

# TOWN OF HULL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 3-12-07 Meeting Start: 7:32 PM Meeting Adjourned: 9:43 PM

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Attending
Charleen Tyson	x		Marcia Bohinic, Brian Claffey, Andrew Thomas, Bill Frasier, Jay Politio, Dick Kenney
Joan Senatore	x		David Beck, Joan Meschino
Dennis Zaia	x		Chief Billings, Capt Sawtell
Charlie Ryder	x		
Jim Tobin	x		
John Schmid	x		
Joan Cellini	x		
Jim O'Brien	x		
David Clinton	x		

Agenda Items:

- **Approval of Minutes (3/5)**
- **Town Manager updates**
- **Budget Presentation – Assessor and Police Department**
- **Discussion – warrant articles**
- **Discussion – 5 year budget planning (as time permits)**
- **Other business/agenda for next meeting**
- **Town Manager updates**

Town Manager is not in attendance but two memos from Chris McCabe were distributed. Also a memo about Governor's FY 08 local aid; the message indicated that we will only get \$105k in local aid which is a \$200k shortfall in local aid as well as an increase in Charter School payments. This will create a budget deficit of \$319k. Chris will review these and answer questions at our next meeting.

Motion: Accept the minutes of March 5<sup>th</sup>

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		
John Schmid			x		
Joan Cellini		x	x		
Jim O'Brien			x		
David Clinton	x		x		

Comments:

- **Discussion – warrant articles and housekeeping**

Charleen distributed copies of the first draft of the warrant with 32 articles as present. This will change. We decided to plan an additional Advisory Board meeting for March 31, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 AM for 4 hours. The meeting of April 23 will be the televised meeting, a joint meeting of the BOS and AB to review and discuss the Town Meeting warrants articles.

March 27<sup>th</sup>, the BOS will discuss the Town Meeting warrant and the AB is invited to attend this meeting. The AB may want to discuss some articles we would like to submit.

- **Budget Presentation – Assessor**

David Beck distributed a local receipts trending report. He pointed out that the Building Department is the portion of town government that generates new growth. The decline in the most recent year for Fees, was due to a slow down in the real estate market as well as a slow down in the ability of the Building Department to award building permits and complete building projects since the assistant inspector was not in place at that time.

We have projected a \$200k receipt for building fees for the new year. We run about 600- 800 building permits per year.

These receipts can be added to the tax revenue above the 2.5% limit by state law.

There were some questions about the budget documents we received in our budget books compared to the documents that David Beck showed to the AB. We will wait for Chris M to review these questions for us.

- **Budget Presentation –Police Department**

The Chief and Captain advocated for a central fuel depot to supply all departments at a rate of \$2.35 per gallon. The town does buy all the gasoline as a unit but the use is distributed to each department.

Quinn Bill reimbursements from the state are always a year behind and they come to us on the Cherry Sheet.

The chief introduced a discussion of the Red Light system that captures images of traffic violations.

Increases in personnel are due to contract agreements.

The AB commended Chief Billings for a very well presented and detailed budget.

The Hull Police Department has been asking for supplemental funding from the state for the resources (14%) dedicated to dealing with the Nantasket Beach Reservation.

The Chief will follow up with vehicle data sheet and details of the Fringe line item.

- **Budget Presentation –Dispatch and Animal Control**

New ACO staff person is bringing all animal control fines in line with state regulations. A new by-law will be presented at Town Meeting.

We had a discussion regarding the submission of articles for Town Meeting in regards to stipends, expanding the AB membership and issues surrounding the Park and Recreation fee structure. We will continue with these conversations moving forward.

The School Committee has not officially voted on their budget due to a posting requirement.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

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		
John Schmid			x		
Joan Cellini		x	x		
Jim O'Brien	x		x		
David Clinton			x		

Comments:

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis Zaia

Secretary/Clerk

NOTE: Next week we will meet with the Fire Department.