

**TOWN OF HULL  
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Date of Meeting 2-18-15

Meeting Start: 7:03 pm

Adjourn: 9:00

Town of Hull Advisory Board Meeting

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Other
	X		Phil Lemnios
Dan Sullivan	X		
John Schmid	X		
Dick Kenney	X		
David Clinton	X		
Jay Polito	X		
Peter Larsen	X		
Jill Dennard	X		
Bob Carney	X		
John Tiani	X		
Christine Carr	X		
George Boylen	X		

Open:

Dave Clinton opened the meeting and welcomed everyone back. Busy season ahead.

**Town Manager Update**

We have one Citizen's petition. All the other ones are standard. The Board of Selectmen will be adding 1 or 2 more articles related to personnel issues.

Public works:

The town had to rebuild 2 of the sander bodies; very concerned that there is not much life left in those vehicles. We may need to do some bonding. Sanders at \$60k/ea. There is also one large Mack Truck that is taking a beating. Adviosry Board is welcome to come look at the equipment.

The storms so far have cost \$225k in spending. We had \$75k w/ \$250k in snow debt. We are pushing an estimated \$400k in expenses. We are renting front end loaders, eg. to dig out Beach Ave. The plows are limited in use – need these larger pieces to move snow and clear the roads.

We are reconfiguring some of the bus routes as well. We get hundreds of calls for each storm, and we try to dig people out when we can. We've been in emergency management protocol; just ended this morning.

Budgets:

Governor scheduled to produce a budget by March 4.

Town Manager presented his budget to the BOS for 2016.

## Questions on Free Cash:

For turnbacks under General Government (are turnbacks from police and fire) –  
Essentially budget dollars that were not used.

(discussion digressed to properties that are owned by the town and how they are managed/collected upon).

## Sewer Dept:

Now collecting bids for the operation of the sewer plant. Should have decision w/I 3 weeks.  
We haven't received the enterprise section of the budget yet.

## Considerations:

Budgets are being increased by 3%. We have several unions: clerical, library, police, fire, public works, light union.  
2% for fiscal year 2016, for all unions except the police department And 2.5% for 2018. Police have a new union, so that process will take longer. We've locked down labor costs; we know what the non-union costs are also.  
We've kept wage structure down for the last 7-10 years.

Highway mostly driven by equipment/materials. For the smaller budgets, labor costs will remain relatively the same.

## Other questions:

Detailed breakout of legal costs?

--AB requested one page that shows what we spend on legal  
Town manager will provide that.

What is our insurance coverage?

--The town has insurance that covers property, wages, coverage for vehicles, buildings, employee related actions, and we have indemnification for Town of Hull employees. Town has a series of 2 or 3 different policies that cover all this.  
AB requested a breakout of that too.  
Town Manager agreed to provide that information as well.

Any updates on the sewer plant insurance?

--It's probably going to go to litigation.

Question on the library and Council of Aging?

--Council of Aging is the Senior Center, budget reflects costs that are mostly related to cleaning.  
--Library budget reflects cost mostly for IT and social-media related increases.

## Workers Comp:

The Town joined a collaborative. Towns that have not implemented greater cost saving plans, are getting the benefit of the towns that have.

## Schedule:

Almost finalized. Dave to revise and distribute.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by John S, seconded by Chris C.

Motion: Vote to adjourn

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
Dan Sullivan			X	
John Schmid	X			
Dick Kenney			X	
David Clinton			X	
Jay Polito			X	
Peter Larsen			X	
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney			X	
John Tiani			X	
Christine Carr		X		
George Boylen			X	

Comments: Motion carried

Meeting adjourned.