

TOWN OF HULL  
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 3/16/2009 Meeting Start: 7:03 pm Meeting Adjourned: 9:12 pm

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Presenting
Charleen Tyson	X		Phil Lemnios
Joan Senatore	X		James Lampke
Charlie Ryder	X		Dennis Blackall (BOS)
Jim Tobin	X		Pat Finn
John Schmid	X		Cynthia Kellem
Dick Kenney	X		Larry Kellem
Jim Canavan	X		Judith Van Hamm
David Clinton		X ( with notice)	Members of press and public
Dennis Zaia	X 7:05 pm		
Jay Polito	X		
Vacant			

### Article 15 Library Funding

Charlie Ryder recused himself from the deliberations as his wife works at the library. Cynthia Kellem presented as the sponsor of the Article as she was concerned that Budget A provided no funding for the library. She proposed transferring the sum of money from Line 780 Capital to Line 610 Library. The basis of this was that there were no expenditures from capital in 08 and perhaps no commitments. Facts on the Library were presented that it has been open since 1913 and there is an investment into this and that it has only closed three times. Town manager provided information on projected capital expenditures and the importance of the same. In 08, spending on capital items was held to fund insurance increases. There was a discussion on the process at town meeting for funding this item and that a hold would need to be put on the line items when the budget is discussed. It was indicated that this Article did not impact Budget B as the library is funded there. There were discussions of other areas to transfer funds such as from Charter school expenditures but this downward trend has already been accounted for in the budget.

The discussion turned from the Library to the budget approval process and how it would occur. Turning back to the library John Schmid asked what budget B would provide?

Answer Four Options

- 1 \$0
- 2 \$190,000 23 hours service, Old Colony Network, but no certification
- 3 \$209,000 32 hours service, Old Colony Network, but no certification
- 4 \$233,000 32 hours service, Old Colony Network, certification.

Larry Kellem suggested that perhaps ½ the requested amount for the library for budget A come from capital and the remainder from other line items.

Dennis Blackall indicated that there are most likely other individuals who have their eyes on the capital budget for other noteworthy causes and these causes will be pitted against each other.

No vote was taken

Charlie Ryder returned to the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

#### **Article 14 Gas Station (superfund site) fee negotiations**

This Article is aimed at one site within town at "A" Street and Mr. Kellem provided the history of the site and what has been happening since there was a leakage at this garage. The purpose of the Article is to allow the Town to negotiate about the fess owed it related to the property so the sale would be more possible thus allowing the site to be cleaned up and used. There are liens from the State.

Discussion Closed at 8:19 p.m.

#### **Article 13 Chatham St. Property**

Presented by Judeth Van Hamm. This article is aimed at purchasing the Chatham St property to connect the walking trails to the weir river woods. 56% would come from the grant and the remainder would come from private donations given to the town to complete the sale. The intent was to accomplish this transaction at no cost to the Town.

There was a discussion on the wording of the Article and who proposed it. Ms. Van Hamm, Town Counsel and Town manager were going to meet on this to provide more clarity.

#### **General Discussion**

9 p.m. discussion on Future Articles and Scheduling:

Animal Control Scheduled for 3/23/2009

Community Outreach Scheduled for 3/30/2009

Zoning Scheduled for 3/30/2009

Advertising on Youth Sports may not go forward

Annual report until 4/1/2009

We may need to meet in April.

Must complete for printer by April 13, 2009

Charlie Ryder thanked Mr. Kenney and Ms. Senatore for their research on the Community Outreach Article. There was a brief discussion on the Audit of the Charter Schools.

#### **Motion: To Adjourn**

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

Comments: Unanimous

Adjourned 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;  
James Canavan  
Member