

TOWN OF HULL
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 3/19/2007 Meeting Start: 7:40 Meeting Adjourned: 9:55

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Attending
Charleen Tyson	X		Joan Meschino
Joan Senatore	X		Frank Lyons
Dennis Zaia		X (with notice)	Jay Polito
Charlie Ryder	X		Dick Kenney
Jim Tobin	X		Chris McCabe
John Schmid		X (with notice)	Andy Thomas
Joan Cellini	X		
Jim O'Brien	X		
David Clinton	X		

Agenda Items:

Agenda of 3/12 tabled

Town Manager Updates

Local Aid Figure from State came in revised well below anticipated numbers
project 3.6 % increase came in at 1.6%

These are all estimates from the state.

We are short approx. \$320,000 should have a proposal to address this by next week.

Plans to go to all unions to request concessions. May only make up half the amount.

Meeting with next TM and AB Chair this week.

- Saturday Warrant meeting is set for 4/14/07 am Town Hall
- Televised Joint discussion is April 23, 2007. Warrant can be downloaded from the town website for that discussion. It will most likely not get in people's mailboxes by then.
- Selectman's meeting will hold their warrant meeting on March 27, 2007 all are encouraged to attend.

Jim Tobin asked if we are only asking the Govt side of the budget to absorb the potential increased deficit numbers

Chris answered that we mostly likely not ask the Schools to bear any burden outside of the original budget numbers. He will be meeting with the new TM and this will be discussed. The Schools are already looking at 10 persons being reduced.

Charleen cautioned that it may be premature until after the meeting this week.

Fire Department Presentation

Operating Budget

Fire budget is level funded other than bargained increased.

Jim asked about the Overtime item requested amount versus the TM recommended numbers.

Fire figured number based on a 3 % increase. (Contractual)

TM recommends number based on two men short this past year. With a full complement of men, we would have reduced OT.

42 hours/week over an eight week cycle. Average work week.

Charleen asked about the Increase trend in Differentials line item. 12% increase

Chief explained this will increase due to contracts

Holiday OT

Education

Step raises

Night time Differentials

Longevity

Capital Budget

For historical consideration

We need to renovate the central Fire Station Kitchen 2nd Floor of Central Station and 1st floor bathroom

We need to replace the E-1 Pumper (Put off request to next year) not a huge risk here.

We need to make payment on Rescue 2 (MUST) in cap budget

We need 15K for Hydrant replacements.

We need a roof replacement not leaking yet. Shingle are curling and brittle

Waterways Improvement Fund is money earmarked for Water front purposes. Jim asks if Town Mtg can reallocated that money by vote.

Policy decision made when leases were made to use money for waterfront improvement town wide.

Some discussion about how we may look to use these monies.

Warrant discussion

Charleen passed out draft article for eliminating benefit coverage for part time elected officials

We are to look over and formulate questions for next week.

Jim Lampke will address our Questions then.

Joan Meschino spoke about the Incentive Zoning Article

Essential the same as last year with a few changes

Overlay district is important to pursue. All but Single Family home.

Gives a density bonus to a developer in exchange for affordable housing.

Changes

Standard of review – Not substantially detrimental to neighborhood

- defined by case law and applied by planning board.

Things like parking height, lot coverage, etc.

Includes references to DHCD (Department of Housing and Community Development) LIP (Local Initiative Program) DHCD definition of Assets will be used.

Map of Districts does not change. Unless an article passes this year for Sagamore Hill district changes.

Only way we get affordable housing stock for the 10% goal is through the rehab program.

The block grant was not issued to Hull this year, although there is still some monies from previous years.

Because of this, the article has increased importance.

Jim O'Brien asked about the plan for getting this passed this year.

Joan believes that the Current BOS is not supportive.

Need to educate town on economic benefits.

Charlie asked how we make a policy that all development include some affordable housing as a percentage. Typically done by town bylaw or through permit granting authority.

Passing an article such as this may have allowed for HULL to receive the Block grant we lost last year.

Affordable Housing Committee still looking at accessory apartment articles for the future. Don't have the resources yet to do this.

Charleen asked about the Increased fees for Park & Rec

Looking for support from the AB

Advisory BD is supportive.

Motion: adjournment

Vote:

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

Comments:

Respectfully submitted;

Dave Clinton for

Dennis Zaia

Secretary/Clerk