

TOWN OF HULL

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 3/7/2011 Meeting Start: 7:00 pm Meeting Adjourned: 10:08 pm

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Attending
Charleen Tyson		X (with Notice)	Phil Lemnios, Town Manager
Joan Senatore	X		Schools Staff Mike Dive Judy Kuehn Jean Penta Paula Maxwell Mickey McGonigal
Charlie Ryder	X left early at 9:33 pm		Stephanie Peters, SC
John Schmid	X		Marianne Harte, SC
Dick Kenney	X		David Twombly, SC
Jim Canavan	X		Other Concerned Citizens
David Clinton	X		Chief Hollingshead
Jay Polito	X		Joe Stigliani
Peter Larsen			Captain Evans
Ernie Minelli	X		Chief Billings
Vacant			Captain Saawtelle

Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes of 10/25/10, 11/15/2010, 1/25/11, 1/31/11

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

Comments:

Motion: Transfer \$3200.00 to Fire Department A-001-0220-6-5430 from Reserve Account Department

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

Comments: Unanimous

Town Manager Update

School Department

Stephanie Peters called the School Committee to order.

Dr. Tyrell, Superintendent gave a presentation to the Advisory Board on the Progress Report of the Hull Public Schools. Dr. Tyrell highlighted the loss of services offered in the past few years. A highlight is the greater number of students now attending the HPS.

\$300,000 in salaries in FY2011 was funded through Federal Stimulus monies. There was some discussion of what impact would with that money not recurring. If the town were to keep that funding in the school budget, those monies would need to be taken from other departmental budgets or Stabilization Account.

Utilities costs are decreasing due to some energy savings plans such as pre-purchased of fuel.

Class size impact was discussed on impact to learning.

Mr. McGonigal, explained how the facilities are being maintained and the implementation of the work order system.

Discussion held on the feasibility on Centralizing Buildings and Grounds and custodial services. There have some minimal discussions but nothing yet concrete has been determined.

A question was asked about what the next big piece of equipment would be needed for replacement. The Backhoe is probably the biggest need in the next few years.

Public Works

Joseph Stigliani attended to answer questions on the various budgets under his departmental responsibilities.

Landfill budget is decreased due to the recycling center being shuttered. In the next 5 years or so our landfill will be completely closed and we will be looking at closure costs to the \$1.5 MM range. There would also be additional costs on a yearly basis going forward.

If the Budget were able to be increased now or in the future, what would that be spent on. Mr. Stigliani stated and increased level of service. This would be done mostly by staffing increases.

Town Manager mentioned that if and when budgets were to increase, Public Works, Fire and Police would be the priorities for him to increase funding on the general side of government.

Fire Department

Chief Hollingshead was present to discuss his departmental budget.

Chair asked the chief to comment how his department would be enhanced if we saw increased revenues.

Chief responded that he would use this to increase staffing.

Chief also presented the SAFER Grant program. This would add 4 firefighters for 3 years. The Town is required to keep at least one firefighter hired under this program in year 3.

A question was asked if these adds to staff will help lower overtime costs.
To make a commitment to lower overtime is not realistic.

Article 9

The article seeks to appropriate a sum of money to pay for the costs of purchasing a new Fire Engine and related fittings and equipment. Approx. \$400,000 may need to be bonded. We will talk about this in more detail at a different meeting.

Police Department

Chair asked the chief to comment how his department would be enhanced if we saw increased revenues.

Chief explained that he would like to see increase presence in the schools through Resource Officer staffing and programs like the DARE program.

The chief also mentioned that great work that his men and women in the department are doing and how the staffing is used to maximum efficiency.

Staffing is the key for the police department offering increased service. Since 2004, staffing has decreased. This is another area for use of any increased funds if/when revenues are increased. The chief would like to get back to 21 patrolman.

There is a slight decrease in dispatch Department due to regional dispatch.

A question was asked about allocation of personnel in terms of overtime budget increases.
Captain Sawtelle explained that this was due to personnel decreases. Contractually, overtime rates were raised slightly.

The Chief also explained the need for this town to have a new Public Safety Facility.

Motion: To adjourn

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

Comments: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted;
David Clinton
Clerk

Exhibits

Document		
School Dept Presentation	3/7/2011	3_7_2011_A
Request for Reserve Fund Transfer	3/7/2011	3_7_2011_B
Executive Summary School Attending Children	3/7/2011	3_7_2011_C
Frequently Asked Questions	3/7/2011	3_7_2011_D
FY12 Budget Draft	3/7/2011	3_7_2011_E
School Grant Accounts	3/7/2011	3_7_2011_F
FY12 Salaries Draft	3/7/2011	3_7_2011_G
SAFER Grant Program	3/7/2011	3_7_2011_H
Hull Fire Department Fire Engine Inventory	3/7/2011	3_7_2011_I