

Horizons For Youth Reuse Committee

Sharon, Massachusetts

Meeting of July 21 2008



Minutes of July 21 2008

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

1: 7:30 **Meeting called to order** by Chairperson Michael Bossin.

2: 7:35 **Minutes – June 23**

A motion to accept the minutes of June 23 as written was made by Jay Bronstein and seconded by Barbara Kramer with Marc Bluestein abstaining. All were in favor.

3: 7:40 **Correspondences**

Nothing was presented.

4: 7:42 **Sharon Board of Selectman Scheduled**

August 18 the Board of Selectman will be joining the Horizon for Youth Usage Committee meeting at 7:30 PM at the Sharon Community Center.

Mike Bossin suggested putting an agenda together and to include a question and answer segment. Any agenda items are to be emailed to his attention.

General meeting session meeting with only the Committee members will follow.

5: 7:55 **Possibility of Changing Meeting Night**

It was suggested that because of conflict of meeting nights with some members of the Horizon Usage Committee a change of meeting night could be applicable.

The only night that seemed conducive to each present Committee member's schedule, to date, is Tuesday evenings at 7:30. No final decision has been made.

Gary Bluestein will address and email to all the Committee members to get their consensus as to changing the night.

6: 8:10 **Horizon for Youth Usage Committee Nominations and Elections**

A year has past, and it is time to nominate and elect a new Chairperson and a new Secretary to the Horizon for Youth Usage Committee, said Mike Bossin. He said that no submission of names were emailed to his or Gary's attention since the June 23 meeting, and asked if the Committee wanted to go forward in doing nominations and elections during this meeting. All agreed to proceed.

With that, Jay Bronstein motioned that Mike Bossin be reappointed Chairperson to the Committee. Marc Bluestein seconded the motion. All attending Committee members unanimously voted in favor of Mike Bossin to continue as Chairperson. Mike accepted the position.

Jay Bronstein then motioned Gary Bluestein be reappointed Secretary to the Committee as well Co-chairman. Glenn Allen seconded the motion all attending Committee members unanimously voted in favor of Gary Bluestein to continue as Secretary and Co-Chairperson. Gary accepted the positions.

7: 8:25 **Reduction of Committee Members**

It was decided to request the Selectman to write a letter to Larry Green requesting his resignation from the Committee. Mike Bossin to talk with Ben.

Request that Walter Newman write a note to the Selectman requesting a leave of absence from the Committee starting December 1, 2008 through to May 1, 2009.

The Board of Selectman, at the August 18 meeting, will be questioned as to how many committee members are needed to making a quorum as well casting votes.

8: 8:40 **Horizon Camp Repairs Update**

Mike Bossin reported:

1. Septic system installation has been completed and the grass groundcover is growing in nicely
2. Few minor gas line repairs need to be done
3. Windows have been installed in the Rec Hall
4. low flush toilets have been installed in several bathroom areas including the Rec Hall
5. Installation of windows in the Administration Building scheduled to be completed in the fall

6. DPW are keeping an eye on the water meter readings
7. Negotiations with the propane gas company regarding existing propane gas tanks and their removal. Selectman confirmed that the property was sold “as is” including the propane gas tanks.
8. Lou Kafka will resubmit a request for a grant of \$100,000 from the State of Massachusetts for the septic repair/installation. The Governor rejected the first submittal.

Note: Should the Town receive the grant from the State, the money will be used for additional septic systems installation to areas on the Horizon’s property not yet hooked-up.

9. The Capitol request that was omitted from the Town warrant in May 2008 it will be requested at the November 2008 town
10. The Recreation Department has loaned us two young gentlemen to help move, clean and prepare the Horizon property for summer occupancy.

Mike will do an updated list of completed repairs against list them against the budget.

9: 9:00 **Leases**

Chabbad

Mike Bossin said that the Chabbad is looking to do an “Open House”. Security is the issue and needs to be addressed.

10:9:05 **Long Range Planning**

Mike Bossin said that he wants to start targeting what the long range plans are for the Horizon property.

- How are we going to address and evaluate
- What is the process and methods to be used
- A need to start scheduling hearings

Jay Bronstein feels that although we have:

- Contacted all the Town departments, but no one responded
- Appeared on Town cable network
- Posted articles in the Town paper
- Held 2 Open Houses

Jay said that perhaps the Committee should pursue a professional planner to pointing us in the right direction going forward as to what to do with the Horizon property long-term. Also, said Jay, we need to schedule two forums for the fall and spring.

Marc Bluestein said that perhaps the Selectman, when they visit, could offer some ideas to the Committee.

Mike Bossin said that all ideas are on equal ground, but the question is if there is a hidden agenda for the Horizon property that the Committee is not aware.

Barbara Kramer said that the Selectman must be made aware that a year ago we were naive as to what to do with the property and after one year our list of accomplishments should be acknowledged.

Mike Bossin said that he would make up a list of accomplishments as a handout to the Selectman upon their visit.

11: 9:30 **New Business**

Working with Jean Peckham who is changing her 3-day gymnastic program to 5 day at a rental fee of \$800 per month. But, the Committee feels that based on raising heating costs that a 5-day/monthly-rental fee should be \$1,000. Mike Bossin said that he would talk with Jean.

Glenn Allen has been asked by Gary Bluestein to inquire as to the gymnasium rental fee for 3 hours and report the number back to him.

12 940 Gary Bluestein said that he will contact Lee Shapiro who maybe interested in renting space for doing concerts.

15: 9:42 **Old Business**

None

16: 9:43 **Meeting Calendar**

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

- August 18

17: 9:45 **Motion to Adjourn** meeting by Jay Bronstein and seconded by Marc Bluestein. All are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Gary Bluestein

/Micki Baker