

**Swampscott Retirement Board
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2022
Via Zoom**

A meeting of the Contributory Retirement Board was held via Zoom on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 1:00pm.

Attendance:

Chair Thomas Driscoll, Jr., (1:10pm) Kevin F. Breen, Robert Powell, III and Amy Sarro.

Guests: Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator
Patrick Luddy, Treasurer/Collector

The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm by member Breen. A roll call vote was taken Breen "I," Powell "I," Sarro "I."

The Board met with the Town Administrator to discuss the FY'23 pension fund appropriation. The Town Administrator expressed his concern with the \$275,000 increase from the FY'22 appropriation to the FY'23 appropriation. The Town Administrator feels that it is a significant increase to bear during a time in which the Town is building a new school with an already tight FY'23 overall Town budget.

In 2019 the Board had submitted a revised funding schedule which kept the FY'20 and FY'21 appropriation level funded to help lower the cost to the Town. This was done against the recommendation of PERAC. PERAC recommends schedules that increase year to year. This past July 2021, the Board voted to lower the assumption rate to 7.125% at the advice of Segal Consultants and stated they would most likely need to lower it again next year to move closer to the average of the other systems. The Chair explained to the Town Administrator that the Board is following the guidance of professionals and to not take their advice would be highly irresponsible.

The Board discussed with the Town Administrator looking at different scenarios of funding schedules to see how it would affect the appropriation/unfunded liability going forward. However, additional funding schedules would cost money. The Town Administrator agreed to put \$2,000.00 toward the cost of preparing additional schedules.

The Board voted on a motion made by Robert Powell and seconded by Kevin Breen to have the Administrator reach out to Lis VanDermark, Segal Consultants to get a cost estimate to prepare the three additional funding schedules below:

1. Extend the current funding schedule out 1 year at the current assumption rate
2. Extend the current schedule out 2 years at the current assumption rate

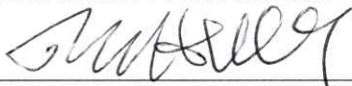
3. Extend the current schedule out 3 years & changing the assumption rate to 6.875 on year 3

A roll call vote was taken Driscoll "I," Breen "I," Powell "I," Sarro "I."

The Board voted unanimously on a motion made by Kevin Breen and seconded by Robert Powell to adjourn the meeting at 2:05pm. A roll call vote was taken Driscoll "I," Breen "I," Powell "I," Sarro "I."

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Lord
Retirement Administrator



Thomas H. Driscoll, Jr., Esq. Chair, Appointed




John E. Behen, Jr. Vice-Chair, Elected Member



Kevin F. Breen Elected Member



Robert J. Powell, III Appointed Member



Amy L. Sarro Ex-Officio