

Town of Old Saybrook Pension and Benefits Board
Regular Meeting, May 26, 2016
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Suzanne Taylor, Lynn Dallas, Carl Fortuna, Ray Muratori, Paul Tracey, Carol Voigt. Absent: Eileen Torrenti. Others present: Accounting Liaison Sharon Migliaccio, Secretary Timothy Kellogg. Financial Consultants: Kevin Nichols, Tom Forma (Morgan Stanley), and Interim Finance Director Lee Ann Paladino. Sean.

Welcome

Chairperson Taylor welcomed board members and guests to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 28, 2016 Regular Meeting were reviewed. **Motion** by Lynn Dallas and seconded by Ray Muratori to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2016 Regular Meeting. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Chair's Report

Chairperson Taylor and Carol Voigt reported on the CPPF Spring Forum that took place on May 11, 2016. Chairperson Taylor reviewed the following: change in taxation of pension contributions and the economic status of CT. Chairperson Taylor shared about the Employee Benefit Fair. Discussion was had on this. Chairperson Taylor reported a retirement request from the BOE. Sharon is in the processing phase.

Investment Reports

Tom Forma and Kevin Nichols provided Morgan Stanley updates for the board. Manager change proposed for small cap. Discussion was had about how to handle this. Tom reported on manager recommendations. Several all cap managers were looked at by Morgan Stanley. The manager they found most fitting was Great Lakes. Explanation was provided for the reason behind this choice. Discussion was had on the different managers in comparison to the benchmark. Questions were raised about increasing international stocks. Kevin provided explanation. Discussion continued.

Motion to accept the recommendation of Morgan Stanley to terminate London and Davidson, hire Great Lakes, and increase foreign investments by 4% made by Paul Tracey and seconded by Lynn Dallas. All in favor. Motion approved.

Tom continued the Morgan Stanley investment report. His report indicated that things have been rough this year. General discussion took place.

Paul Tracey reported on the ICMA updates. Paul will call Laura and setup an appropriate time to come meet with the Board.

Budget and Finance Reports

Lee Ann Paladino reported on the Board Budget approved for the next fiscal year. No changes or reductions were made. Retiree Life Insurance letters are going out next week and a list of the various amounts will be made available to the Board.

Chairperson Taylor shared the latest actuarial bill with the board which included \$10,000 for the pension reform study. Lee Ann suggested that the actuarial bill be paid in this fiscal year. If not it would have to be approved to carry over into the next fiscal year. Chairperson Taylor reported on the Pension Reform Study. Discussion was had about visiting Becky for discussion about the various options the board would like to view for reform. As yet the study is far from complete and the board feels much more work is needed. Toward that end Carl will contact Becky about how and when payment will be feasible.

Other

Carl shared that union negotiations are taking place. Discussion was had about the extent pension plan changes could be made without bargaining. Carl will speak with Attorney Pat McHale concerning this.

Motion to adjourn was made by Paul Tracey and seconded by Carl Fortuna. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy Kellogg,
Pension and Benefits Board Secretary