TOWN OF GREENWICH
OPEB Trust Board Meeting Minutes

8:30 A.M. Tuesday, February 2, 2016
Cone Room, Second Floor, Town Hall

Present:

Trust Board: Robert Stricker, Chairman, William Ferdinand, Joseph Pellegrino

BET Attendees: John Blankley, William Drake, Leslie Moriarty

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller and ex-officio member of the OPEB Trust Board, Kathleen Murphy, OPEB Board Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 A.M.

Approval of January 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Stricker, seconded by Mr. Ferdinand, the Board voted 2-0 to approve January 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes. (Abstain: Pellegrino)

Review Performance of Trust

Ms. Murphy distributed the January 2016 OPEB Investment Performance report and related materials. She asked the Board to review the new Bloomberg reporting format and make recommendations on how to customize it to OPEB's needs. She commented on January's market volatility affecting both the Equity and Fixed Income portfolio returns which were behind their benchmark; the total portfolio decline for the month was $911,000 or -4.46%.

Ms. Murphy added that the portfolio's weighting was within the allocation target. Mr. Pellegrino commented that Fixed Income investments had performed relatively well during the January period.

Discussion of investment strategy, including sector weightings, and review selected funds for consideration (equity and fixed income)

Mr. Pellegrino launched the discussion inviting the Board to consider the current weighting of Equities over Fixed Income in the portfolio. He asked the Board to consider: 1) developing a strategy for increasing the Fixed Income portion of the portfolio; 2) changing the weighting to more Fixed Income investments; 3) investing in instruments without oil holdings. Mr. Ferdinand commented that meeting monthly should not mean managing on a monthly basis and did not support the suggestion. Mr. Pellegrino proposed customizing the Bloomberg Report so that a price-point was established for each fund in the portfolio to apply the strategy of averaging-in future investments as the market stabilized.

Mr. Stricker proposed selling the balance of the portfolio position in Oppenheimer Global Opportunity (OGIYX), freeing up approximately 3% ($604,000+) of the .portfolio for investment in Vanguard Short Term Corporate Bond Fund (VSCSX).

Upon a motion by Mr. Ferdinand, seconded by Mr. Stricker, the Board voted 3-0 to sell OGIYX.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ferdinand, seconded by Mr. Pellegrino, the Board voted 3-0 to buy VSCSX with the proceeds of the sale of OGIYX.

Update on Bloomberg initiative - reporting

Mr. Stricker asked Board members to review what excess information could be removed from the Report for the next meeting. Ms. Murphy noted that the Vanguard information was downloaded daily and currently required manual updating. She believed that the customization of the program was 80% complete; Mr. Pellegrino offered to participate in the next consultation with the Bloomberg representative.

Schedule future OPEB Board Meeting Dates

March 4, 2016 – Friday
April 13, 2016 – Wednesday
May 5, 2016 – Thursday
June 22, 2016 - Wednesday

New Business

None

Discussion of topics for future meetings

- Review Bloomberg Report for deletions of excess information and additional customization
- Consider defining a pool of investments for future investments
- Gathering comparative performance information of other US pension funds

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Ferdinand, seconded by Mr. Stricker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 A. M.

Next meeting scheduled for March 4, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. at a meeting room to be determined.

Robert Stricker

Robert Stricker, OPEB Trust Board Chairman

Catherine Sidor

Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary