#### HULL CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING

April 24, 2007 9:00 a.m. (Selectmen's Meeting Room)

The regular meeting of the Hull Contributory Retirement Board, duly posted to be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, Hull, MA on the above date was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Marcia Bohinc, Chairperson, Members Leonard Colten, Maurice Murphy, Gerald Ball, Rocky Tenaglia, and Retirement Administrator, Jennifer Miller.

9:00 – Maureen Carr – Tyler TACS Technology – Maureen advised the Board that Tyler TACS has agreed to new maintenance fees for the Hull Retirement System should the Board agree to sign with Tyler TACS. She also explained the conversion process and that the conversion would be done in steps and at the retirement administrator's request and readiness. Marcia was not willing to make a commitment prior to seeing the product. Maureen agreed to give Marcia a demonstration of the product at her convenience. Marcia will schedule an appointment prior to the next Board meeting and the Board would then make its decision in May.

9:30 a.m. Michael Reardon, Pension Reserve Investment Management, Quarterly Review – Prior to reviewing year performance and results, Michael distributed the PRIM Board Risk Management Document and reviewed it with the Board. The year-end investment returns before fees were 16.74%. The Board was extremely happy with these results due to the effect it will have on the Board's funding. After, the Board reviewed the Pension Reserves Investment Trust Fund (PRIT) report as of March 31, 2007. First Quarter returns (prior to fees) were 3.34%. The Board further reviewed the current PRIT Fund asset allocation as of March 31, 2007, which is \$48.2 Billion, which is up \$1.5 billion from the beginning of the year. PRIM's current target rate of return is 8.5% compared to the Hull Contributory Retirement Board's 7.75%.

### To Be Voted:

Read and attest to the minutes from the March 27, 2007 regular Board Meeting Motion made Leonard Colten seconded by Gerald Ball to attest to the minutes of the meeting held on March 27, 2007 with corrections.

## **Unanimously voted:**

#### New Employees

- Philip Lemnios Town Manager, Group 1 Prior Employee
- Thomas Gould School Custodian, Group Prior Employee

Motion made by Leonard Colten seconded by Maurice Murphy to accept the new employees as named above.

#### **Unanimously voted:**

# **Payments**

- Sign all bill warrants for April 2007
- Sign the contributory payroll for April 2007

The board signed all the bill warrants and the contributory payroll for the month of April.

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## **Travel Confirmation**

- MACRS Educational Seminar and Spring Conference, Sheraton Hyannis, June 2 6, 2007 Tabled for total cost of both conferences is determined.
- In House Training Meeting on Public Records, Open Meeting Law, Hearings and Ethics Maurice Murphy will attend the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Leonard Colten, Rocky Tenaglia, Gerald Ball will attend the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Marcia Bohinc will advise Mr. Lampke of her decision.
- Financing Retirement Cost: The Future Isn't As Cheap As It Used To Be Tuesday, June 26, 2007, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

Motion made by Leonard Colten seconded by Rocky Tenaglia to allow any one who wishes to attend the Financing Retirement Cost Seminar at Holy Cross to attend.

Unanimously voted:

### **Discussions**

<u>Tyler TACS & Pension Technology</u> – After a discussion on the Board's options and the proposal from Maureen Carr, Tyler TACS, it was determined that no decision would be made until Marcia Bohinc had a demonstration of the Tyler TACS PERA Series. Tabled until May's meeting.

<u>Hull Retirement Historical Financial Information</u> – The Board reviewed the information provided by Marcia Bohinc. Although the Board had impressive investment returns over the last few years, they were surprised to see that their past investments had been so poor, that the Board's current funding was slightly lower than it had been in 2000. The Board also discussed the large increase in pension benefits being paid and its effect on the schedule. The Board talked about the increase in pension deductions being paid into the system due to better part of the Town's employees being 9% plus 2% members rather that 5% and & 7%. The Board was hopeful that 2007 would bring healthy investment returns and bring its funding schedule up to 50% or better.

Annual Statement of the Financial Condition of The Hull Contributory Retirement System as of December 31, 2006. The Board reviewed and discussed the impact of the Annual Statement prior to signing for submittal to PERAC.

Payment to the Town of Hull in the amount of \$150.00 monthly for maintenance fees for retiree payroll. The Board discussed the fact that the Town has been paying for the retirement payroll system for years. The Town is not looking for past payments; payments would be effective July 1, 2007 and payable thereafter. The Town is discussing payment from the School Department for its use of the payroll service.

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The Board discussed the benefits of agreeing to payment to the Town for the use of the payroll system. Currently, there are several Town employees who use the payroll program, these people could, therefore, in the event that the retirement administrator is absent from work, fill in and process the retirement payroll in order to avoid any delays in payment to the retirees. The Retirement Board would save money not having to install the Tyler Tacs' payroll software. The fee for Tyler's maintenance is more than double the cost of the Town's payroll. The Town has already paid the installation fees. Other costs savings include the Board would not have to pay a possible pay increase to the retirement administrator for added duties and time needed to process the payroll.

Should the Board decide to go with the Pension Technology Group, payroll software is included in their maintenance fees. The Board could review its options at that time and then decided to cancel the town payroll system.

Maurice Murphy felt that the Board was not in any better position with its funding than the Town was, and therefore the Board should not pay the town for the system. The Town had already been covering this expense and it should have already been in their budget. Further, he felt that the school would not pay the Town for its use and that the Town would still continue to pay the schools payroll expense.

Motion made by Leonard Colten seconded by Rocky Tenaglia to reimburse the Town \$150.00 per month effective July 1, 2007.

Voted: Leonard Colten, Rocky Tenaglia, Gerald Ball and Marcia Bohinc affirmative Maurice Murphy abstained

**Motion Carried** 

Old business

Leonard Colten asked for an update on FY06 Federal Grant reimbursement from the school department. The retirement administrator will request that the school provide our office with its financial statements as of May 2007 for the Boards review. Should the school department be in good standing, the Board will look for its payment.

New Business

# **Update**

• John MacLeod – Thomas Connelly will be attaching Mr. MacLeod's paycheck for reimbursement for excess earning in 2006

### **Review**

Amity Insurance Policy effective 03/01/2007 – 03/01/2008

<u>Donald Brooker v. Hull Retirement Board CRAB, CR-05-1324, CR-05-1462 Response to Petitioner's Objection to DALA Decision.</u>

Randolph Boothby v. Hull Retirement Board DALA, CR-06-460 dated 03/29/07 & Letter to Chief Lyons from Michael Sacco dated 04/10/2007.

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David Leary Notice of Hearing May 15, 2007 & Letter to Mr. Leary date 04/16/2007 from Michael Sacco.

<u>Client Updates Michael Sacco</u> (Copies of decisions will be furnished upon request)

- Brooker v. Hull
- Fender v. Plymouth County
- Costa v. Methuen
- Medford v. Justice of Woburn Division District Court and Welch
- McGrath v. Braintree

## **Informational Mail**

- PERAC Memo #23/2007 PERAC Disability and General Membership Forms.
- PERAC Memo #24/2007 Investment Manager List
- PERAC Memo #25/2007 Tobacco Company List
- PERAC Financial Bulletin

Meeting adjourned: 11:05 a.m.

Rocky Tenaglia

- Retired State, County and Municipal Employees Association Of MA Newsletter
- Richard P. Biagiotti Candidate MACRS Board

Marcia Bohinc, Chairman		
Leonard Colten		
Maurice Murphy		
Gerald Ball		