

**TOWN OF HULL
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: 3/6/23

Meeting Start: 7:02pm

Adjourn: 8:48 pm

Member	Present	Absent	Other
David Clinton	X		Phil Lemnios (PL)
Jay Polito	X		John Dunne
Dan Sullivan	X		Lisa Thornton
Chad Wolfe	X		Neil Reilly
Bob Carney	X		
Jason Frady	X		
Pat Cormier	X		
Peter Larsen	X		
Robyn Healy	X		

Exhibits	Description
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Town Manager Update:

The State Government projection re: state aid is that it will be little less this year.

Some citizen petitions on the warrant need legal review to assess either actionable or legal impossibilities.

Question as to whether or not Town Meeting is required to debate an article that is not actionable.

Presentation of Council on Aging Budget by Lisa Thornton:

Line 5700 Activities reflects a substantial drop from 2023 FY to 2024FY due to increased senior population use of activities. The greater number of participants paying fees relieves the need for a higher activities budget line.

A near 45% increase in contracted services is due to a more vigorous cleaning schedule and broadened contractor Requirements.

Kelly Reilly is coordinating with other local towns to fill the service needs such as transportation. There is a much higher level of activity and demand for services since the end of the pandemic. She is also seeking and managing The application and obtainment demands for grants.

A suggestion for a roommate matching service provided by the center was judged to be too much a potential Liability for the town and the center if things went wrong.

There are as many new people using the center after the pandemic as were using it in total beforehand.

A request was made as to how many clients the center is serving. LT promised to follow up and emphasized how critical some programs are for people. She cited the gratitude of a previously non socialized senior as to the way the programs gave her new life.

A new van will be delivered in late '23 or early '24.

Hull Heartbeat, the newsletter is funded almost entirely by ads and mailing costs are funded by a grant.

Police Budget presented by John Dunne:

Phil Lemnios cited Chief Dunne's capability by noting that the Select Board just extended his contract by 3 years.

Chief Dunne offered information in the following areas:

The Police Reform Act has created complications for operations, especially in the hiring of summer officers.

It requires a level of training that discourages the applicants and creates cost and time commitments out of Proportion to the benefits of having the extra patrols.

He is seeking another level of administration and management that would focus on revitalizing a canine unit and Reorient police response from a viewpoint of antagonistic expectation to one of comfort and situational Assessment.

Hull has a much higher call demand than neighboring towns. Only Rockland's is higher. This is primarily due to the increase in summer demand.

Union contract demands are looking for a new pay differential for weekend shifts and better pay benefits for having higher education achievements.

Sick leave buyback is much lower but vacation leave buyback is much higher indicating that officers are taking Less sick leave and working through vacation days.

A metropolitan mutual aid group, Metro LEC, provides substantial help in areas of SWAT, canine, information Technology, underwater, and motorcycle units, all at a cost of only \$3300 per year and which comes out of the dues budget.

Motion to approve Feb. 21 minutes by Peter Larsen, seconded by Chad Wolfe. It was unanimous.

Motion to adjourn by Jason Frady, seconded by Bob Carney