

Horizons For Youth Reuse Committee

Sharon, Massachusetts

Meeting of November 26, 2007



Minutes of November 26, 2007

In Attendance: Mike Bossin, Jane Desberg, Gary Bluestein, Jay Bronstein, Barbara Kramer, Glenn Allen, Lauren Hyman, Ed Welch, Andy Nebenzahl, Lauren Hyman

1: 7:01 **Meeting called to order** by Chairman Michael Bossin.

It is to be noted that the Horizons for Youth Reuse Committee is the first non-elected town group to meet in the new Sharon Community Center prior to its official opening.

2: 7:03 **Minutes** from November 12th meeting. Motion to accept the minutes were made by Jane Desberg and second by Barbara Kramer. Minutes were unanimously approved.

4: 7:07 **Correspondences**

Email from Jane Desberg, representing the Sharon Housing Partnership, dated November 21, showing interest in a small parcel of land for affordable homeownership units.

Letter from Sari Cook, President of the Sunset Players, dated November 25, showing interest in using the auditorium for performing arts and requesting a tour of the property. Garry Bluestein and Mike Bossin will contact Sari to make arrangements.

5: 7:09 **Property Usages**

1. Mike Bossin discussed initiating a letter to the Selectman within the next two weeks detailing the short-term to long-term planned criteria and evaluations on property usage.
2. A suggestion was made to run the letter by Ben prior to sending it to the Selectman.

6: 7:11 **Bids**

1. Mike Bossin mentioned that he met with Joe Kent as to how to obtain bids and how many for each repair to the Horizon's buildings and property. Joe informed Mike that whatever is considered an absolute emergency i.e. Bldg. 14,5 (roof), Rec Hall (clean out ceiling removal), do not require bids and have been authorized to proceed with construction immediately.
2. Horan Oil submitted a bid for furnace repair and service.
3. Mike Bossin and Gary Bluestein will work on a specification mark-up for bids on work needing to be done to the Administration building.

7: 7:15 **Boy Scouts**

1. Representing the Boy Scouts Old Colony Council were Len Thatcher and Steve Whitney to discuss their proposal on renting the property for part of the season in the summer of 2008. They passed around several copies of their annual report and brochures showing camp activities.

They mentioned that the Council serves 41 communities with approximately 6,000 members.

Len did state that this camp project on the Horizon's property is a pilot program and would not commit for long-term or extended months until they saw how well the camp program was received.

Their proposal is focused on using the property as a day camp for boys 6-10 years of age serving Sharon and surrounding town communities. They made a point in requesting a commitment from the Committee by the end of December beginning of January 2008 so they can plan an open house to meet potential campers and their families.

- They feel that the Horizon's property is very conducive for their needs
 - Camp is focused on outdoor activities (building usage will be for bathrooms and inclement weather)
 - Parent drop-off and bus usage
 - Four 5-day sessions (July 7 thru August 1 / can be flexible if needed)
 - Willing do partnership time of property with other organizations based on scheduling and requirements
 - Targeting the month of April to bring in the older scouts and adults to help refurbish some of the property
2. Mike Bossin mentioned responsibility of electrical service and maintenance costs. They said that perhaps we could work something out.

3. Their meeting concluded with Mike Bossin stating that the proposal would be presented to the Selectman for consideration.

8: 8:10 **Sharon Friends of Conservation**

1. Kurt Buermann representing the Sharon Friends of Conservation joined the meeting to discuss the Sharon Trail system. Specifically the many trails on the Horizon property linking up with the King Philip trails.
 - He shared a few maps that pinpointed the trails.
 - Samples of trail markers that could be used instead of painted signs.
2. Much discussion was made on connecting the trails, but the Committee's main concern is having the trails open for public usage during camp rentals. This will require further discussion.
3. Kurt Buermann, prior to his departure, mentioned that he needed some type of storage for lumber and workshop area and if some accommodation on the property would be available.

9: 8:30 **Maintenance Building**

1. The lower level of the dormitory building will be kept as storage and a work area for the near future. It currently houses supplies and records..

10: 8:35 **Camp Consultant Broker's Contract**

1. The Committee is waiting for a sample copy of the contract and description of services from Jim Earley camp rental agent

11: 8:37 **Marketing**

- Contact Jim Earley to see if he has anyone interested in the property for 2008
- Follow-up with Camp Starfish to see if they are still interested in renting the property
- Follow-up with Campfire USA to see if they are still interested in renting the property
- Follow-up with Chabad to see if they are still interested in renting the property
- Contact Sunset Players to see if they are interested in renting the Rec Hall
- Formal RFP needed to be created for the rental contract.
- Jay Bronstein mentioned that the Sharon Cable Network is still running the Horizon for Youth Reuse flyer

12: 8:50 **Old Business**

The Board of Health was consulted on the steps needed to repair the septic system

13: 8:55 **New Business**

Gary Bluestein mentioned that Walter Newman notified him that he has retreated south for the winter and will be back in April.

14: 8:58 **Meeting Calendar**

1. The Committee will continue to meet at 7pm at the Sharon Community Center on the second floor.

December 3

December 17

15: 9:00 **Motion to Adjourn** meeting by Barbara Kramer and second by Jay Bronstein.

All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Gary Bluestein

/Micki Baker

