

**TOWN OF HULL
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
APPROVED**

Date of Meeting: 12-04-06 Meeting Start: 7:30 PM Meeting Adjourned: 9:58 PM

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Attending
Charleen Tyson	x		Paula Delaney, Bob Hollingshead, Jay Polito, Marcia Bohinc, Anne Murray, Jim Lampke, Alex and Lucas HS students, Chris McCabe
Joan Senatore	x		
Dennis Zaia	x		
Charlie Ryder	x		
Jim Tobin	x		
Martin Silverman		No call	
Joan Cellini		called	
Jim O'Brien	x		
David Clinton	x		

Agenda Items:

- **Approval of Minutes (11/20)**
- **Paula Delaney – update on Strategic Plan**
- **Town Manager update –**
 - **Special Town Meeting Warrant- Green Hill Seawall (a) & (b)**
- **Retirement – discussion of STM warrant article**
- **Warrant Article- transfer of funds relative to retirement of Town Manager & hiring new Town Manager**
- **Update – School Building Committee – Charlie Ryder & Jim Tobin (as time permits)**
- **Town Manager's Budget Message and Preliminary FY08 Budget**
- **Other business/agenda for next meeting - new Advisory Board members**
- **General Updates**
 - **Schedule/plan for budget meetings**
 - **State of Town Meeting/Forum** (*letter sent to BOS – date scheduled?*)
 - **Hull Light Plant** (*invite new manager*)
 - **Sewer** (*when would you like to schedule this?*)
 - **implementation of new GASB (post-retirement benefits) – (implementation in FY09?)**

Motion: Approve the minutes of 11-20-06

Vote: Unanimous

Member	Made by	Seconded by	In Favor	In Opposition	Abstained
Charleen Tyson			x		
Joan Senatore			x		
Dennis Zaia			x		
Charlie Ryder			x		
Jim Tobin			x		
Martin Silverman					
Joan Cellini			x		
Jim O'Brien	x		x		
David Clinton		x	x		

Comments:

- **Paula Delaney – update on Strategic Plan along with two HS students who had previously attended the SS Charter School.**

Superintendent Delaney presented an update of the Hull School strategic plan.

Lucas and Alex spoke about their move from the Charter School to the High School.

- **Town Manager update –**
 - **Special Town Meeting Warrant- Green Hill Seawall (a) & (b)**

The Article was written to allow us to borrow our share of the cost as one part. Charleen asked if the surveys of the property have been done. Jim Lampke indicated that we do not have the answers to this question. Jim Tobin who works at the Registry of Deeds will be working with Jim Lampke to identify which properties are taxed and which are owned to the sea wall or to the low water tide. JL indicated that the surveys are needed.

Chris pointed out that the wall will be replaced with stabilization materials and revetment in different sections. The memo from Vine Associates lists the top 9 seawall challenges and these represent the list of priorities for the town. These priorities may change based upon weather circumstances and other factors. Jim O suggested that citizens should know what the plan is and how the priority sequence has been created. Charlie R inquired how the bluff will be stabilized given the limited dollars applied to this project. Chris pointed out that the engineers have designed this plan to take care of this issue.

Jim T suggested that there should be a policy for dealing with improvements so that the issue of betterments is not targeted to a particular area. And he pointed out that more time is needed to develop a policy for the community.

The betterment portion of the article (b) generated a good deal of conversation. Many members pointed out that there is not enough time for a thoughtful investigation to be completed. David C pointed out that the betterment issue has been an open opportunity but never used. He asked the question about the public access to areas that need to have improvements. Dennis Z suggested that there is not enough time to make a thoughtful recommendation regarding this issue.

Chris asked the Division of Waterways, the town needs to pay 50% of the cost; would we still be able to get 50% if we collected betterments? This question is being researched by the state. No seacoast communities are collecting betterments and in each of these towns there are no policies, but there may need to be policies developed.

Charlie R confirmed this information along with the fact that nothing is documented in the Mass General Laws for seawall betterments.

Motion: To recommend no action on section (B)

Vote: 5 to 1 in favor

Member	Made by	Seconded by	In Favor	In Opposition	Abstained
Charleen Tyson			x		
Joan Senatore			x		
Dennis Zaia		x	x		
Charlie Ryder			x		
Jim Tobin	x		x		
Martin Silverman					
Joan Cellini					
Jim O'Brien					
David Clinton				x	

Comments: Section (b) may not be recommended by the Advisory Board nor by the Board of Selectmen yet the Town Meeting process still allows for a citizen to bring this motion to the floor as part of the process and to expect a vote to be taken.

- **Town Manager update –
Cadish Avenue Seawall**

The STM article to rescind \$288K for this project will help pay for the Green Hill work. Vine will correct the error on the Cadish Ave. seawall and will pay for this on his own.

Charlie R asked if we have the bonding capacity to cover the cost for the Green Hill work. Chris McCabe will get everyone the cost of the additional bonding.

Motion: To reduce the appropriation and authorization to borrow funds made under Article 4 of the May 7, 2005 STM for the design, permitting and construction or the repair/improvements to the Cadish Avenue seawall between K and M street.

Vote: Unanimous

Member	Made by	Seconded by	In Favor	In Opposition	Abstained
Charleen Tyson			x		
Joan Senatore		x	x		
Dennis Zaia			x		
Charlie Ryder			x		
Jim Tobin	x		x		
Martin Silverman					
Joan Cellini					
Jim O'Brien					
David Clinton			x		

Comments:

- **Retirement – discussion of STM warrant article**

Marcia reviewed the issues surrounding this topic. This is approximately \$80k. Dennis pointed out that Bob Abbott suggested that this might be paid over three years. Marcia suggested that this is not permitted.

Motion: Vote Favorable Action on Article #3

Vote: Unanimous

Member	Made by	Seconded by	In Favor	In Opposition	Abstained
Charleen Tyson			x		
Joan Senatore		x	x		
Dennis Zaia			x		
Charlie Ryder			x		
Jim Tobin	x		x		
Martin Silverman					
Joan Cellini					
Jim O'Brien					
David Clinton			x		

Comments:

- **Warrant Article- transfer of funds relative to retirement of Town Manager & hiring new Town Manager**

Charleen asked if the numbers are calculated yet. Chris McCabe suggested that John Reilly be asked to talk about this since the issue of balancing the budget will affect the new Town Manager. Dennis pointed out his concern that a budget be formulated by January 22nd and any new Town Manager would work with the existing budget. Charleen will communicate with John Reilly to understand what the timeframe is and what the expectations are moving forward.

Charlie wanted to know where the money will come from to cover these costs. We cannot afford to take money out of the stabilization funds or the free cash account. The money must come out of this year's budget. Everyone was asked to try to attend the BOS meeting tomorrow night.

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis Zaia

Secretary/Clerk

MMA convention scheduled for January 12 & 13 at Hynes Convention Center.

Next meetings: December 11, 18, January 4, 8, 22