

Horizons For Youth Reuse Committee

Sharon, Massachusetts

Meeting of March 3 2008



Minutes of March 3 2008

In Attendance: Mike Bossin, Barbara Kramer, Gary Bluestein, Jane Desberg, Glenn Allen, Gerry Saphire, Andy Nebenzal, Marc Bluestein

1: 7:09 **Meeting called to order** by Chairman Michael Bossin.

2: 7:10 **School Committee Presentation**

Both Sam Liao and Glenn Allen represented the School Committee and presented their interest in adding 26 acres of Horizons property in addition to the 17 acres the School Dept has off of East Foxboro St. for a new high school and handed-out documents showing projected numbers and enrollment out to 2020.

The size of the school is based on student body said Glenn and Sam and went on to say that there are no formal guidelines at this time.

Glenn referred to the site image which was one of the pages in the document he handed-out that superimposed an enlarged picture of the current High School on the School Committee controlled property and the Horizons property.. He said that the specs projected the school building; ball and athletic fields, swimming pool and parking accommodations will take a good percentage of the Horizon property.

Barbara Kramer, referring the aerial photo, asked if the conservation land encompassing the property was taken into consideration. Both Glenn and Sam said no.

Marc Bluestein pointed out the fact that the Horizon property is not sitting on flat land it is rocky with increasing elevation (that can be seen on the topography map) from East Foxboro st that would require considerable leveling of the property for school needs to be taken into consideration.

A few ideas were then presented to Sam and Glenn as land swapping/exchanging for the Kendall property adjacent to the Heights Elementary School.

Marc Bluestein questioned as to where the School Committee is in regard to the master plan of renovations for the schools starting with the Heights, Cottage then Middle School etc. This is still on-going, said Sam Liao, and went on to say there is consideration of moving the Special Needs wing to a smaller building and utilizing that space for added classrooms. He also said that there was conversation to centralizing kindergarten but was vetoed due to age and busing. Sam said that there is also a suggestion of making neighborhood schools by converting all schools to K-8 with the exception of the high school.

In conclusion, both Glenn and Sam said that the School Committee needs to plan ahead, and are looking at approximately 6-10 years out. All they ask is the Horizon Reuse Committee keep an open mind of knowing the School Committee's interest in the property when the time comes .

- 3: 8:00
1. **Minutes** – Motion to accept the minutes of January 7 meeting was made by Andy Nebenzal. Marc Bluestein seconds the motion. All in favor with Gerry Sapphire and Gary Bluestein abstaining
 2. **Minutes** – Motion to accept the minutes of February 4 meeting was made by Andy Nebenzal. Barbara Kramer seconds the motion. All in favor with Jane Desberg and Gerry Sapphire abstaining.
 3. **Minutes** – Motion to accept the minutes of February 11 meeting was made by Jane Desberg. Barbara Kramer seconds the motion. All in favor with Glenn Allen and Gerry Sapphire abstaining.

4: 8:10 **Correspondences**

Mike Bossin received a copy of a letter from the Selectmen that was written by Eric Hooper, Superintendent of the Public Works, requesting usage of the dormitory Building on the Horizon property to be used for storage of files on level 2 and equipment on level 1. Mike mentioned that this building is part of the North camp.

Gary Bluestein suggested that since the DPW only needs dead storage area than House #2 would be a better fit. (no septic system hook-up). He continued to say that he is not in favor of losing the Dormitory that is heated and has bathroom (septic system hook-up) accommodations for dead storage when it could be used as rental/camp usage.

The Committee thought this to be a good suggestion. Mike Bossin said that he would present this offer to the Selectman.

5: 8:15 **Status of Leases**

Mike Bossin said that there are two leases on the agenda for Tuesday's Selectman meeting for approval. The first is Jean Peckham with utilities included and the second the Boy Scouts. Mike said that there are 3 or 4 more lease applications that will be forward to the Selectman for review and approval.

Mike said that Yosef Resnick would be renting as tenant-at-will in the Lodge for \$300 per month from present until summer end when he will make a decision then whether to continue a rental agreement. Mike, with the Committee's approval, will offer Mr. Resnick one month free rent for clean up of this rental space.

6: 8:20 **Septic Proposal**

Mike Bossin said that the contract has been signed to start construction of the septic system .

7: 8:25 **List of Boy Scout Projects**

Gary Bluestein said that he sent out a list of suggested projects for the Boy Scouts while camping on the property i.e. trail clean-up, loose brush removal, cleaning of the two fire pits, etc. Mike Bossin will get together with the Scouts to go over the list.

8: 8:30 **Repair Status**

1. Mike Bossin said that bids are out for:
 - Building #11 for a handicap ramp
 - Rec Hall flooring and lighting
 - Removal of 2-3 tree around the houses
2. DPW removed trees around the Rec Building
3. Wireless fire alarm installed in the Lodge
4. 3 ceiling fans installed in the Lodge
5. Need to install a wireless fire alarm in the Administration Building

9: 8:35 **Long-range Planning**

Jay Bronstein set-up a Long-range Planning Meeting for Wednesday, Room 23 at the Community Center. This meeting has been posted.

10: 8:36 **New Business**

1. Prepare a report to include:
 - Lease generations
 - Expenses

- Short-term planning
- 2. Suggestion to draft a financial presentation showing actual and perspective income revenue to Finance.
- 3. Mike Bossin will call Ben to discuss a formal presentation to Finance and arrange a date and time to present.
- 4. Barbara Kramer asked who will be the 'go-to' person to traffic leases. This is being tabled to the March 17 meeting.

11: 8:45 **Old Business**
None

12: 8:46 **Meeting Calendar**
The Committee will continue to meet at 7pm at the Sharon Community Center on the second floor.
March 17 – Conservation Committee
March 31
April 14
April 28

13: 8:50 **Motion to Adjourn** meeting by Marc Bluestein. Motion was second by Andy Nebenzal. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Gary Bluestein
/Micki Baker