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THE MINUTES
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE
CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD
OF THE
TOWN OF BELMONT

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MARCH 31, 2011

Chairman Rosario Sacco opened the meeting at 8:30 A. M. in Conference Room #2, Town Hall, Ground Floor. Members present were:

Rosario Sacco, Chairman	Thomas Gibson, Vice Chairman
Barbara Hagg, Ex-Officio	Walter Wellman, Elected Member
Peter Palandjian, Appointed Member	

Also present was the Board's Attorney, James H Quirk Mr. P. C. and Scott Driscoll of NEPC

Mr. Quirk advised the Board on the following PERAC MEMO's:

PERAC MEMO #13/2011 – Systems increasing COLA Base
PERAC MEMO #14/2011 - Evergreen Clauses in Collective Bargaining
PERAC MEMO #15/2011 - Draft Investment Regulation. Hearing at PERAC in April
also at the MACRS Conference in June

Mr. Quirk stated some of the changes –

- a. 840 CMR 1.00 Sec. 104 Investments replaced by 840 CMR 1.03 (4)
- b. 840 CMR 4.00 changed to 840 CMR 4.03 – short term investments
- c. 840 CMR 4.04 changed to 840 CMR 4.05 – Valuation of Holdings

PERAC MEMO #16/2011 – Taxation of a Lump Sum Distribution under Section 9 (discuss next month)

PERAC MEMO #17/2011 – Investment Regulation Hearings

Governor's Bill – Take away some benefits - Change of Group Classifications

Board Member Tom Gibson said that there were 32 bills filed, he generally support. Representative Will Brownsberger filed several bills, one to cap allowance at \$40,000 and a Define Contribution Plan.

The Legislature has rejected this before, PERAC is going through the back door. Boards may say there is too much trouble and put money in PRIT.

Roy feels they want complete control.

Mr. Quirk spoke about the Wellesley decision. Roy turned the meeting over to Tom Gibson as he did not want to be in the discussion as his son represented Wellesley in this case.

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Tom explained the reasoning of the one vote to sustain a decision. He would not be in favor of seeking further review, it would be additional costs to the Retirement System. There was no information in Judge Henry's statement. Why was CRAB correct and DALA wrong.

Mr. Quirk does not recommend that the Board go further. He could file for reconsideration if the Board wanted him to do it.

Mr. Wellman made a motion and it was seconded and unanimously VOTED, with Mr. Sacco voting present, to go no further with the Wellesley case.

Mr. Gibson turned the meeting back to Mr. Sacco.

PERAC MEMO #13/2011 - after discussion the Board decided not to go to Town Meeting this year for approval of the increase in the COLA base and the Section 101 increase.

Scott Driscoll of NEPC presented the February updates. The Flash report showed the investment performance "Net of Fees". NEPC will continue this in the future. Year to date we are up 3.2% Net of Fees, we are still outperforming PRIT.

In February the Board approved the funding of PIMCO All Asset Fund. Will PERAC require an exemption? File a supplemental regulation. Do we need approval to put money into PIMCO?

Scott talked showed the Board the Asset Allocation Mixes. Increased Allocation to Real Estate 10%, 12% and 14%. He said he likes 12%, Core Open End Fund. A search would take 6 to 8 weeks. Tom suggested that they should work on a Supplemental regulation for 12% Hedge Funds at 10%, have an exemption.

A motion was made by Peter, it was seconded and VOTED unanimously to shift the policy range to 10-14%.

A second motion was made by Peter, it was seconded and VOTED unanimously to seek a Supplemental Regulation from PERAC to allow the Belmont Retirement Board to increase the Real Estate allocation to a range of 10-14%.

If this second motion is approved by PERAC the Board will then discuss seeking the approval of the following third motion from PERAC.

A third motion was made by Peter, it was seconded and VOTED unanimously to seek a Supplemental Regulation from PERAC to allow the Belmont Retirement Board to hire AEW for its open-ended fund without doing a new RFP since AEW is an existing Manager and since the Belmont Retirement Board did a recent RFP for real estate.

The Board still wonders how PRIT calculates its numbers.

The Warrant Committee is still requesting information. Our best numbers are the Actuaries numbers. We should remind them of the several occasions, not so long ago, that the Retirement Board, at their request, reduced the Town's appropriation to help out the Town's budget.

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Tom also reminded the Board of a letter from a former Selectman advising the Retirement Board that the Retirement Board should stay out of the Selectmen's business and they would stay out of the Retirement Board business.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded and it was unanimously VOTED to approve the minutes of March 31, 2011 with changes.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded and it was unanimously VOTED to approve Warrant #1103 in the amount of \$898,025.42.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded and it was unanimously VOTED to grant Mary T. Jones, School Department Secretary, a superannuation retirement effective June 30, 2011, Option B, 27 year member.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded and it was unanimously VOTED to grant transfer of pension deductions of:

- a. Leila Denna, School Aide, 1 year service to Hampshire County Retirement System \$1,571.71
- b. Kristina Frizzell, Electric Light Dept. 12 years 3 months 16 days service to Essex Regional Retirement System, employed by the Town of Rowley, \$70,927.66

Upon a motion duly made and seconded and it was unanimously VOTED to grant refunds to:

- a. Susan Kendall (Freiner) – rollover deductions to Fidelity, resigned Town Treasurer, August 4 2004 – 2 years 4 months membership. \$21,048.94
- b. Bret Rowell, resigned School Dept. Aide 8/20/10–4 yrs Teachers –2 yrs Belmont\$ 21,121.76
- c. Naomi B. Schmidt, resigned Children's Librarian at Library 8/20/10 – 3 years 10 months Membership.

Tom Gibson's two reports from Mass. Budget on State Pension System

Memo from Ralph White with updated list of COLA's approvals and Sec. 101 approvals

Town Clerk Ellen Cushman's email on Open Meeting Law – Agenda Clarifications

NEPC. LLC Chairman's Annual Update

PERAC Notice that Wayne E. Power, Ordinary Disability retiree has been requested to submit up to date medical information.

PERAC Pension News – February 2011

February Statements from:

Artio Global Investors

Delaware Investments

Frontegra Funds

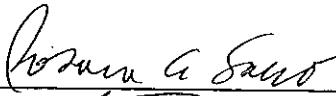



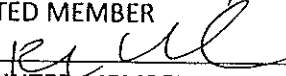
Rothschild Asset Management and their Commentary for February

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Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular monthly meeting for April 29, 2011.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 A.M.

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ATTEST: 
CHAIRMAN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

EX-OFFICIO

ELECTED MEMBER

APPOINTED MEMBER