

TOWN OF HULL

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 3/31/2012 Meeting Start: 9:03 am Meeting Adjourned: 12:10 pm

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Attending
Joan Senatore	X		Phillip Lemnios, Town Manager
Charlie Ryder	X		James Lampke, Town Counsel
John Schmid	X		Robert Billings, Fire Chief.
Dick Kenney	X		Joe Stigliani, DPW Head
Jim Canavan	X		John Brannan, Selectman
David Clinton	X		
Jay Polito	X left early at 10:25am)		
Peter Larsen	X		
Ernie Minelli		X (with Notice)	
Jill Dennard	X		
Bob Carney	X		

Chairman opened the meeting at 9:03 am

Town Manager

Article 23 Fingerprints for licensure.

Police Chief Proposed Article 23 for by law change to require fingerprint based criminal record background checks for specific licenses in the Town.

Questions raised by the Board:

How Quickly does the background check come back?

This is unknown. Firearm licenses are 40 days but generally the Department gets these back in 3 weeks.

Who is required to have a license?

Licenses listed in the bylaw change. Town Counsel will look into what types of door-to-door sales require a license.

What are other towns have similar bylaws?

Brookline, Milford, Wellesley, Foxboro, This is a fairly new law

How has this worked out for them? What challenges have been made?

This must be approved by the AG. Preliminary review has been done. Town Counsel is not aware of any court challenges.

Would existing Licensees be required to have this done?

Existing Licensees are grandfathered.

What do the Fingerprints tell us?

Finger prints tells us any arrests, convictions, dismissals, acquittals.

Would yard sales people be required?

Yes as it stands now but we may need to add language to exclude those.

Is there a cost to the business for this background check?

The BOS would set any fee, if any, and may be part of the Application fee.

How many licenses do we have annually? Does this include renewals?

Renewals are an application. Liquor licenses are the most. (20) Hackneys (7or 8) - Total licenses are approx. 50 or less.

Does this bylaw unfairly target certain business?

There is no denial of an addition cost to the business. Though low in comparison to business costs in general. Town Manager explained that because of the unique interaction with customers, and their knowledge of personal information, there may be something to be said for this type of law.

John Brannan explained that this could protect another business that operating uprightly.

Police Chief sees this as a public health and safety measure.

Why are we proposing this today?

Chief has explained that there are problems in other communities and this will give the Town a voice to prevent some tragedy in our community? The Chief believes that this will put his best foot forward in offering this bylaw change. This is a new law of the State to allow local communities another way to protect its citizens.

Does this pertain to employees of the license holder?

No.

Might this bylaw be discriminatory in nature based on who typically operates certain business?

This would need to be challenges.

Why do we not include the Carnival employees?

Only the Licensees get the check and not the employees.

What about events like Endless Summer?

Town Counsel stated that the Town is not aware of any vendors that require a license.

Town Manager stated that this by law is proactive and when civil liberties are affected the key argument is what level of regulation do we want and how do we implement that regulation.

Article 25-29 Flood Insurance and Flood Map

Article 25 accepts the new map that has been developed by FEMA for some years and has been vetted through Public comments and changes. If the Town does not adopt the map, Insurance will not be granted to citizens. Articles 26-29 are a reaffirmation of last year's articles.

These articles free the Town from coming to Town Meeting for Zoning Bylaw changes whenever the Building Code is changed.

Town Counsel will research whether these articles can be bundled together with Town Moderator's input.

Article 14 War Memorial

There are missing individuals from the Memorial. This seeks to pay for the addition of these servicemen. Estimated costs are \$10-\$15K. This would be funded within the Town Budget.

Article 9 Classification and Salary Plan for Seasonal positions

This seeks to raise hourly wage of Public Works laborers. Source of the increase will be from reserved for appropriation fund.

Question asked about if we needed to raise wage due to trouble filling positions.

Town Manger explained that we have not made an increase in many years.

We would see a line item increase in DPW budget with the Source identified.

Article 15 Local Room Occupancy Excise

This seeks to amend the Local Room Tax by adding 2% to the Excise tax.

Article 16 Local Meals Excise

This seeks to accept the Local Meals Tax at a rate of .75%. It is estimated that this could raise approx. \$125,000 for the Town.

John Schmid will invite a representative of the Chamber of Commerce

Article 17 Extension of the Scout Building Lease

This seeks to extend the lease of the Scout Building to 25 years. This was not accepted by the State due to language

Article 18 Problem and Vacant Properties By Law change.

Article 21 Authorization of Tax Collector be the Town Collector.

This clarifies that the Tax Collector is authorized to make any collections due the Town.

Article 22 Adoption of OPEB Trust Fund as defined by GASB.

This is a trust fund purposed to meet the value of benefit value for Health Insurance Plans to both current and retired employees. Who controls the fund once monies start to be placed? Funding this would Annual appropriation item. There would not be a requirement to fund this. Not adoption may cause the Town to have adverse credit rating implications.

Article 24 Historic preservation restriction on Lifesaving museum building.

This will aid the HLM in a grant application. For some time period, the exterior of the building renovations must be within Historic restrictions as well as use of the Building.

