

**TOWN OF HULL
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
APPROVED**

Date of Meeting: 1-8-07 Meeting Start: 7:30 pm Meeting Adjourned: 9:37 pm

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Attending
Charleen Tyson	x		Jay Polito,
Joan Senatore	x		
Dennis Zaia	x		
Charlie Ryder	x		
Jim Tobin	x		
Open Seat			
Joan Cellini		called	
Jim O'Brien	x		
David Clinton	x		

Agenda Items:

- **Approval of Minutes (12/04)**
- **Town Manager update – Budget Status, Town Meeting**
- **Schedule/plan for budget meetings, Subcommittees?**
- **School Department budget – 1/29**
- **Update – School Building Committee – Charlie Ryder & Jim Tobin**
- **Letters of Interest from potential new Advisory Board members, consider expanding Board?**
- **General Updates**
 - **Hull Light Plant** (*invite new manager & Pat Cannon*)
 - **implementation of new GASB (post-retirement benefits)** – (*implementation in FY09?*)
- **Other business/agenda for next meeting - new Advisory Board members**

Meeting schedule: 1/22, 1/29, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7 (town meeting)

- **Letters of Interest from potential new Advisory Board members, consider expanding Board?**

Jay Polito, John Schmid, Dick Kenney all have expressed interest. John Reilly and Charleen will do the appointments without John Russell.

Suggested that we expand the AB to a total number of 11 persons. We may place an article on the annual town meeting to expand the number on the board.

- **Town Manager update – Budget Status, Town Meeting**

Phil Lemnios will start on April 9th. Charleen will communicate with Phil in regard to the development of our budget and how he may be able to get involved. No money was allocated to pay for Phil's services as a potential budget consultant.

- **Schedule/plan for budget meetings, Subcommittees?**

Discussion was held about meeting with Schools, Public Safety (Fire & Police), Public Works in sub-committee prior to the actual presentation of the budget. Conversation centered around the value of this sub-committee process vs. a general presentation meeting to the Advisory Board. The general consensus was that we will not do sub-committees and just schedule departments to come to the AB. Assessor, Harbormaster, Schools, Police, Fire, Public Works (Cemetery fees & Beach maintenance), Library, Park & Recreation (request the participation numbers for the programs), sewer department, HMLP.

Conversations continued about articles that the AB may present to the Annual Town Meeting in order to control costs and reduce expenses. Warrant articles may need to be submitted sometime in February.

We have scheduled meetings as follows: 1/22, 1/29, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7 (town meeting).

Suggest we submit an article to streamline the resignation and or removal from this board.

We will schedule the following meetings for departments:

1/29 - School Department
2/12 - DPW - Park and Recreation
2/26 - Police - Library
3/12 - Fire – Assessor
3/19 - HMLP
3/26 - Sewer – Harbormaster- Planning Board
4/9 -

Motion: Accept the minutes of December 11, 2006

Vote: Unanimous

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

Comments:

- **Town Manager update – Budget Status, Town Meeting**

Chris indicated that he is on target with the budget. He is prepared to come in with a budget on January 22nd. School Committee and the Superintendent will come in on January 29th. Chris has already sent the school department a statement that the school should work on a zero based budget. Chris did this with all the departments in preparation for the budget.

- **Update – School Building Committee – Charlie Ryder & Jim Tobin**

Charlie and Jim gave a report of current status. Nothing has happened with the roof at the HS, no agreement has been reached.

- **General Updates**

- **Hull Light Plant** (*invite new manager & Pat Cannon*)
- **implementation of new GASB (post-retirement benefits)** – (*implementation in FY09?*)

We want to arrange a time when we can review the Hull Light Plant budget. (We use the cash flow from the HMLP to reduce our cost of short term borrowing). We may want to better understand the impact of future wind turbines and how the revenues will be managed and directed.

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis Zaia

Secretary/Clerk

Upcoming Meeting schedule: 1/22, 1/29, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7 (town meeting)

