

**TOWN OF HULL
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: 4/7/2008 Meeting Start: 7:00 pm Meeting Adjourned: 9:50 pm

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Attending
Charleen Tyson		X with notice	Phil Lemnios
Joan Senatore	X		Joan Meschino
Charlie Ryder	X		David Twombly
Jim Tobin	X		Pat Finn
John Schmid	X		Superintendent Tyrell
Dick Kenney		X with notice	Maria Hortaridis
Jim O'Brien	X		James Canavan
David Clinton	X		Dennis Blackhall
Dennis Zaia	X		James Lampke
Jay Polito	X		Jim Stanley
Harry Hibbard	X		Judeth Van Hamm

School Budget

Dr. Tyrell discussed the school department budget update

15.5 positions will be lost next year. Mostly through layoff, some through attritions
 John Schmidt asked what the percentage breakdown would be for Administration versus teaching staff.
 Dr. Tyrell stated that school legal advised that due to Central Office Staff contracts that would not be possible this year.

Jim O'Brien did state that if we ask for personnel breakdowns from schools that we should ask for all other departments as well. We do receive these from all other departments.

David Clinton asked inquired for further clarification School Chairman's statement of personnel due to school reconstruction. There is some time by school department personnel for recordkeeping and management of the school reconstruction stages.

James Tobin asked if School had considered options such as fees to help make up decreased funding.

Chairman Richardson stated that without increase in funding that the school will be looking a possible removal of busses and athletics.

3% first year and 2% for next three years with some shift in steps. approx. \$400,000 per year for four years.

John Schmid asked about line item 5120
 Maria Hortaridis temporary labor is teacher class coverages, substitute SPED summer program, SPED tutors, coaches salaries, tutors, athletics cost such as EMT, police detail, activities stipends, Sub custodians, Nurse substitutes.

Some of these costs are covered under collective bargaining agreements and therefore required.

Personnel sheets for FY07, 08 , 09 have been requested for the AB to see changes over time.
These will be

Town Manager Financial Update

This is an update of where the town stands in terms of state aid, revenue and assessments,
We have underestimated 4,000 lower than the House and Governor's proposal.
They are coming with \$5,484,454 and we estimated \$5,486,541.

Article 24

Registration of Sex Offenders.

Jay Polito has recused himself of the vote as his wife operates a day care from their home.

Jim Canavan rose to speak as a proponent of the Article. This article is similar to what other communities have adopted in the Commonwealth. It is intended to prevent level 2 and 3 sex offenders from loitering in areas frequented by minors, then elderly or mentally impaired.

The article was in response to parents directly impacted by such individuals flaunting themselves at bus stops and near schools.

Chief Billings spoke as an opponent of the proposed law for the following reasons.

Tim App, a social services professional spoke with the chief regarding their ill favor in these types of by laws. He is a retired 30 yr veteran in criminal justice system. He has expertise in sex offender management. He believes that there should be a statewide initiative.
He gave various statistics from Mr. App.

Chief stated that if the law is targeted at sex offenders in the community it may cause suppression of their civil rights for various legal reasons including double jeopardy, etc. The town may have to defend itself from the ACLU and other groups. It may also force sex offenders underground and they will not register at all.

Chief Billings also stated that this would be difficult to enforce this by law.

Jim Canavan rose again to explain that these individuals are required to report themselves. There is a catch 22 where a by law could cause some individuals might not register, but it is the right thing to do and we have obligations to our children elderly and mentally impaired persons. We have vetted the article through the Attorney General's office.

Town Counsel stated that this is a complicated legal issue. A handful of communities have adopted similar by laws. Weymouth is considering a similar action. Scituate voted it down. Dedham has a by law approved by the AG office recently. When a town passes a law, the AG office reviews the by law for procedural adoption, conflicts with existing constitutional provision or state laws. They made it clear in approval that they are not saying it will withstand any legal challenges. This by law was vetted by the AG and believes that it will stand up to legal muster. The law is a tool to be used to deal with a serious social problem that exists around the country. As written, the by-law does not provide specific protection against the treatment of sexual offenders.

Jim O'Brien asked if we would receive a map that shows an overlay of the prohibited areas.

Joan Meshing stated that she was not originally keen on this by law as she feared it may be overly broad. The Expectation is not that the police would be patrolling for these individuals, but give towns people a mechanism to report this to police in order to protect the townspeople young and old. One problem that she saw is that the public areas were contemplated, but not the private day cares. Private preschools were listed since they receive federal grants.

Jay Polite warned that the definition of private pre-schools as receiving federal grants could encompass all private day cares as they may receive federal funds through food programs.

There is capacity of potentially 44 children unprotected by the private cares not being listed. Jim asked if we benefit by the ordinance at least in the most part and possibly expand later.

Dennis Zamia asked for clarification of sex offender appeals cause the person to not have to register with the police.

Jim Canaan states that the ordinance will deal with the known but not the uncertain.

Jim O'Brien stated that his problem with this last year is the same this year since some areas of town are protected, but others are not.

Article 27

Update Hull Open Space Plan

The Proponent has stated that No Action will be requested as the process is already underway. The BOS has already named a committee. And the town Planner has been hired as of April 5, 2008. The Funding part of the article is in place for land acquisition but not available for the open space plan as the plan will be made for a more broad

Motion: Articles 27 No Action

Vote:

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

Comments: unanimous

Article 28

Chatham St Property

Proponent will be recommending no action for timing reasons.

The timing for adoption will be better next year. The land trust to date has not yet raised the matching funds and to continue to raise the carrying costs, a full appraisal, and the closing costs.

Motion: Articles 28 No Action

Vote:

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

Comments: unanimous Use the explanation in the warrant as our commentary.

Article 35

Request to MA DCR.

Proponent will move no action as Judeth believes that working directly with DCR committees further to influence their mindset. The DCR has detailed analysis on 8 options for the seawall. DCR CAC (Citizen Advisory Committee) will be making recommendations to the BOS and the DCR in the near future (before the end of this FY) and one option is the Dune System that Judeth has been proponent. Judeth's original intent of the article was to give the townspeople away to voice their opinion.

Motion: Articles 25 No Action

Vote:

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

Comments: unanimous

Motion: Minutes of 3/31/208

Vote:

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

Comments: unanimous

Article 37

Motion: Articles 25 Favorable

Vote:

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

Comments: unpaid bill.

Motion: Articles 24 Favorable

Vote:

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

Comments: Jay Polito recused and abstained from vote. 8-0

Motion: Adjourn

Vote:

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

Comments:

Respectfully submitted;
David Clinton
Secretary/Clerk