

# Horizon For Youth Reuse Committee

**Sharon, Massachusetts**

**Meeting of August 13, 2007**



Minutes of August 13, 2007

**In Attendance:** Michael Bossin, Jay Bronstein, Glenn Allen, Jane Desberg, Marc Bluestein, Gary Bluestein, Barbara Kramer, Andy Nebenzal, Diane Pankow

1: 7:05     **Meeting called to order** by Chairman Michael Bossin.

2: 7:06     **Minutes** from July 30, 2007 were accepted with changes to be made.

1. Diane Pankow's name was omitted from attendance list
2. Change Barbara Kramer's name to Lauren Hyman under Property Analysis – Map Data.

Motion made to approve minutes with changes by Gary Bluestein and seconded by Barbara Kramer abstaining were Andy Nebenzal, Jay Bronstein Ed Welch and Glenn Allen.

3: 7:10     **Correspondences**

1. Walter Newman's letter was approved by the Board of Selectman and sent via email to all Town Hall committees and departments.
  - Barbara Kramer requested Gary Bluestein read Walter's letter to the group.
2. Letter received from Anne Bingham noting the fact that the minutes were not posted on the Town of Sharon website.
  - Duly noted that all minutes going forward will be posted to the Town of Sharon website.
3. Letter received from Eli Hauser commending the committee on working to utilizing the Horizon for Youth property with suggested recommendations for consideration:
  - Revenue
  - Building Fund
  - New Buildings
  - Lake Facilities

4. Andy asked if the minutes of each Horizon for Youth Reuse Committee meeting be filed with the Town Clerk.
  - Gary Bluestein to check with Marleen Chused if this is required.

4: 7:15 **Improper Elections**

The committee was notified by the Town Administrator Ben Puritz that Town Counsel sent him a note that the secret ballot that was taken at the June 18, 2007 meeting is not recognized as an official voting procedure under the State of Massachusetts Open meeting Law and the need to do a new election with an open vote for the three positions be taken.

After a short discussion on whether we should wait for the whole Committee it was agreed to take a vote as the chances of ever having the whole Committee at one meeting was slim.

1. Jane Desberg nominated Michael Bossin for Chairman for a 1-year term. Barbara Kramer seconded. 8 votes for Mike with one abstention Marc Bluestein
2. Jane Desberg nominated Andy Nebenzal for Vice Chairman for a 1-year term. Jay Bronstein seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous
3. Jane Desberg nominated Gary Bluestein for Central Recording Secretary/Communications Correspondent for a 1-year term. Barbara Kramer seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous.

5: 7:25 **Continuation of Brainstorming session**

1. Walter Newman's letter approved, accepted with no changes.
2. Number one concern is the fact that we need to evaluate interested parties.
3. Copies of Gerry Sapphire's proposal /questionnaire form to be used as a basic format were passed to each committee member for discussion as to what additions or comments need to be added or deleted.

All agreed that the proposal should first start with an introductory paragraph. With that in mind, the question proposed whether the form should be written with check-off boxes and a comment line to follow each topic or a required a written paragraph under each topic to include:

- Type of organization (non-profit, fraternal, etc.)
- Financial impact to the Town plus or minus
- Background references
- Accreditations
- Biography or history of organization
- References
- Capital improvements
- Facilities being used
- What benefits to the Town
- Time duration (yearly, monthly, and hours)
- Exclusive or shared use of property

- Impact (environmental, traffic, resources)

Diane Pankow will put together a form to include all of the above topics with a target date to submit at the next meeting of August 27th.

6: 8:00

**Open House**

Discussion continued from previous meetings on the topic of having an Open House on the property.

- 2-3 hours on a Saturday (time under consideration)
- October 14<sup>th</sup> as a potential date
- Invitation placed in the Sharon Advocate inviting the Town's people and others to see what was purchased
- Float ideas through the Recreation Department
- Suggestion box for ideas in utilizing the property going forward
- Some type of activity (field games, movies, hay rides, etc)

The volunteer committee will consist of: Andy Nebenzal, Jane Desberg, Diane Pankow. Gary Bluestein will interface with the Recreation Department.

7: 8:15

**Old Business**

None to be discussed

8: 8:16

**New Business**

- Use of Email address
- Future Meetings. The Committee will try to pick an occasion date that is not a Monday as some member have conflicts with other meetings. At our next meeting we will layout the schedule for the next few months.
- Include meeting calendar dates at the end of each meeting minutes

9: 8:22

**Meeting Calendar**

- Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

10: 8:25

**Meeting Adjourned**

- Motioned by Andy Nebenzal and seconded by Marc Bluestein

Respectfully Submitted

Gary Bluestein  
Recording Secretary

MBaker

