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TOWN OF VERNON PENSION BOARD

Town of Vernon, Connecticut Pension Board Regular Meeting Minutes – DRAFT II March 2, 2011

The regular meeting was called to order by Patricia Q. Neal at 7:15 p.m.

In attendance

John J. Lillis, Board Member

Patricia Q. Neal, Board Member

Town Liaison – Peter Graczykowski, Assistant Town Administrator

BOE Liaison – Stanley Karasinski – BOE Director of Business and Finance

James Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer – joined by telephone at 8:15 p.m.

Marion D. Griffin, Prudential Retirement Services

Sally Margagnoni, Prudential Retirement Services

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Absent

Gary P. Ruchin, Chairman

Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve draft minutes from the regular meeting of November 17, 2010 was made by Mr. Lillis, seconded by Ms. Neal, and passed unanimously.

New Business

- Ms. Griffin presented the Asset Allocation Review for the Town and Police Pension Plans with performance results as of December 31, 2010.
- Upon review of the current funds and fund alternatives presented for consideration by Prudential Retirement, the Board discussed and effected the following changes to the long-term investment strategy:
 - Mr. Lillis made a motion, Ms. Neal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to add International Blend / Thornburg fund to the Town of Vernon Pension Plan investment portfolio, for the reasons of additional exposure to emerging markets, funded by a transfer of funds from International Value / LSV fund, on a dollar cost averaging basis, over three months, effective upon an official notice from the Town in the form of meeting minutes.



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- Mr. Lillis made a motion, Ms. Neal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to transfer 50% of assets from Large Cap Growth / Turner fund to Large Cap Growth / American Century fund, in the Town of Vernon Pension Plan investment portfolio, for the reasons of diversification of funds, on a dollar cost averaging basis, over two months, effective upon an official notice from the Town in the form of meeting minutes.
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- Mr. Lillis made a motion, Ms. Neal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to transfer 50% of assets from Small Cap Growth / The Boston Co. fund to Small Cap Growth / Columbus Circle fund, in the Town of Vernon Pension Plan investment portfolio, for the reasons of diversification of funds and underperformance concerns, on a dollar cost averaging basis, over two months, effective upon an official notice from the Town in the form of meeting minutes.
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- Mr. Luddecke informed the Board of his upcoming request for the Board to act as the Other Post-Employment Benefits (“OPEB”) Trust.
- The Board discussed the Pension Plan Amendment related to the determination of benefit for Participants who have transferred between Divisions, and requested additional research from Prudential Retirement for the impact analysis.



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Old Business

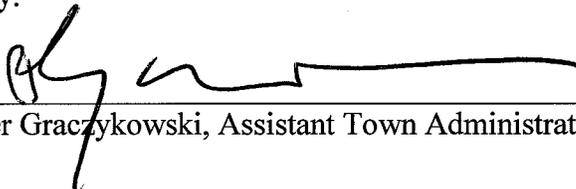
- The Board followed up on the up-to-date investment data available online from Prudential Retirement. Ms. Margagnoni will resend the access information to the Board to make the data available online to the Board members.
- The Board followed up on its request for a quotation for potential provision of full package of employee communication and benefit processing services. Prudential Retirement provided such quotation; however, Ms. Margagnoni would like to verify the figure before any further consideration.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on May 25, 2011 at the Town Hall, 14 Park Place, 3rd Floor, Vernon, Connecticut, unless announced and posted differently.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Neal at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Lillis, and passed unanimously.

Prepared by


Peter Graczykowski, Assistant Town Administrator