

**TOWN OF HULL
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
APPROVED**

Date of Meeting: 2-26-07 Meeting Start: 7:30 PM Meeting Adjourned: 9:44PM

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Attending
Charleen Tyson		With notice	Peter Seitz, Dan Johnson, Jennifer Beazley, Joan Meschino, Dick Kenney, Jay Polito, Ginny Capo, Chris McCabe, Mr. Dever
Joan Senatore	x		Peter Mahoney, Mahoney, ?, Andy Spinale, Kurt Bornhim, Fleck, David Ray
Dennis Zaia	x		
Charlie Ryder		With notice	
Jim Tobin	x		
John Schmid	x		
Joan Cellini	x		
Jim O'Brien	x		
David Clinton	x		

Agenda Items:

- **Approval of Minutes (2/12)**
- **Town Manager updates**
- **Budget Presentation – Library, Harbormaster**
- **Discussion – 5 year budget planning (as time permits)**
- **Other business/agenda for next meeting**

Motion: To approve minutes or 2-12-07

Vote: approved

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

Comments:

Town Manager updates

No updates

**Budget Presentation –
Library**

Update from Dan Johnson regarding the flood at the Library in the new portion of the building.

As best as Dan knows the insurance will cover all damages and repairs. There is a \$1,000 deductible.

Budget is a bit more than present budget and it meets the state requirement of budgeting at least 2.5% more than the average of the last 3 fiscal years.*

Chris pointed out that the Library had retirements this year and staffing replacements came in at lower rate.

Books budget (Educational) must be at least 16% of the total budget.*

40 hours is the minimum number of hours the library must be opened.*

*(these items are necessary for qualify for state funding)

Budget Presentation – Harbormaster

There is an issue about the maintenance of the Pemberton pier boat ramp for the commuter boat. It is 7 years old and will be needing maintenance that will cost \$50k to pull it out and put it back, without even doing any repairs. Harbor Islands is using the ramp also. By year 2010 we will need to do a serious repair. Porta-johns are a costly item at Pemberton Pier, and that cost is covered by the Town budget.

We are trying to get a grant to cover the cost of permanent bathrooms at this location.

Municipal Waterways Improvement fund is different from this account, and we have a balance of \$135k in this account and it is dedicated to improvement of the piers and other waterways needs. This previously went into the General Fund. This fund can be used for a variety of issues with Town Meeting approval. Kurt has caught up with the years of neglect to the waterways infrastructure with his capital planning.

Harbor Study Committee is working on updating by-laws for this group. Also looking to put in an update a boat ramp at Nantasket Pier next to Steamboat and Jake's for small boat access and canoe/kyaks (no parking expectations). State is looking to put a fishing pier off of James Ave, and a double boat ramp (needs 40 parking spots) potentially at the Hull Yacht Club for not initial cost. Yet there is an issue with the lease of the HYC which has the lease on the property that will be needed to make this happen with the state. David Ray (chair of committee) has pointed out that all the parties need to talk about this together. Concern was voiced about being sure we think about the ROI for this potential along with state funding for ongoing maintenance. Everyone will be charged to use this, residents and non-residents alike.

Shellfish:

Cannot have a resident permit for digging these clams. They are contaminated and they must be processed to make them clean.

Clam diggers pay \$1 per rack (bushel) The Town of Hull has seen a lower rate of growth for the clams, we have pounded the beds out. The state rotates the digging in Hull, Hingham and Weymouth.

Question came up as to if this fishery could be turned into a revenue stream. Last year we averaged about 800 racks per year.

Our shellfish beds are very poor and the fishing industry in Hull (clamming) is virtually dead. This is costing the Town a significant amount of money.

Saturday Meeting about Wind Turbines:

Jim O'Brien, David Clinton, Joan Cellini and Joan Meschino attended the meeting.

Renewable Energy Trust is paying for this research through a grant to the HMLP and the grant/loan is totally forgivable if we choose not to continue with the project. HMLP will not move forward if it is not economically feasible. These will be about 2X larger than the turbine on the landfill with a 20 year life expectancy. No price tags have been talked about for this project. Do we know the number that makes this project economically feasible for our community to undertake?

Chris will send everyone the pro forma that was used for the Hull Wind II project so that everyone can understand the way the numbers were developed.

Next week the School Committee will be presenting a revised budget.

Motion: Adjourn Meeting

Vote: unanimous

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

Comments:

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis Zaia

Secretary/Clerk