

TOWN OF HULL
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 1/12/2009 Meeting Start: 7:00 pm Meeting Adjourned: 8:53 pm

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Attending
Charleen Tyson	X		
Joan Senatore	X		
Charlie Ryder	X		
Jim Tobin	X		
John Schmid	X		
Dick Kenney		X (with notice)	
Jim Canavan	X		
David Clinton	X		
Dennis Zaia	X		
Jay Polito	X		
Harry Hibbard	X		

Opened the Meeting with a moment of silence for Former Advisory Board member Joan Cellini and family of her Daughter, Regina Capellupo who passed away recently.

Minutes Approval

11/10/2008, 12/4/2008

Vote: Accept minutes of 10/6/2008

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

Comments: Unanimous

Advisory Board Role in Budget process.

Chair asked if we are all comfortable with the role, given our Town Manager form of government.

Ch 26B States that town Department may be required by the AB to meet with to discuss.

Jim Lampke, Town Counsel, Stated slightly differently in a recent memo to the AB. More of a direction to not have department heads coming to the AB to Ask for relief.

Discussion held on this discrepancy in process.

Charleen counseled that we may have to think about how we hold budget hearings. If we have legitimate concerns and questions we may need to hold our meetings.

Motion: To allow the town to deficit spend up to \$150,000.00 for Snow Removal.

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

Comments: Unanimous

David will forward the minutes to Nancy Allen Tomorrow 1/13/09.

Charleen asked what might be the pros and cons of having a special election for the override ahead of Town Meeting. AB discussed various Pros and Cons.

Further discussion held on type of Override/Debt Exclusion. In particular, Jim Tobin Was in favor of at least having a debt exclusion override for the schools separate from any general override.

Discussion held if it may be wise to table the Budget Article and postpone Town Meeting until after the Town Elections.

Dennis Zaia advocated for offering an opinion to BOS on how the process should take place.
Harry states that we must determine how this affects the AB and its work during this process.

All agree AB is within the our rights as a board to discuss timing. Some discussion about whether we, as a board, should offer an opinion on how the Override/Debt Exclusion should be presented.

We will re-introduce the Advisory Board Definitions to the Hull Times and Hull Cable.

If BOS decides to pursue and 2 ½ tax override it should contain a component of Debt Exclusion

Next Meeting schedule

January 17

Motion: To Adjourn

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

Comments: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted;
David Clinton
Secretary/Clerk