

# **Horizon For Youth Reuse Committee**

**Sharon, Massachusetts**

**Meeting of October 28, 2008**



## **Minutes of October 28 2008**

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

1: 7:38 **Meeting called to order** by Chairman Michael Bossin.

2: 7:39 **Minutes —**

Motion made by Marc Bluestein to accept the October 7<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Barbara Kramer seconded the motion. All Committee members who were present were in favor of accepting the minutes with the exception of Glenn Allen and Jay Bronstein who abstained.

3: 7:41 **Correspondences —**  
None presented

4: 7:42 **Horizon for Youth Reuse Budget —**

Mike Bossin said that he presented the Phase II budget of \$100K to the Capital Outlay Committee who will vote whether to accept the budget at their next meeting. (*Note: Capital Outlay Committee does not vote on the same day a budget is presented*)

Mike said that he felt it to be unanimous in favor of accepting the budget from both the Capital Outlay Committee and Finance and, if so, will determine it being presented at the upcoming Town Meeting.

Mike said that he would use the same power point presentation from the last Town Meeting with a few minor changes.

5: 7:55 **Septic Systems —**

Lou Kafka informed Mike Bossin that we will not be receiving the \$100K rebate from the State for the septic system due to State budget cuts.

Marc Bluestein suggested contacting the BOH (Board of Health) in questioning their replenishing fund for septic systems; proposing a borrow to payback from camp revenue.

6: 8:10 **Scott Brody Presentation / Proposal —**

Mike Bossin and Gary Bluestein introduced Scott Brody who is owner and director of Camps Evergreen and Kenwood in New Hampshire to the Committee who in turn introduced Dane Pickles as one of his staff personnel.

Scott began his presentation with a brief biography on his 14 years of camp experience and his holding the position of National VP of the Camp Association. He wanted to emphasize that regardless of the outcome by the Committee should Horizon be used as a day camp facility, he still would like to be involved as a camp advisor.

He went on to say:

1. Looking for a long-term partnership with the Town of Sharon
2. Looking to revenue sharing plan with the Town of Sharon
3. Acknowledges the fact that the property needs improvement to bring it up to his standards of what a camp entails
4. Is aware that the Recreation Department is also proposing use of the property as a day camp and is willing to work with Brett MacGowan, Recreation Director
5. Realizes that there is a procurement procedure involved
6. would consider sharing the camp property with other organizations if possible
7. Wants to discuss management of camp property to see what works best for the town
8. Projecting the use of property for summer 2010
9. Will price camp fees based on the market and work with Brett McGowan and the Rec Dept to include lower rates for Sharon residents in need.
10. Offer scholarships for those families who cannot afford camp costs
11. Starting age to be 3 (preschool) to 10 or 11 year old
12. Willing to accept pre- and post- arrival and drop off to accommodate working parents
13. Looking for a strong revenue stream if done properly
14. Willing to invest in betterment of property in partnership with the Town

Scott concluded his presentation stating that he is ready to engage to keep moving on his proposal knowing that it is a long process.

The Committee thanked him for his presentation and will take his proposal under advisement.

7: 9:15 **Lease Extension** —

Mike Bossin said that Jean Peckam would be writing a note regarding her extending her lease to June 2009 at an agreed rate of \$1,200 per month.

Marc Bluestein wants it noted on her lease of the schedule changes and assigned days of her classes.

8: 9:18 **Shared Vision** —

Walter Newman questioned the Committee as to what we see in the future for the Horizon property as to shared vision.

- School property? – Glenn Allen
- Affordable housing? – Jane Desberg
- How many acres to set aside? And for what?

9: 9:30 **RFP Criteria** —

Mike Bossin handed out a copy of the Wilber School Redevelopment Committee proposal to having the Committee focus on their Introduction and General Terms and Conditions using this as a guideline for the RFP Horizons for Youth Reuse proposal on general perimeters of a planned long-term goal using XYZ components.

10: 9:35 **Meeting Calendar** —

The Committee will continue to meet on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm at the Sharon Community Center - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

November 10 – **SPECIAL MEETING** on Monday @ 6:30PM to draft plan of RFP long-term components  
*(pizza and soda will be served)*

November 25 – Binah School and Lee Shapiro presentations  
December 16

11: 9:40 **New Business** —

No discussion

12: 9:42 **Old Business** —

No discussion

13: 9:45 **Motion to Adjourn** meeting by Glenn Allen and seconded by Jane Desberg.  
All in favor to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully Submitted  
Gary Bluestein  
/Micki Baker