

TOWN OF HULL
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 3/4/2024

Meeting Start: 7:05pm

Adjourn: 8:04pm

Member	Present	Absent	Other
David Clinton	X		Town Manager Jennifer Constable
Jay Polito		With notice	Town Accountant Mike Buckley
Dan Sullivan	X		Library Director Brian DeFelice
Peter Larsen	X		Council on Aging Director Lisa Thornton
Chad Wolfe	X		
Bob Carney	X		
Robyn Healey	X		
Jason Frady	X		
Pat Cormier	X		
Stephen Kiley	X		
Moraiba Reyes	X		

Exhibits	Description

Agenda

Town Manager Updates

Library Budget

Senior Center Budget

Approval of Minutes

The Advisory Board discussion summary for agenda items is below. Community Preservation Committee will be moved to next week's agenda.

Town Manager Update

- Wednesday night will be the first walk-through of Annual Town Meeting Warrant with Select Board
- MBTA Communities legislation/implementation is becoming a controversial topic. We need to adopt the new/mandated zoning in order to be able to access available grants and significant sources of funding, and to avoid any legal action by the State. Town Manager planning significant community outreach
- Seawall at the High School will be repaired with no cost incurred by the Town
- Discussions occurring about Beach Avenue one-way traffic
- Town Hall and Departments undergoing sexual harassment training and investigating program for cybersecurity training
- Assistant Town Manager has been selected and accepted, to be announced on Wednesday, starting April 8 or 9.

Library Budget: Library director and Advisory Board member introduction

- Library union negotiated evening/weekend differential pay, reflected in the budget
- Bi-annual elevator inspection factored into the budget for the first time
- Groundskeeping included in the budget
- MA Board of Library Commissioners requires 16% of overall budget must be books, in order to qualify for state aid, and we qualify/receive the funds
- eResources are more expensive than physical books and require repurchase after certain number of uses
- Library use trending upward. New programming includes gaming nights, movie nights, virtual programs
- Looking to backfill Children's Librarian position
- Full month schedule of programming posted online, social media and published in the Hull Times

Council on Aging/Senior Center Director presents year-to-year changes in budget

- Budget includes some unexpected repairs & maintenance
- Contracted services increase due to increases in participation and associated cleaning service increases
- Budget increase for gasoline for vans due to increase in fuel cost

- Received delivery of new handicapped-accessible (wheelchair & scooter) van last Wednesday (part of a prior year grant application, pushed out due to Covid, supply chain, other issues). The grant covered 2 vans, and this was the second received.
- Currently 4 full-time and 2 part-time employees for the Council on Aging
- Officers of the American Legion will begin using the Senior Center for meetings this month
- As usage of Senior Center increases, space is limited for certain classes due to building and room size, limited number of rooms. Middle school could be a viable option for increased space.
- As usage of Senior Center increases, may need to add staff, especially to accommodate current staff vacations/sick time and ensure minimum number of staff to execute programming and cover the day-to-day work. Additional staff time could be utilized for grant writing and ongoing grant management.
- Would like to expand volunteer program, ensuring volunteers are properly trained and build strong, regular volunteer team

Article 28 Director of Finance Mike Buckley explains that this article would allow us to accept uncashed checks, no longer need to send to State, and if the funds aren't claimed the money is kept by the Town of Hull. Benefit is increased timeliness.

Article 29 Mike Buckley explains that the Board of Assessors would like to not have to issue tax bills for amounts under \$10,000

Article 12 Verified that the work was done and the bills were received. Mike Buckley suggests that we pay them out of free cash. Requires super-majority 4/5ths vote.

Motion to adjourn at 8:04pm

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against	Abstain
David Clinton			X		
Jay Polito					
Dan Sullivan			X		
Peter Larsen			X		
Chad Wolfe			X		
Bob Carney		X	X		
Robyn Healey			X		
Jason Frady			X		
Pat Cormier	X		X		
Stephen Kiley			X		
Moraiba Reyes			X		

Motion approved Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Robyn Healey