

Horizons For Youth Reuse Committee

Sharon, Massachusetts

Meeting of September 16 2008



Minutes of September 16 2008

In Attendance: Mike Bossin, Barbara Kramer, Gary Bluestein, Jane Desberg, Marc Bluestein, Diane Pankow, Glenn Allen, Walter Newman, Lauren Hyman, Jerry Sapphire

Guests: Representing the Sharon Community Center, Recreation Director Brett MacGowan and Assistant Recreation Director, Amanda Deni

- 1: 7:35 **Meeting called to order** by Vice Chairman Gary Bluestein
- 2: 7:36 **Minutes** – The August 23rd minutes were tabled to the next meeting, October 7th.
- 3: 7:37 **Correspondences**
 1. Letter received from Troop 95 requesting a one-day rental of waterfront usage for either October 4 & 5 for their canoe program. Proof of insurance is required before permission is issued.
(note: Gary Bluestein said that there is a lack of life jackets and paddles)
 2. Mike Bossin received an 8-page survey from the Charter Commission that requires the Horizon for Youth Reuse Committee to complete on or before September 26th.
 3. Mike Bossin received a letter dated July 18th from the Sharon Adult Center regarding the work-off program for the Horizon for Youth Reuse Committee meetings and was acknowledged/approved and signed by Mike to continue in the program.
 4. Michael Rose, Binah School Administrator Director addressed a letter, dated August 1, to the Committee showing interest in utilizing the Administration Building in the fall of 2010 for a junior/senior high school for Jewish girls.

5. Letter received by Mike Bossin dated July 8th, from the Board of Health referencing the septic upgrades and water usage of systems 1 and 2.

4. 7:50 **Leases/Rentals**

Mike Bossin said that Jean Pekham signed the contract for the next three months with the understanding and agreeing that there will be an increase in rental charges for additional months going forward.

5: 7:55 **Waterfront Docks**

Gary Bluestein announced that the loaned docks have been purchased for the Horizon waterfront at a cost of \$3,000 from Jim DiMaggio representing Camp Gannett. Invoice will be sent to the Ben Puritz, Town Administrator who will assist in getting the invoice paid.

6: 8:00 **Budget Outlay Expenditures**

Mike Bossin handed out to the Committee the Budget Outlay Expenditures for 2007-2008 and an estimate of expenses for 2008-2009 for priority and stabilized repairs. Mike said that based on the present budget, \$133K has been spent for 2007-2008, including an estimated cost of a plumber of \$4K plus the costs of the septic system design and installation.

The Reuse Committee wants to thank Representative Lou Kafka, \$100,000 has been received as a refund from the State of Massachusetts for the two new septic systems installed on the Horizon property in 2008 of which \$60-\$75K will be reimbursed back into the budget expenses for 2007-2008.

Finalization of the list of the 2008-2009 expenses will be discussed at the next Committee meeting on October 7.

7: 8:10 **Recreation Department Presentation/Proposal**

Brett MacGowan, Recreation Director along with the Assistant Recreation Director Amanda Deni joined the Committee meeting to present their proposal for the Horizon property.

Brett handed out his proposal dated September 16th to Committee members and proceeded to walk through each line item giving more detail. i.e:

- A summer camp for ages 5-15 in 2009 from the end of June to mid-August primarily for Sharon residents. Outside the Community will be charged at a different rate
- A summer camp that will be in operation Monday-Friday (9:am-4:pm) with consideration of extended hours pre- and post for working parents
- Camp will be operated by the Recreation Department and licensed through the Sharon Board of Health

- If approved, would like to start planning, budget, promotion and brochure in place by January 9, 2009
- Open to sharing property with other organizations.

Mike Bossin, Gary Bluestein and Brett MacGowan will meet together to discuss the proposal in more detail.

1. Marc Bluestein motioned, in view of the favorable consensus of the Committee, to move forward with the Sharon Recreation Department's proposal on the Horizon property for the summer of 2009. Jerry Saphire seconded the motion with all the Committee members in favor.
2. Gary Bluestein questioned Brett MacGowan on the management of the property and will it fall under the Recreation Department. Brett said that it would have to go through government ruling.

8: 8:50 In conclusion, the Committee thanked Brett MacGowan and Amanda Deni for presenting their proposal and to extend a special thanks to Nick C for all the help that he has given to the Horizons property maintenance.

9: 8:51 **Update on Camp Activities**

1. Mike Bossin reported that Chabad left the house in a messy condition.
2. Over all it was a good summer session.
3. Boy Scouts were disappointed in their turnout of campers for summer camp, but hope that there will be an increase in 2009.
4. Chabad is looking to use the camp during their December vacation.
5. Sharon LaCross team is looking to use the field for game activity.

10: 9:00 **Sharon Advocate Article**

Walter Newman wrote an article "Horizons for Youth Committee Seeks Town Input" and distributed a copy of the draft to each Committee member for their review, comments and/or changes.

Walter will make the changes discussed and present another draft to the next Committee for approval prior to posting in the Sharon Advocate.

11: 9:15 **Review of Planners Presentations**

Mike Bossin said that the Committee should review each interviewed Planner's presentation and based on these presentations put a list together as to what they see for long-term usage for the Horizon property. Walter Newman said that each list should be no more than 5 suggestions/ideas.

The Committee will then review all the suggestions and consolidate into one list to send to Lee Shapiro for and 'RFP.'

Copies of the Planners' presentations will be available at Mike Bossin's store, Gallery in the Square.

12: 9:20 **New Business**
Nothing to report

13: 9:21 **Old Business**
Nothing discussed

14: 9:22 **Meeting Calendar**
October 7 – Lee Shapiro
October 28

15: 9:23 **Motion to Adjourn** meeting made by Barbara Kramer and Glenn Allen seconded. Mike Bossin asked if all in favor to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Gary Bluestein
/Micki Baker