

Horizons For Youth Reuse Committee

Sharon, Massachusetts

Meeting of April 28 2008



Minutes of April 28 2008

In Attendance: Mike Bossin, Barbara Kramer, Ed Welch, Gary Bluestein, Jay Bronstein, Jerry Saphire, Jane Desberg, Marc Bluestein, Andy Nebenzahl, Diane Pankow, Glenn Allen, Walter Newman

- 1: 7:35 **Meeting called to order** by Chairman Michael Bossin.
- 2: 7:36 **Minutes** – The March 31 minutes were amended as so noted by Gary Bluestein. Motion was made by Marc Bluestein to accept the minutes as amended and Barbara Kramer second the motion. All were in favor except Andrew Nebenzahl who abstained.
- 3: 7:40 **Correspondences**
 1. Mike Bossin received a letter dated 4/28 from Shawn Gery, Old Colony Council requesting to use the Horizon facility for a “Chuck Wagon” event on June 7 and 8 for up to 200 people.
 2. Letter received dated 4/28 from Barbara Nadler – Sharon Library requesting the need of storage space to house shelving. No heat is required for the storage. She was not too sure of the duration of time. *(Note: she also stopped by prior to meeting to reference the letter sent)*
 3. Mike Bossin said that he would write to the Board of Selectman the following letters regarding:
 - Horizon for Youth Usage Committee plans for an Open House on the Horizon property on Saturday, May 31 between the hours of 10am-4pm
 - Boy Scouts plans for May 17 Jamboree on the Horizon property
 - Hiring a Caretaker to maintain the Horizon property and reside in one house on the property free of charge

4: 8:00 **Boy Scouts Troop 95**

Jeff Tatro, Adult Leader of Boy Scouts Troop 95 along with Paul Towson, Outdoor Programmer and Larry Seglund, Adventure Programmer for Adult Kids visited the Horizon for Youth Reuse Committee meeting to present their needs and wishes to using the Horizon property on off-season 2008-2009.

Jeff said that they are looking to have access to any cabin to be used once a month for a get together for planning. i.e. out door skills training and overnight sleepovers. They are flexible as to cabin of choice and in return will reciprocate in doing needed work on the grounds and buildings. i.e. trails, reconstruction, etc.

Paul said that the troop consists of 65 scouts ranging from middle school to high school level. He said one of the things that the leaders stress to this group is community values.

Jeff mentioned that the troop would like the use of the Dining Hall the weekend prior to 2009 Thanksgiving for a one-time Thanksgiving celebration for approximately 100 people.

Gary Bluestein inquired as to the existence of an annual calendar that shows the troop's planned activities and objectives so that there would be no conflict of dates with any other group wanting to use the property. Jeff said that he would send the calendar to Gary.

Gary Bluestein asked if they were considering using the waterfront for fishing boating and/or water activities and if so, questioned insurance coverage.

5: 8:30 **Marketing**

1. Boy Scouts signed their lease for summer 08
2. Chabad signed their lease for summer 08
3. Jean Peckman is interested in renting 10 months out of the year. Mike Bossin requested Jean to write a letter stating her interest.
4. Gary Bluestein said that the Franciscan group has run into financial difficulties and are not sure if they can rent the property as first anticipated. Gary said that they are trying to work it out.
5. Diane Pankow questioned why we could not get a deposit up front with the stipulation that if terms are not met and agreed the deposit would be refunded.
6. Barbara Kramer said that the Board of Selectman needs to work faster on approving the leases and rental agreements or we could lose out on a situation such as the Franciscan group.

7. Mike Bossin mentioned that the Bond Committee is getting involved as to leasers' and renters' agreements to making sure that there is adequate liability insurance coverage.
8. Mike Bossin did say that there is an official/approved lease agreement now in existence.
9. Yosef Resnick is still interested in renting an area of choice, said Mike Bossin; one that perhaps does not require too much cleanup.
 - a. Jane Desberg suggested that Mike Bossin contact the COA to see if there is handyman/person who is on the 'work-off tax' program that would be willing to do some painting, fix-up and clean-up.

6: 8:45 **Septic System Rebuild**

Mike Bossin said that the septic system has been designed and presented to Engineering for approval. It will be presented on May 12th to the Board of Health (BOH). Mike said that engineering also wrote a letter outlining the philosophy of the design. He said that we are in good shape and on target and that the project should take approximately 2 weeks from a start of sometime mid-May with a completion of early June to finish.

7: 8:50 **Repairs**

- New lights have been installed in the Rec Hall
- Rubberized flooring (negotiated price from Avalon Bay) has been installed in the Lodge Hall
- Windows are on order with delivery in a couple of weeks for the Rec Hall and Administration Building
- Trees have been removed
- Boy Scouts have been cleaning the trails

Mike Bossin said that he will be meeting with Joe Kent to go over the crucial repair list. He said that there are big budget items coming up that need to be discussed and a lot of work to still do.

8: 8:55 **Warrant Agenda**

Mike Bossin made note to the Committee that the Horizon's for Youth Reuse capitol request was left off the Warrant Committee docket for the May Town Meeting. Apparently there were miscommunications on the paperwork. Mike said that he was told that it would cost \$2500 for a mailing to go out if there was a special meeting held within the Town meeting, so we will need to start over with the paperwork for the November Town Meeting.

9: 9:00 **Docks for the Waterfront**

Camp Gannett has docks available should the Horizon's Committee/Town be interested in purchasing. There are between 15-18 sections. The docks will be looked into to see if arrangements can be made to acquire them.

- 10: 9:05 **Property Management Calendar**
The big question among the Committee members is who is going to manage the property's activities as well the leases and rentals. Everyone on the Committee is in favor of having a custodian/caretaker and should be discussed as one of the articles at the next Town Meeting.
- 11: 9:07 **Open House**
1. Jay Bronstein said the selected date for the Open House is Saturday, May 31 between the hours of 12:noon and 4:pm. The Board of Selectman has been notified and will read the announcement at their next meeting.

Jay said that we need to have fliers ready for distribution and maybe a street banner.

2. Diane said that she has received commitments from:
 - EMS – Kayak demonstrations
 - Bass – Fishing demonstrations
 - REI – Tent demonstration and display
- 12: 9:11 **Long-range Goals**
Walter Newman questioned if we have formulated a list of long-range goals for the property usage. Jay Bronstein said that there is somewhat of a list but has not been formulated for presentation as yet.
- 13: 9:12 **Public Hearings**
Mike Bossin said that we need to get active in planning public hearings prior to a forum in the fall. We need dates and consideration of having a planner involved.
- 14: 9:13 **Ball Field**
Barbara Kramer asked if a permit is required for use of the Horizon property ball field. The permits are through the Recreation Dept.
- 15: 9:15 **Future Meetings**
It has been suggested that over the summer months the Horizons for Youth Usage Committee to meet every three weeks starting June 23. Everyone was in agreement.
- 16: 9:16 **Old Business**
Nothing to report
- 17: 9:17 **New Business**
Nothing to report
- 18: 9:18 **Meeting Calendar**

The Committee will continue to meet at 7:30 pm at the Sharon Community Center on the second floor.

May 12

June 2

June 23

19: 9:22 **Motion to Adjourn** meeting made by Jay Bronstein and Barbara Kramer second. Mike Bossin asked if all in favor to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Gary Bluestein

/Micki Baker