

**TOWN OF HULL
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: 10/1/2007 Meeting Start: 7:34 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30pm

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Attending
Charleen Tyson	X		Phil Lemnios
Joan Senatore	X		James Lampke
Charlie Ryder	X		
Jim Tobin	X		
John Schmid	X		
Dick Kenney	X		
Jim O'Brien		X	
David Clinton	X		
Dennis Zaia	X		
Jay Polito	X		
Harry Hibbard	X left early at 8:20		

Welcome New Members

Chairperson and Board welcomes two newest members Jay Polito and Harry Hibbard. Terms to complete 2010. 5 board members to cycle at that time.

Initial meeting to get back together and schedule upcoming year meetings.

Approval of minutes

Vote:

Member	Made by	Seconded by	In Favor	In Opposition	Abstained
Charleen Tyson			X		
Joan Senatore			X		
Charlie Ryder	X		X		
Jim Tobin		X	X		
Dick Kenney			X		
Jim O'Brien					
David Clinton			X		
John Schmid			X		
Dennis Zaia			X		
Jay Polito			X		
Harry Hibbard			X		

Comments:

Working Group Updates Schools

OCT 23 is General Govt 6 pm
Oct 11 is School group 5:30 pm

General Govt

Schools met and vetted the 5 year financial plan. Largest discussion centered around New growth.

2009 is 800,000 – 1,000,000 in the red

2010 is 2.5 -3 M in the red

Discussion held with potential Override or debt exclusion for 2009 or 2010. The current thought would be to use good solid fiscal management in 2009 before looking for override or Debt Exclusion. The budget process and time will dictate the strategy and we move through the process.

Jim had a concern about surrounding towns being sued. Example given was Rockland having a minimal manning clause in the their contract.

Charleen mentioned the MTA site about Prop 2 ½ legislation. DOR also has good info.

Dennis asked what was required of the town. Phil ran through a laundry list of the requirements of the town. Schools, Police Fire, certain town offices, etc. Phil warned that we carefully have to navigate this notion as every service has a constituency and there are quality of life issues.

Dennis spoke of using our resources more wisely. Example of Library being housed in a school building. Phil discussed why that wouldn't work, but certainly some resource management could be done.

Transfers

\$2500 from reserve Fund to Law Dept

Brown vs. Town of Hull

Claim against Police officers 1 former, 1 current. This pays the deductible on the insurance claim.

Jim Tobin asked if this ends the case. This only covers deductible for the cost of defense. It may not cover the cost for any judgment if any. This case involves the towing of a car from town contracted tow service and subsequent events.

Motion: Transfer \$2500 from Reserve fund to Law Department

Vote:

Member	Made by	Seconded by	In Favor	In Opposition	Abstained
Charleen Tyson			X		
Joan Senatore		X	X		
Charlie Ryder			X		
Jim Tobin	X		X		
Dick Kenney			X		
Jim O'Brien					
David Clinton			X		
John Schmid			X		
Dennis Zaia			X		
Jay Polito			X		
Harry Hibbard			X		

Comments:

Parcel of land Showboat parcel

Update based on questions of John Schmid

Parcel voted to authorize the town to accept parcel as a gift.

Mr. Kiley (developer and owner of parcel) wished to gift the parcel to the town.

There were title issues earlier based on a dispute with a business partner. Eventually, he was able to clear the title, but he had subdivided to meet existing zoning. As a gateway site to the town, people wished to see the the site developed responsibly or not at all.

Maintenance and upkeep would be done through proposals from various groups to keep tidy and possibly have plants placed.

John asked how can we accept a parcel that is not the same as town meetings vote. Parcel is just under 38,000 square feet. Bulk of remaining parcel is waterfront district.

Jim spoke of the history to how the land was subdivided and portions merged with an adjacent lot based on zoning.

Dennis Zaia offered some history around why we considered the acceptance of the parcel back in 1999. Enjoy Hull group was a major proponent at the time. The intent was to make a gateway property with little impact to development and community.

Jim Tobin asked if the Selectman had already voted to accept the gift. This had be accomplished at the last meeting. (September 28, 2007).

Phil Lemnios is taking the opportunity to accept this before the developer takes back the offer.

Article 36

How do we follow up with the state legislation?

Keep in touch with our Rep and Senator

Would it be appropriate to draft a letter?

School

A lot of data and information has been gathered, but not yet fully analyzed. Comparative data to abutter, size, income. Hull rates near the if not the top to PPE. Superintendent will be compileing sped data for the next meeting.

Town Manager

Proposed. Budget schedule was given out to the board.

Discussed the GIC Group Insurance Commission. Need to have coalition Bargaining. All bargaining units must group together and have 70 % agreement. This is a difficult task.

Scheduling

Monday December 10, 2007 next meeting.

Joint Meeting for Budget to be held January 22, 2008

Motion: Adjourn

Vote:

Member	Made by	Seconded by	In Favor	In Opposition	Abstained
Charleen Tyson			X		
Joan Senatore		X	X		
Charlie Ryder	X		X		
Jim Tobin			X		
Dick Kenney			X		
Jim O'Brien					
David Clinton			X		
John Schmid			X		
Dennis Zaia			X		
Jay Polito			X		
Harry Hibbard			X		

Comments:

Respectfully submitted;
David Clinton
Secretary/Clerk