

**Pension Board
Minutes
August 30, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Lavin called the Pension Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Trumbull, Connecticut.

Members present were as follows:

PRESENT

James Lavin
Donna Pellitteri
Maria Pires
Anthony Musto
James Daly
James Meisner

ABSENT

Also present: Chris Kachmar

Investment Update – 2nd Quarter – Chris Kachmar

Mr. Kachmar presented his report, starting with the July Flash Report and then centering on the July activity:

- Markets were going along okay until the end of the second quarter when Britain left the European union and we saw a significant downturn in the equity market and since then have become stronger.
- Bond markets in July were positive; interest rates were well behaved; demand for bonds remained in forefront of investors' attention. Decent month for US Equities.
- Portfolio was up 3.4%.
- There are 2 new managers – Morgan Stanley Global RE and Cohen & Steers Global RE Securities – and the Board members indicated they would put off any changes until the October meeting.
- He looked into liquid alternatives, which are intended to get investors access to the non-traditional strategies that don't correlate highly with traditional securities and can have diversification benefits in the form of long/short managers; diversified commodities; hedge funds, etc. These are more expensive – from 150 to 350 basis points.

Investment Policy Update

Mr. Lavin indicated that he had no problems with the Investment Policy and it only needed to be signed, if there were no additional changes.

Mr. Meisner moved, seconded by Ms. Pires, to broaden the inflation protection bucket to include other alternative strategies under asset allocations and to add the U.S. REIT Index within the domestic equity benchmark references.

Vote: 6-0-0

Mr. Meisner moved, seconded by Ms. Pires, to have James Lavin sign the revised Investment Policy.

Vote: 6-0-0

Mr. Kachmar indicated he would incorporate the changes into the Investment Policy and forward a copy to Mr. Lavin for signature.

Approval of Pension Benefits and Contribution Distributions

Mr. Daly moved, seconded by Mr. Meisner, to approve the following Pension Benefits and Contribution Distributions, as requested:

Approval of Pension Benefits:

Graham Bisset	\$3,175.62	7/1/2016
Glenn Broadbent	\$1,805.20	7/1/2016
Rita Ciarmella	\$3,365.73	7/1/2016
Jean Fereira	\$2,898.57	6/1/2016
Helen Granskog	\$2,800.19	7/1/2016
Robert Hawley	\$3,316.70	7/1/2016
Phyllis Honychurch	\$2,761.17	7/1/2016
Susan Horton	\$1,215.33	7/1/2016
Claudia Konopka	\$2,403.71	6/1/2016
Mary Markham	\$2,869.33	7/1/2016
Darlene Mata	\$1,160.91	5/1/2016
Charles Saracino	\$2,314.51	8/1/2016

Approval of Contribution Distributions:

Jennifer Angiolillo	\$1,176.87	6/30/2016
Audrey Lowrey	\$2,269.20	6/30/2016
Maritza McGraw	\$1,821.34	5/30/2016

Vote: 6-0-0

Review of Investment Consulting Services

Mr. Lavin indicated that he had put together a spreadsheet with the RFQ responses, which would need to be reviewed, and then those selected would need to be interviewed. Mr. Daly indicated that he would work with Mr. Lavin on the selection process and by the end of October they will have a definite idea of whom they should interview.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Meisner moved, seconded by Mr. Musto, to approve the Minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting as presented.

Vote: 6-0-0

Annual Letter to the First Selectman

The edited Letter to the First Selectman was presented and the following changes were agreed upon:

- Page 2 – top paragraph – **add:** globally “with **globally** diversified...”; **change:** 2014 to 2015 “occur in **2015**”; **delete:** “this trend appears to be changing in 2015, and “ **add:** long term “However, the **long term** benefits”; **delete:** “are once again emerging” **add:** remains attractive “such as ours **remains attractive**”.
- Page 2 – Second paragraph – change roster to manager
- Page 3 – Long Term improvement Plan changed to **Long Term Plan**;
- Page 3 – Third bullet – **delete:** “Legal determination that” **add:** the responsibility of the Town and “**are the responsibility of the Town and** not the responsibility of the Pension Board.

Mr. Musto moved, seconded by Mr. Meisner, to have the Chairman make the final edits to the letter to the First Selectman for signature.

Vote: 6-0-0

Adjournment

Mr. Meisner moved, seconded by Mr. Daly, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Vote: 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis C. Collier – Pension Board Clerk