

PENSION COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 2020  
TOWN HALL 3:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Bill Kirkpatrick, chair; John Mailhot and Ham Wilson, members; Bud Knorr, First Selectman; Brian Wissinger, Somers Accountant; Tom Forma, Kevin Nichols, and Joe Matthews, Morgan Stanley; Steve Lemanski, Hooker and Holcombe; Gina VanWingerden, from the Somers Volunteer Firefighters.

MINUTES: As this was a special meeting, there were no minutes to approve.

REPORT FROM STEVE LEMANSKI OF HOOKER AND HOLCOMBE ON JULY 1 2019  
ACTUARIAL VALUATION:

Steve covered the purpose of an evaluation, a pension overview, asset information, the funded ratio (currently 101.6%), the town contribution (\$132,085 for 2020-21 and \$137,368 for 2021-22), and the investment return assumption. A similar report will be prepared for the Volunteer Fire Fund next year.

PRESENT CASH POSITIONS IN TOWN ACCOUNTS:

Brian Wissinger reported that cash in the town pension account is \$21,945. Monthly benefit payments of \$9,643 approximately equal the monthly inflows from employee contributions. The Firefighters Fund has a cash balance of \$6,150 with monthly benefits of \$1,400.

INVESTMENT REVIEW AND DECISIONS FOR THE TOWN FUND:

Performance remains good, up 7.55% for the first six months of this fiscal year. Our focus on high quality, less volatile investments remains appropriate. However, as a result of recent performance, our current allocation to equities exceeds our investment policy guidelines. Therefore, it was moved seconded and unanimously passed to sell \$100,000 of the AMI large cap growth fund and invest the proceeds in the Eaton Vance corporate bond ladder.

INVESTMENT REVIEW AND DECISIONS FOR THE FIREFIGHTER'S FUND:

This fund is up 7.76% year to date, after fees. As its strategy mirrors the Town Fund, it is also overweighted with equities. Therefore, it was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to sell \$10,000 from the AMI large cap growth fund, with the proceeds used to purchase a 6-month CD. This fund has a \$57,000 CD maturing on February 18th, \$6,000 of which will be transferred to the bank for benefits payments. The balance will be combined with the AMI sales proceeds in the reinvestment of the 6-month CD.

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Hamline C. Wilson  
Clerk

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