

TOWN OF STONINGTON
RETIREMENT BOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2007

The Stonington Retirement Board held a special meeting on this date at 9:00 a.m., at the Stonington Public Schools Administration Building. Board members present were: George Sylvestre, Frank Connolly, John O'Brien, and Russel Burgess. Also present were Cheryl Morgan, Gregory Miller and Brian Waldner, Columbia Management, a division of Bank of America.

Mr. Sylvestre called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Review of Fund Performance:

Messrs. Miller and Waldner met with the Retirement Board to review investment results of the Town of Stonington Pension Plan for the period ending September 30, 2007. They also gave an overview of the economic outlook for 3rd Quarter 2007 and its affect on fund performance. Cheryl Morgan indicated that they will further modify the blended Benchmark over 12 months.

New Investment Guidelines were adopted by the Retirement Board at its meeting on June 6, 2007, to diversify the portfolio. An Account Summary was distributed, which showed the current asset allocation percentage as of September 30, 2007, and the target range percentage based on the new guidelines. Mr. Miller indicated that the portfolio allocations would be at the lower end of the Target Range by the end of the year.

It was noted that the portfolio performance results in the Quarterly Review are not net of fees. The Board asked if the fees could be included in the performance data in the future. Columbia Management will include the fees in the total fund performance and will try to include them in the Equities and Fixed account performance data.

Cheryl Morgan gave the Board an update on products and services offered by Bank of America to their Pension clients that have portfolios with a minimum of \$10 million in assets. Bank of America can assign a Pension Fund strategist to the account, without changing portfolio managers or affecting the fee structure. It was the consensus of the Board to see how the fund performs in the future under the new investment guidelines before making any decisions.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Mr. O'Brien made a motion to accept the 05/01/2007 & 06/07/2007 Minutes. Mr. Burgess seconded and it was so voted.

The next regular meeting of the Retirement Board is Tuesday, May 6, 2007. Ms. Morgan will present an analysis of the current fee structure, as well as the fee schedule for the consulting services offered to Pension Funds by Bank of America. A representative from Hooker & Holcombe will be present to review the annual Actuarial Valuation.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Sylvestre
Secretary