

**TOWN OF HULL
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: 3/20/23

Meeting Start: 7:00pm

Adjourn: 10:48 pm

Member	Present	Absent	Other
David Clinton	X		Phil Lemnios (PL)
Jay Polito	X		Lori West
Dan Sullivan	X		Rachel Gilroy CPC
Chad Wolfe	X		Tim Reynolds CPC
Bob Carney	EXC		Jim Richman CPC
Jason Frady	X		Stephen Werther ACS
Pat Cormier	X		Ellen Kasper ACS
Stephen Kiley	EXC		Meghan Sylvester ACS
Peter Larsen	X		Jim Richman Amer. Legion
Robyn Healy	X		Dave Irwin Amer. Legion
Paul Schneider	X		Bart Blumberg Hull Artists
			Bill Smythe Hull Artists

Exhibits	Description

No Town Manager update

Lori West presented the reasoning for changes to the dog licensing time frame and an increase in fees.

- Licensing window opens at the same time as the annual census which allows residents to respond to both at the same time. Linking the census and the dog applications has already increased the number of license applications on a year to year comparative basis.
 - Fees have been raised, but owners over 70 and service dog owners no longer have to pay the fees.
 - The application date range for licensing would begin Jan. 1 and end Dec.31. Currently the period runs April 1 through March 31 the following year.

Rachel Gilroy presented the projects to be funded for CPC actions:

Hand out Exhibit detailed :

- Hampton Circle playground construction planning
- L st playground and tennis court design and planning
- L st field shade structures
- Hiring of a waterfront consultant to assess water access points around town
- Restore the upper level Carousel windows
- Restore the Village Fire Station Phase 3
- Contribute to the Community Housing Reserve

Bonding for the fire station will be a 20 year \$1,000,000 bond. \$500,000 will come from CPA funds, for a total outlay of \$1,500,000.

In answer to a question about the bonding, Phil Lemnios explained that the first 2 years would be interest only Payments and that the bond can't be refinanced until 10 years of the term have passed. He volunteered to

provide a schedule of the payment particulars.

Article 25: Seeks past due payments to Gratta Construction for work as far back as 2019.

Paul Gratta explained that he had been unsuccessful in getting the town manager to approve the payments. Phil Lemnios contends that after discussing the projects with various department heads, there was no justification for the payments.

Article 26: The American Legion members are seeking approval to use the Council on Aging building for once per month meetings. Jim Richman cited the history of the building which started with American Legion ownership of the building and its gallery of past Legion presidents on the second floor. The building is now owned by the town and as such subject to town approved use. Jim Richman mentioned that Lisa Thornton, COA director, has no problem with their use but Phil Lemnios has denied their use citing the legal ramifications of non government use of public buildings and recommended that the matter be resolved by the Select Board.

Various examples of non government use of public buildings were cited including the Red Cross blood drives and other examples.

Article 20: Seeks to compel the BOS to petition the DCR for the right to lease their unused buildings along the Beach strip. Bart Blumberg and Bill Smythe representing the Hull Artists Council related the no cost to the town advantages of bringing art to the public in this highly visible spot and expressed the years of petitioning that have not yielded results from the DCR.

Article 18: Seeks to change the zoning for the medical marijuana facility (ACS) to allow for recreational retail sales also.

Meghan Sylvester endorsed the article citing the integrity, good management, and holistic benefits of the ACS Staff. She has seen patients in her Hullistic Health business benefit from the careful research and product Recommendations that ACS provides. Stephen Werther, the owner pointed to increased retail operations around the area that have severely cut into his business plan, mostly because no medical referral is needed to buy product from a retail store and people can get what they want without that hurdle. He also claimed that without this enhancement his business will fail within the year.

One AB member questioned the validity of changing zoning for one specific business but another pointed out that the zoning relief sought was specifically created for this business in the first place. Another member questioned whether or not this was also a licensing issue and that that might be a better path needing more legal advice for the board. Another member and Phil Lemnios opined that this should be a ballot question due to the 2019 ballot Question where a majority of the towns voters voted against any retail sales in Hull and that town meeting is too small a sampling of sentiment on an issue this large.

When questioned about the impact of retail sales on the medical side of his business Mr. Werther insisted that the business would maintain the standards and commitment to that side of its work. Further, he said that he needed the retail revenue in order to support the medical side of the business.

Motion of No Action on article 25 proposed by Robyn Healy, seconded by Dan Sullivan. The motion passed Unanimously.

Motion for Favorable Action on Article 6A by Robyn Healy, seconded by Chad Wolfe. The motion passed Unanimously.

Motion for Favorable Action on 6B, subsections a-f, by Robyn Healy, seconded by Chad Wolfe. They passed

Unanimously.

Motion for Favorable Action on Article 11 by Robyn Healy, seconded by Dan Sullivan. The motion passed Unanimously.

Motion for Favorable Action on Article 7 by Jason Frady, seconded by Robyn Healy. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion for Favorable Action on Article 20 by Jay Polito, seconded by Robyn Healy. The motion passed Unanimously.

Motion for Favorable Action on Article 9 by Jason Frady, seconded by Robyn Healy. The motion passed Unanimously.

Motion for Favrrable Action on Article 10 by Jason Frady, seconded by Robyn Healy. The motion passed Unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 10:48 by Jay Polito, seconded by Robyn Healy. The motion passed unanimously.