer was gratefully accepted.

**Taylor’s Whaler:** Not in service yet.

**Floating docks:** The docks are now in place but a tight fit; Jay spoke with Costello Marine about stopping by and taking a look.

**New Business:**

**2014 Kettle Clambake:** A disk of last summer’s Kettle Clambake is showing on Channel 22 and the Taylor’s Island Foundation website.

**Collaboration with East End Historical Venues:** Nanette Lawrence of the Shelter Island Historical Society emailed on Friday, June 5 a proposal for East End historic sites to collaborate and apply for a matching grant for marketing purposes to increase the number of visitors. Not all committee members saw this as a desirable goal. Julie will attend their initial meeting and report back.

**YouTube:** On Sunday, June 7, a Taylor’s Island visitor from the Town anchorage, Ms. Linda Ong, took a video of the Island from a Phantom drone which you can view on YouTube.

**Lumber pile:** Richie reported that the pile of lumber on the Island should be removed; individual boards should be checked as to whether they are usable.

**Taylor’s Island Foundation News:**

**Update on Website and facebook:** For the month of May there were 596 visits and 1,448 page views. To date, Taylor's Island has 543 likes on facebook.

**Boat Donation:** The donated boat is for sale on our Taylor's Island facebook page. The plan is to move the boat near the goody pile, which is locked at night but easily accessible by day. Pat or Louise Clark will write script, including "as is" and requesting sealed bids be sent to the Foundation post office box by Tuesday, July 14. Richie, Steve and Keith will clean up the boat before displaying it.

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Plein Air Workshop:** Five people signed up and four people attended the weekend workshop the mornings of June 6 and 7, followed by lunch and a critique. Pat expressed her gratitude to Linda Puls for offering such an ideal event for the Island and showed the framed painting Linda gave to the Foundation prior to the workshop. Linda will limit the number of participants to eight when offered again.

**Shelter Island School:** The sixth grade kayak trip and docent tour of Taylor's Island is scheduled for Friday, June 12, with a raindate of Friday, June 19. Jim Polychron will be the docent for their visit.

**2015 Kettle Clambake:** There was a continuation of our last meeting's discussion of the challenges encountered in transporting guests with "lesser mobility." Several members will contact boat owners they know who might help. Once the water test results are received the Suffolk County Department of Health application will go out.

**Raffle Ticket Prizes:** Prizes include a gift certificate for two (2) aboard *The Glory*, a hand painted Smith-Taylor Cabin plate by Stephanie Sareyani and an overnight for two at the historic Smith-Taylor Cabin. Keith offered an excursion aboard *Pequod* and Steve a fishing trip aboard *Sunrise to Sunset*, for a total of five terrific prizes.

**2016 Kettle Clambake:** Pat, thinking ahead, wondered if this should be our last kettle clambake for a while, having done ten in a row. She is hoping 2016 will emphasize overnight stays and wondered if trying to do both fundraising efforts might be too much of a strain on our volunteers. The members, who also volunteer the next two weekends for Fire Department fundraisers, were those most in favor of continuing without a break. The topic is still open for discussion.

**The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2015.**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:55AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Galligan