

TOWN OF HULL

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 1/25/2011 Meeting Start: 8:30 pm Meeting Adjourned: 10:31 pm

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Attending
Charleen Tyson	X		BOS
Joan Senatore	X		Superintendent of Schools
Charlie Ryder	X		Stephanie Peters (chair of School Board)
John Schmid	X		David Twombly
Dick Kenney	X		Dan Johnson (Library Director)
Jim Canavan	X		Robert Hollingshead (Fire Chief)
David Clinton	X		Other Concerned Townspeople
Jay Polito	X		Marcia Bohinc (Finance Director)
Peter Larsen	X		James Lampke (Town Counsel)
Ernie Minelli	X		Phil Lemnios (Town Manager)
Vacant			

Budget FY 2012

Tonight's meeting is a joint meeting of the Advisory Board and the Board of Selectmen for receiving the proposed FY2012 budget of the Town of Hull.

State Aid is level funded at \$5,702,139. This will more than likely be shifted downward as the State budget process progresses. Adjustments in the budget may need to be made for this likely occurrence.

Town Manager presented the proposed FY2012 budget. The Operational Budget makes up 64% of the Towns Budget. The share of the Operational Budget is maintained with tradition percentages allocation of approx. 58% to school department and 42% to general government. Both sides of the Government are budgeted as Level Funded as compared to FY2011.

FY2012 will see an increase of 12% in Insurance payments.

Cost containment measures have been implemented. This continues to be very difficult to maintain as a cost center. GIC will be looked at on a continuing basis as long as we hear the Legislature talking about it. As of now, the costs would not be beneficial to the town.

Pension costs increase by 4% from \$3.02 M to \$3.14 M. This reflects the extent of the Town's obligation required by State Law.

The Budget will use \$500,000.00 of Free Cash with the balance being banked into the Stabilization Fund to be used in the future years.

The Budget provides for the statutory maximum increase of the levy of 2.5%.

The stabilization account will again be used to as projected to support debt associated with the Memorial School Building Project. \$257,713 will be used for this purpose. Of note, this is the first time in 5 years that additional funds have not been used to help balance the budget.

There are approx. \$250,000 budgeted for Capital Spending. This will be used to fund two police cruiser replacements, the third year payment of the purchased ambulance and funds to replace the Fire Engine, rehabilitate some Public Works vehicles and limited seawall repairs.

Next Steps in the process. AB hearings will be scheduled.

Motion: To adjourn

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Charleen Tyson				
Joan Senatore				
Charlie Ryder				
John Schmid			X	
Dick Kenney		X	X	
Jim Canavan			X	
David Clinton	X		X	
Jay Polito			X	
Peter Larsen			X	
Ernie Minelli			X	
Vacant				

Comments: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted;
David Clinton
Clerk

Exhibits

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Proposed Budget	1/25/2011	1_25_2011_A
Budget Presentation	1/25/2011	1_25_2011_B