



## WAKEFIELD RETIREMENT BOARD

Thursday, August 24, 2017

8:00 A.M.

WILLIAM J. LEE MEMORIAL TOWN HALL

1 Lafayette Street, Wakefield, MA 01880

Second Floor Conference Room

**PRESENT:** Kevin Gill, Chair  
Daniel Sherman  
Daniel Calore  
Philip Rogers, Sr.  
Richard J. DeFelice  
Cathy Cheek, Board Administrator  
Sherri A. Dalton, Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:**  
Robert Lynch

### ----- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -----

**Call to Order** Chairman Gill called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Public Participation** No one was present for Public Participation.

**Executive Session** At 8:01 a.m. Chairman Gill stated that there is a need for executive session to discuss potential litigation because an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the position of the Retirement Board. Daniel Sherman motioned to go in to executive session. Daniel Calore seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0 on a roll call vote with all 4 members voting in the affirmative.

Richard J. DeFelice arrived at 8:03 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:36 a.m.

**Accidental Disability Retirement** **Robert Lynch** - The Board, at the prior Retirement Board Meeting of July 20, 2017, tabled the Accidental Disability Retirement Application as the Board instructed Cathy Cheek to contact Mr. Lynch's cardiologist, Lester Shoap, M.D. for clarification as to why the Physician Statement he originally submitted on Mr. Lynch's behalf was altered to eliminate the sentence, "None of this has been caused by work but he can't work because of it.". Dr. Shoap responded to Cathy Cheek's request with a follow up letter stating that his patient is clearly disabled but if the disability is dependent upon being "caused by work" then it truly wasn't. Richard J. DeFelice left the meeting at 8:40 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 8:42 a.m. Daniel Calore motioned to deny the Accidental Disability Retirement Application. Daniel Sherman seconded. Richard DeFelice stated that the Board has 3 medical experts supporting the Accidental Disability Retirement Application. Those experts are engaged by PERAC and determined he qualifies for an Accidental Disability Retirement Application. Philip Rogers, Sr. added that he agrees with Richard J. DeFelice and said that the Board has to trust the doctors. Motion passed 3-2-0. Daniel Calore, Daniel Sherman and Kevin Gill

voting in favor of the motion. Richard DeFelice and Philip Rogers, Sr. voted against the motion.

**Approval of Minutes**

Daniel Sherman motioned to approve the minutes of July 20, 2017 as presented. Daniel Calore seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Daniel Sherman made a correction to the Executive Minutes and motioned to approve the Executive Minutes of July 20, 2017 as amended. Daniel Calore seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Daniel Sherman made a correction to the Executive Minutes of July 20, 2017. Daniel Calore motioned to approve the Executive Minutes of July 20, 2017 as amended. Daniel Sherman seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**Cash Books**

The Board Members were in receipt of the Cash Reconciliation including bank statements, trial balance, Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, Adjusting Journal Entries and Cash Flow Forecast for the month of June 2017. Daniel Calore motioned to accept as presented, the cash books and cash flow forecast for the month of June 2017. Daniel Sherman seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**Membership Census**

The Board Members were in receipt of the current membership census dated 01/01/2017 – 08/18/2017.

Approved ASF withdrawal – Janine L. Fortini – School – 07/31/2017

Daniel Calore motioned to approve the Membership Census. Daniel Sherman seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**Monthly Budget**

Board Members were in receipt of the July 2017 Monthly Budget.

**Correspondence**

PERAC Memo 22/2017 – PROSPER and the Legal Review of Disabilities

PERAC Memo 23/2017 – MTRS c. 32, section 3 (8)(C) Reimbursements

PERAC Memo 24/2017 – Cost of Living Increases for Supplemental Dependent Allowance Paid to Accidental Disability Retirees and Accidental Death Survivors

PERAC Memo 25/2017 – The Repeal of G.L. c. 32, § 90G <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

PERAC Memo 26/2017 – Access to PROSPER

PERAC Memo 27/2017 – Reinstatement to Service under G.L. c. 32 § 105

PERAC – Forfeiture of Retirement Allowance for Dereliction of Duty by Members

PERAC Pension Newsflash – Legislature Addresses Age Discrimination in Retirement Law

PERAC Pension Newsflash – August 2017

Jim Lamenza – GASB

The Voice

Daniel Calore motioned to place all correspondence on file. Daniel Sherman seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**Warrant Review and Signing**

The Board members reviewed and signed the following Warrants: Warrant #17-7-2 in the amount of \$5,666.86; Warrant #17-7-3 in the amount of \$5,170.12; Warrant #17-7-4 in the amount of \$873,529.11; Warrant #17-8-2 in the amount of \$16,397.13.

**Matters Not  
Anticipated  
By The  
Chairman  
Within 48  
Hours of  
Meeting**

Daniel Calore stated that he is extremely offended with Attorney Michael Sacco carrying a concealed weapon (firearm) to the previous Board meeting.

Richard J. DeFelice requested to have a discussion regarding increasing the COLA for the November Town Meeting added to the agenda for the September Board meeting.

Cathy Cheek told the Board that everyone should be using PROSPER as this is the only means of communication for disability information. The tablets that the Board are currently using during the meetings do not have internet access as these tablets are used for any town employee and/or board and suggested that the Retirement Board look in to buying laptops for the exclusive use of the Retirement Board only. Daniel Sherman suggested that the Board buy only one tablet and have the information shared on the conference room screen so everyone can view it. Cathy Cheek said the only problem is that everyone does not always have questions on the same page as another person. Another suggestion was for Board members to bring their own laptops to the meeting. Cathy Cheek suggested that the Retirement Board buying one laptop to start with. Richard J. DeFelice proposed for Daniel Sherman to bring his laptop to the meetings and share the information on the conference room screen for everyone to see. Cathy Cheek also told the Board that since Philip Rogers, Sr. term is up January 15, 2018 the Board may have to prepare for an election.

Richard J. DeFelice questioned the Boards decision regarding buying a scanner at the last Board meeting. Cathy Cheek reiterated that she will need a scanner to scan all new member information in to PTG since Morgan Records is handling scanning all current and retired members. Richard J. DeFelice feels that the amount for leasing the machine is too much.

**Next Board  
Meeting**

The next regular Retirement Board Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

Daniel Sherman motioned to adjourn at 9:28 a.m. Daniel Calore seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sherri A. Dalton  
Secretary to the Retirement Board

Approved as presented:

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Kevin M. Gill, Chairman

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Daniel Sherman

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Daniel Calore

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Philip Rogers, Sr.

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Richard J. DeFelice