

## TOWN OF HULL

### ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 4/2/2012 Meeting Start: 7:00 pm Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 pm

#### Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Attending
Joan Senatore		X (with Notice)	Phillip Lemnios, Town Manager
Charlie Ryder	X		Members of BOS
John Schmid	X		Robert Hollingshead, Fire Chief.
Dick Kenney	X		Members of SC
Jim Canavan	X		Various Departments See attendance sheet
David Clinton	X		
Jay Polito	X		
Peter Larsen	X		
Ernie Minelli	X		
Jill Dennard	X		
Bob Carney		X (with Notice)	

#### **Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00**

Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. To a full house.

Selectman were called to order and 7:02 pm

Scholl committee has a quorum and is posted but did not elect to call to order.

Chairman spoke with the Chair of the BOS and SC and Town Manager

Chairman explained the Budget process for Recommendations. The AB has to make its recommendation after the Town Manager with approval of the BOS makes his final recommendation

Chair suggests to the AB to wait until the Town Manager BOS and SC can meet to discuss the Difference in Budget figures.

Richard Kenney wishes to discuss the Budget for our consideration. He feels that the Town Manager has not yet

Motion for the AB recommends that the Historical Split 58% schools 42% Gen Govt of the year to year increase meet that split.

257,962 to General Govt to Schools

2.649% reduction in General Govt. Accounts to be moved to the School Department.

Jay Polito ask if the School Depart had voted a budget. Chairman explained that no budget is official. Jay Polito has expressed that he does not feel the Town Manager has not been dishonest in hes budget recommendations to date.

Dave Clinton expressed his wish that we keep to the traditional course of the budget process.

Ernest Minelli asked that we have a copy of the Proposal that Mr. Kenney.

Charlie Ryder

Town Manager does not believe that we have allocated a percentage split in the creation of the budget on a specific split for schools and general government. There has been a split that results but that has never been something that is required. Some departments will have budget numbers greater than the previous year. Town Manager does not expect that dollars will be always allocated in a specific split.

What do we have available and what do we wish to accomplish? These are questions we seek to answer when developing the budget.

There was a dollar amount moved out of the Operational departments as it was a bill due to the Water Company for hydrants. This should not have been part of any operational budget. The town has, in the past, moved some items during the process where it make more meaningful sense to do so, such as DPW account consolidation.

Any reduction to the departments will mean a reduction in services. With the budget as presented, the Town will keep services level set from last year.

Stephanie Peters expressed her concern about the process and that the School Department did not seek to pit one department against the other. She feels we should allow the SC BOS, Town Manager to find a plan tyo make this budget work without taking any monies from other budgets.

Chief Hollingshead spoke and expressed his appreciation that we have this discussion. He agreed with Mrs. Peters comments about the community and reminded that many of the Employees has gone many years without raises in acknowledgement of the difficult financial times.

He then went on to explain how the hydrants costs are arrived. We pay for the availability of the water and those costs really should not be an operating cost of a particular department.

Dennis Blackall mentioned that he spoke to the Chief about the hydrant problem and that he has heard this issue at many AB meetings that discussed the same.

Dick Kenney then walked the Advisory Board through his proposal. He also stated that his proposal is not being made to take monies away from any department. He reiterate his thoughts that the traditional split has not been followed as expected.

Chair asked Mr. Kenney if he had a suggestion of where the monies would be removed from each General Government department.

After the presentation by Mr. Kenney he did say that

Town Manager discussed points of his disagreement with the presentation.

- This would accept a premise he does not use to prepare the budget.
- We have consolidated department in the past.
  - Cemetary is a recent example.

Mrs. Peters asked for some clarification.

Dave Clinton asked if Mr. Kenney would rescind his motion and wait for the BOS SC and TM to have discussions. Mr., Kenney agreed and Charlie Ryder likewise agreed having seconded Mr. Kenney's motion.

John Brannan made some comment about the paradigm change in the any Split of Operating budget. He discussed the School Departments last two contracts for teachers where year over year raises occurred. He also cited the \$300,000 moved of free cash in FY12 budget.

Dan Johnson Library depart head asked if the BOS would be making any decision tomorrow night.

John Reilly, Chairman of BOS will meet tomorrow to discuss the Budget.

### **Article 23 Fingerprint**

Today there is a by-law for peddlers to register with the Selectman and assigned a number to be worn or exposed as the Selectmen may prescribe.

Solicitor need to register with the Police Chief who will issue a 12 month permit and limits hours.

### **Article 18 Problem and Vacant Properties By-Law**

Some discussion on how the article may be split deal with Problem Properties versus the Foreclosures properties.

### **Request of Transfer from the Reserve Fund to Fire Department Vehicle Account.**

Questions asked about line item 5430 and 5580 to understand what is remaining.

These line items are accounted for others repairs and maintenance needs.

Questions were asked about last year's budget being low. This was done as underfunded due to difficult financial picture.

Motion: To transfer \$6398.34 from Reserve Fund to A-001-0220-6-5480 Fire Department vehicles.

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

Comments: Unanimous

Motion: Vote for Favorable Action on Article 1

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			X	
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney				

Comments: Unanimous

Motion: Vote for Favorable Action on Article 2-6

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore				
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	
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney				

Comments: Unanimous

Motion: Vote for Favorable Action on Article 7-8

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore				
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	
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney				

Comments: Unanimous

Some talk about reconsidering Article 9

Motion: Vote for make Recommendation at Town Meeting on Article 10

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

Comments: Unanimous

### Motion: Vote for Favorable Action on Article 12

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore				
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	
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney				

Comments: Unanimous

### Motion: Vote for Favorable Action on Article 13

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore				
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	
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney				

Comments: Unanimous

### Motion: Vote for No Action on Article 23

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

Comments: Unanimous Jim Canavan will write Commentary

### Upcoming Meetings

April 9th  
April 28<sup>th</sup> site visit 9 a.m.

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

Motion:

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore				
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	
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney			X	

Comments: Unanimous

Motion: Vote to adjourn

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Joan Senatore				
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	
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney				

Comments: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted;  
David Clinton  
Clerk

Exhibits

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