Article 33 Unpaid Bills

This appropriates funding for Unpaid bills prior to July 1, 2011 with one exception of a police bill.

Article 34 Hull Medical Center acceptance to the Town.

This will allow the Hull Medical Center, Inc. to dissolve. This will codify the gift to the town in 2003 with a new vote to accept the property in the form of a trust. This does not change the concept of the previous vote. The property is encumbered by a lease hold mortgage. The Town will not have any financial obligation to the building in terms of promissory notes, etc. The Town would be the landlord of Manet Community Health or other entity that may lease with the Town. If we do not pass this article, Hull Medical Center, Inc. might then transfer the property elsewhere.

Article 19 Rescinding Bond Authorizations

This simply rescinds unused portions of past Bond Authorizations

Article 18 Problem and Vacant Properties By Law

Town Counsel gave a brief synopsis of this bylaw proposal and how it must be ratified by Town Meeting and the State.

Questions by Members:

Does this apply to summer residents?

No.

What is the cost of filing floor plans? Is this required by an engineer?

This can be a hand drawn plan, nothing needs to be official.

What are considered hazardous materials?

This is anything to present a hazard to public like stacking wood against the building all around.

Leaving gas cans, propane tanks around the property, etc.

Why is there a cash bond requirement?

This allows the town to take action of clean up in the case of non-responsive owners.

Police Details? Is this the party house issue? Or is this broader?

It is broader. This could be any property where some type of property may exist.

This Article is modeled after a bylaw of the City of Boston.

Motion: Vote for Favorable Action 17

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore			X	
Charlie Ryder			X	
John Schmid			X	
Dick Kenney			X	
Jim Canavan		X	X	
David Clinton	X		X	
Jay Polito				
Peter Larsen			X	
Ernie Minelli				
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney			X	

Comments: Unanimous

Motion:Vote for Favorable Action on Article 21

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore			X	
Charlie Ryder	X		X	
John Schmid			X	
Dick Kenney			X	
Jim Canavan			X	
David Clinton			X	
Jay Polito				
Peter Larsen			X	
Ernie Minelli				
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney		X	X	

Comments: Unanimous

Motion: Vote for Favorable Action on Article 22

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore			X	
Charlie Ryder		X	X	
John Schmid			X	
Dick Kenney			X	
Jim Canavan			X	
David Clinton	X		X	
Jay Polito			X	
Peter Larsen			X	
Ernie Minelli				
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney				

Comments: Unanimous

Motion: Vote for Favorable Action on Article 24

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore			X	
Charlie Ryder		X	X	
John Schmid			X	
Dick Kenney			X	
Jim Canavan			X	
David Clinton	X		X	
Jay Polito			X	
Peter Larsen			X	
Ernie Minelli				
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney				

Comments: Unanimous

Motion: Vote for Favorable Action on Article 33

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore		X	X	
Charlie Ryder	X		X	
John Schmid			X	
Dick Kenney			X	
Jim Canavan			X	
David Clinton			X	
Jay Polito			X	
Peter Larsen			X	
Ernie Minelli				
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney				

Comments: Unanimous

Motion: Vote for Favorable Action on Articles 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore			X	
Charlie Ryder			X	
John Schmid			X	
Dick Kenney	X		X	
Jim Canavan			X	
David Clinton		X	X	
Jay Polito			X	
Peter Larsen			X	
Ernie Minelli				
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney				

Comments: Unanimous

Motion: Vote for Favorable Action on Article 19

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
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				
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney				

Comments: Unanimous

Motion: Vote for Favorable Action on Article 9

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore		X	X	
Charlie Ryder			X	
John Schmid			X	
Dick Kenney			X	
Jim Canavan			X	
David Clinton	X		X	
Jay Polito			X	
Peter Larsen			X	
Ernie Minelli				
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney				

Comments: Unanimous

Motion: Vote for Favorable Action on Article 14

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore			X	
Charlie Ryder			X	
John Schmid			X	
Dick Kenney			X	
Jim Canavan			X	
David Clinton			X	
Jay Polito			X	
Peter Larsen			X	
Ernie Minelli				
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney				

Comments: Unanimous

Upcoming Meetings

April 2
 April 9
 April 28th site visit 9 a.m.

Warrant Open Jan 6
 Close of Feb 9
 Sign on Mar 20
 Posted mar 28

Motion: Vote to adjourn

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore			X	
Charlie Ryder			X	
John Schmid			X	
Dick Kenney	X		X	
Jim Canavan			X	
David Clinton			X	
Jay Polito			X	
Peter Larsen			X	
Ernie Minelli				
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney		X		

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Comments: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted;
David Clinton
Clerk

Exhibits

Document	Date	ID
Local Room Excise info from State for Hull	3/31/2012	03_31_2012_A
Local Room Excise community List	3/31/2012	03_31_2012_B
Local Meals Excise info from State DOR	3/31/2012	03_31_2012_C
Local Meals Excise community List	3/31/2012	03_31_2012_D
Local Meals Excise estimates for Hull and surrounding communities	3/31/2012	03_31_2012_E
Unpaid Bills list	3/31/2012	03_31_2012_F