

**TOWN OF HULL
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: 3/13/23

Meeting Start: 7:02pm

Adjourn: 10:42 pm

Member	Present	Absent	Other
David Clinton	X		Phil Lemnios (PL)
Jay Polito	X		Jim Lampke
Dan Sullivan	X		Kurt Bornheim
Chad Wolfe	X		Mike Buckley
Bob Carney	X		Pat Finn
Jason Frady	X		
Pat Cormier	X		
Stephen Kiley	X		
Peter Larsen	X		
Robyn Healy	X		
Paul Schneider	X		

Exhibits	Description
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Town Manager Update:

State Aid will be announced at the March 15 Select Board meeting by State Rep. Joan Meschino

And State Senator Patrick O'Connor.

Atlantic Ave. project resumes in its second season:

State TIP funds will pay for markings

Easement grants are going well

Realignment of utility poles and sidewalks is all done

Project completion by New Year

Total cost of 11 million with Hulls contribution only 2-3 million.

Seawall repairs between Allerton and Stony Beach:

A 5.5 million dollar federal grant should cover a substantial portion of the total cost.

The remainder will come from 1 million from the town and the remainder as state grants.

Article 8 will request 1million for repairs to various walls at James Ave., Cadish Ave., and spots

Along the bay.

Ft. Revere reconstruction design is all done. The project will reconstruct the exterior walls and the interior

Stairway, which will be limited to service access to the top and not for public use. Public use

Access would require a far greater expense in both design and construction because of ADA

Requirements, Code requirements and more.

Review of Capital Projects:

Previously approved road projects are ongoing. There is expected to be an additional 10-12 million

Needed to finish the whole town, especially Samoset and Manomet Avenues.

Reconstruction of the Village Fire Station will begin with the selection of a design firm. Funds for the design were approved at a previous Town Meeting.

School consolidation possibilities will include everything from Council on Aging to affordable housing to Town offices.

Article 8:

Seeks approx. 1 million to fund various shore projects including grout injection at walls along the bay shore and stairway reconstruction especially at Western Ave.

\$250,000 of this amount will go towards grouting work alone.

Phil Lemnios apprised the board that on average, Hull has only a 22% exposure to the cost of capital projects because of the effectiveness with which we apply for grants. The method consists primarily of anticipating all the grant requirements and being "shovel ready" when the grant becomes available.

Article 9:

Will be a request to add funds to the Stabilization Fund.

Article 10:

Seeks \$987,000 to design and rebuild the outfall diffuser pipes from the wastewater treatment plant.

Article 11:

Will adjust dog licensing time periods and fees.

Article 12:

Addresses the interest cost and carry forward consequences of delinquent tax payments. Currently the town assesses a rate of 4.74% in cases where taxes are in arrears due to low income and affects approximately \$80,000 due to the town. Discussion revolved around the eventual resolution of tax arrears when the estate settles but did not produce consensus. Mike Buckley is to investigate why our percentage rate is what it is and if it can be different from the state statute.

Phil Lemnios is going to involve the Board of Assessors for analysis and defer this article until next year.

Kurt Bornheim- Harbormaster Budget:

Installation of the pumpout station at the town pier is progressing and requires only light plant integration of the electrical at this point.

The increase of \$1000 to line 5300 of the budget will allow for the exact latitude and longitude placement of moorings in the harbors thereby increasing the efficiency and space saving of mooring placements.

Line 5430 decreases because one of the harbormaster boats is being moved off a slip at Steamboat to a mooring which is less costly.

Line 5915 is a \$42,000 preassessment for the expected interest cost of bonding the next dredging project. It has to be preassessed in order to meet contract timetables that begin in October. Dredging at the Steamboat Wharf area will be done by Jan. 2025.

The repairs to the A st. pier will hopefully be accomplished by tying into excess funds from the a wall repointing project ongoing at Steamboat Wharf and some sewer/DPW works.

Jim Lampke-Legal Budget:

In answer to a question, he said that the town self insures for workers comp.

The ongoing sewer dept case against the 2013 operator of the plant is going to trial in June. Mediation has failed. The Crescent Beach seawall case is in pre trial discovery phase. The town is suing the bonding company for failing to pay for the unfinished work of the original contractor who is now bankrupt. Outside counsel has been hired because of the specialty of the work and will be paid for if the settlement goes for the town. There are 151 trial exhibits. All parties agree to the facts but not the interpretation.

Some residents are suing Extonet, an internet service hardware provider. The town is a party but not a litigant.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Kiley, seconded by Peter Larsen. Unanimous approval at 10:42

