



## HULL PLANNING BOARD

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**February 29, 2012**

**Members Present:** Joseph Duffy, Chair, Timothy Reynolds, Vice Chair, Jeanne Paquin, Vernon Wood, Sarah White

**Members Not Present:** Stephen Flynn, Kelly Phelan

**Staff Present:** Robert Fultz, Community Development & Planning Director  
Ellen Barone, Administrative Assistant

**7:40pm** Chair Duffy called the meeting to order

**Minutes:** Upon a **motion** by V. Wood and **2nd** by J. Paquin and a **vote** of 4/0/1 (T. Reynolds abstained)  
It was **voted** to: **Approve** the Minutes of February 15, 2012 as amended by J. Duffy

The purpose of this meeting was for the Board to compose a letter in response to the MBTA's proposal to reduce services and increase fares. The Board decided that they would toss out ideas or points to be included in the letter. All agreed that J. Paquin would draft a letter that others could add to or comment on. The draft would be complete by Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and the final would be completed, signed by all and presented at the Public Meeting to be held on March 7. Possible ideas are as follows:

Open the letter with the purpose of the Planning Board

The Town of Hull has grown around transportation i.e. old railroad station names

The Ferry is a core feature of Hull's infrastructure

Hull was working to bring in additional ferry services

The Ferry is the most reliable means of transportation

The Ferry has the lowest cost per rider of all services offered

Residents use the Ferry as their means of transportation to jobs in Boston

Eliminating the Ferry would have a negative impact on real estate, many people moved to Hull because of the Ferry service

The DCR Beach draws many visitors from out of Town. If there were no means of public transportation, people would all drive and the town can not handle the traffic

Hull is looking for ways to get cars off the road to decrease pollution

Hull has a history of being on the cutting edge of technology, removing greenhouse gases; utilizing wind energy

Development of the DCR and HRA properties will attract more people; we need an expanding transit program

Hull is geographically unique

Hull is a smart growth community

53% of the working population in Hull work outside of Hull

Eliminating a bus that takes Hull residents to Quincy at a time when they are going to start renovating the Fore River Bridge will add more cars to the roadways.

Many residents use the bus for transportation to school, work and doctors

The Bus travels down the main road in Hull, most residents can walk to the Bus stops.

What you are proposing cannot solve the problem

Increasing the fee for The Ride would cause hardship to those that use it

Promises were made to Hull residents when the commuter trains were extended that nothing would happen to the Ferry services

Request that the MBTA pursue the possibility of MASSPORT taking over operations of the Ferry Service.

MBTA's problem can not be solved by cannibalizing the service

#### **Other Business:**

The Board discussed the steps necessary to once again plan a meeting to facilitate the appointments to the Design Review Board. An advertisement will be placed in the Hull Times to run on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Letters of interest should be received no later than March 29. Information will be distributed during the week of April 2 and the appointments shall be made at the Planning Board Meeting on April 11.

**9:00pm** Upon a **motion** by T. Reynolds and **2nd** by J. Paquin a **vote** of 5/0/0;  
It was **voted** to: Adjourn