

PENSION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 31, 2014
TOWN HALL 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Kirkpatrick, Chair; George Warner and Ham Wilson, members;
Glen O'Keefe, Somers CFO; Kevin Nichols, Merrill Lynch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 25, 2013

The minutes were approved as written.

CASH BALANCES

Town Fund	\$180,533.68	Firefighter money market	\$6,675.02
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DISCUSSION OF MONEY TRANSFER TO TOWN FOR BENEFIT PAYMENTS

Glen will research amounts owed, recommend frequency of transfers, and report to the committee. His findings will impact our decision to invest in CD's or money market funds.

REVIEW OF MERRILL LYNCH FEE STRUCTURE

The Town pays Merrill Lynch an annual fee of 1.66% of assets. As the Fund now exceeds \$2 million, the fee will be reduced to 1.5% as of the date the Fund reached \$2 million.

INVESTMENT REVIEW AND DECISIONS FOR THE TOWN FUND

Kevin reviewed our asset allocation and found it suitable. International equities could be increased slightly, but we added 80,000 to the Emerging Markets Fund (VWO) this year, bringing our exposure in foreign equities to about 22% of the portfolio.

Performance of the Fund is good--+18.58% year to date through 10/29/13. Preferred stocks provide a good yield, but need watching due to volatility should rates rise.

No investment decisions are called for at this time.

INVESTMENT REVIEW AND DISCUSSION FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FUND

Investments are performing well—up 22.4% year-to-date. With little available cash, no investment decisions are called for at this time.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2014

Pension Committee regular meetings are scheduled January 30, April 24, July 31, and October 30 2014 to be held at Town Hall at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,

Hamline C. Wilson
Clerk