

Horizons For Youth Reuse Committee

Sharon, Massachusetts

Meeting of June 23 2008



Minutes of June 23 2008

In Attendance: Mike Bossin, Barbara Kramer, Gary Bluestein, Glenn Allen, Gerry Saphire, Walter Newnan, Diane Pankow, Jay Bronstein

1: 7:34 **Meeting called to order** by Chairman Michael Bossin.

2: 7:35 **Minutes – April 28**

Jay Bronstein made a motion to accept the minutes of April 28 as written.

Barbara Kramer seconded the motion.

All are in favor.

Minutes – May 12

Jay Bronstein made a motion to accept the minutes of May 12 as written.

Barbara Kramer seconded the motion.

All are in favor.

3: 7:40 **Correspondences**

1. Copy of a letter, dated June 18, Andy Nebenzahl resignation from the Horizons for Youth Reuse Committee.

2. Note from Lou Kafka on Trails Grant Program and a chance of receiving reimbursement to the Horizons for Youth Reuse fund.

3. Email, dated 6/19, from Roni Thayler, Marine Modelers Club of New England, regarding their permit for 6/22 for beach front usage to show their remote model boats with an option date of 7/20 as a rain date.

4. Email from Michael Starski showing interest and asked for consideration for the Caretaker position for Horizon for Youth property.

5: Letter received from the Board of Health regarding the approval of the new septic permit for Horizons to the Sharon Board of Selectmen, Letter asks for usage monitoring,

Mike Bossin feels that we will be low in water capacity usage for this year and feels that we will meet the requirements for next year. He will be doing frequent water readings to prevent overloading and recording his findings on a spreadsheet.

6. Letter received from the Boy Scouts amending their lease for additional dates.
7. E-mail from Colleen Tuck referencing the cable taping that took place on May 29 at 11:am.
8. Email dated 5/2 from Adam Levitt - Sharon Police Officer, showing interest and to request consideration for the Horizon property Caretaker position.
9. Letter dated 4/22 from Jean Peckam on extending her gymnastic classes from a three-day week to four beginning in September 2008 thru May 2009 and her awareness of increase of rental fees.

4: 7:50 **Short-term Requests**

1. Renting cabins and Dining Hall to local groups and non-profit organizations
2. End-of-year teen party (*need formal request in writing*)

5: 7:55 **Boy Scouts**

Enrollment for this summer term is not as high as what was expected, said Mike Bossin, and will only rent the last two weeks of their selected time as originally scheduled.

6: 8:05 **Leases**

Chabbad

Mike Bossin said that a new Director has been appointed to the Chabbad and that he and Joe Kent will be meeting with him. Mike also said that Chabbad has started to move onto the campgrounds and will have 8-10 overnight councilors on staff living in Cabin 14 and using Cabin 6 as a classroom along with the Dining Hall for cooking and the Infirmary.

Note: Cabin 6's floor will be fixed by the start of camp.

Mike Bossin requested a full calendar of Chabbad's camp activities for this year's summer session.

Franciscan

Gary Bluestein said that he has made several attempts to make contact with the Franciscan, but has been unsuccessful. Gary said that the Committee would try to keep an open door invitation to them for the 2009 season.

7: 8:10 **Buildings/Property Update**

Mike Bossin reported the following:

Administration Building - Windows have arrived and ready for installation. He said that the DPW will be doing the install.

Septic System - Completed and that the DPW will be planting grass.

Wate – Connections made to all the buildings under lease

Fire Alarms – Installations made where needed.

Recreation Hall – Sub-flooring installed. Final flooring installation is TBD.

Arts & Crafts – Building is okay and bathroom is operational. The building has been cleaned of all debris.

Boat House – Is equipped with 6 rowing boats.

Building 14 - Showers are being worked on.

Parking – Discussion about having the parking expanded the issue is do we want to change the character of the camp by doing that? It is agreed that it could be helpful but at what cost. More discussion to come.

8: 8:20 **Budget**

Mike Bossin said that we are okay with the budget and that the \$133,000 allotted will be spent.

There is a possibility, said Mike Bossin, that the Town of Sharon may be receiving \$100K refund from the State for this year's septic system installation. It depends on how the voting of the article is decided from the State House. If received, the money would be used to extend the septic system to other areas of the camp that was not included in the first install.

9: 8:25 **Acknowledgements**

Mike Bossin acknowledged Diane Pankow, for her effort in helping the Horizon Open House projects for 2007-2008 go off smoothly and successfully.

10: 8:30 **Permits**

Discussion and questions amongst the Committee as to whether single use permits should be made available to the public with no fees attached to using the Horizon property.

1. Should there be a no charge for Sharon residence and a fee for outside the community?
2. Should a returnable, up front security deposit, be required? (A concern is that there is no one available to be accountable for the bookkeeping)
 - Barbara Kramer to write-up a proposal for day rentals.
 - Posting the Day Permit Reservation on the Sharon website.

11: 8:40 **Horizon for Your Reuse Committee**

Mike Bossin said that it is now one year, 2007-2008, since the Committee has been formed and it is time to realign the Committee. During the year:

- The resignation of Andy Nebenzal
1. The number of members needed for a quorum is a majority in this committees case it had 14 members it would need 8 present at a meeting to have a quorum.
 2. Nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for 2008-2009 to be considered and will be noted on the next meeting's agenda that nominations and elections will take place.
 3. Any nominations need to be emailed to Mike or Gary.

12: 8:55 **Long-range Planning**

1. The long-term planning needs to come to the front line of action items, said Mike Bossin. We need to list all the accomplishment to date.
2. With that said, Barbara Kramer suggested writing a letter to the Selectman on the Committee's accomplishments during 2007-2008 called it Phase I and what the Committee's targets entering Phase II – 2008-2009.
3. Both Jay Bronstein and Mike Bossin will draft a letter to give to Walter Newman to review and finalize.

4. Walter Newman questioned the status of Master Planners that were interviewed and what are the conception results. We need a master plan, he said. But, how do we approach it? What are the dynamics? Do we actually need a Master Planner?

Mike Bossin's reply to Walter's questions said that we already did some groundwork and he feels that we are ahead of the game.

13: 9:00 **Missions & Objectives**

Mike Bossin asked the Committee members to review this document once again.

14: 9:05 **New Business**

Theater

Sunset Players are still homeless, reported Walter Newman. What we need is a cohesive mass to formulate a theater group. Perhaps we should contact Marilyn Kahn from the Creative Arts Association to attend a meeting to do a presentation.

Library

Mike Bossin took Barbara Nadler – Library Director, around the camp. a short-term storage area is available for excess library shelving and equipment. Barbara could not commit to a short-term and was looking to an undefined period of time.

15: 9:15 **New Recreation Director**

Gary Bluestein had the pleasure of escorting Brett MacGowan, the new Community Center Recreation Director, around the Horizon property and he was impressed with what he saw as well potential usage of the property.

Gary said that he would extend an invitation to Brett to attend one of the Committee meetings.

15: 9:20 **Old Business**

None

16: 9:25 **Meeting Calendar**

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

- July 21
- August 18

Note: The Board of Selectman to pick a date to meet with the Horizon Committee

17: 9:30 **Motion to Adjourn** meeting by Barbara Kramer. Jay Bronstein seconded motion. All are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Gary Bluestein
/Micki Baker