

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – OPEB TRUST COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES: TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019 10:00 AM
TOWN HALL – CAUCUS HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair Cliggott convened the open meeting at 10:05 am noting the following:

OPEB Trustees Attending: Chair Doug Cliggott, Town Manager David Panagore, Finance Director Josee Young.

Staff: Treasurer, Alexander Williams.

Absent: Select Board Liaison Lise King.

Recorder: Treasurer, Alexander Williams.

1. Review January 2019 SRBT OPEB Trust Bank Statement/Historical Performance.

The Treasurer discussed the current balance of the OPEB Trust Fund, **\$3,955,613.03**, noting that January had a strong recovery to the unrealized losses occurring in December. The fiscal-year-to-date earnings went from negative to positive during January and we ended on January 31st at 0.82%.

2. Discuss Article 8 of Town Meeting, 2020 OPEB Contribution Outside of Operating Budget.

The Finance Director outlined the planned funding breakdown of the FY2020 contribution to the OPEB Trust:” \$280,000.00 from Free Cash and \$285,704.00 from the Operating Budget for a total contribution of \$565,704.00. It was explained that budget adjustments needed to be made due to the School Department budget coming in late. A portion of the OPEB contribution had to be moved outside of the budget to balance it.

Chair Cliggott stated concerns with the breakdown of funding going forward. The Chair noted that the original intent of securing full OPEB funding within the annual operating budget was based on the philosophical spirit of never having to choose between funding liabilities and funding current obligations, and the requested action going forward would be to secure full funding through the operating budget with annual increases.

The Town Manager added that this action was not planned and it does not appear to be an annual issue with the School Department budget. The Town Manager also noted that FY2020 will see unanticipated revenue that was not able to be budgeted for the upcoming year but can be used in budgets going forward to ease these types of issues.

The Chair ended the discussion by stating that the hope is that next year’s contribution (FY2021) will be fully funded from the operating budget.

Finance Director Josee Young moved to approve the 02/11/2019 Minutes as written. Chair Cliggott seconded.

VOTED

In favor (approve):	3
Oppose (does not approve):	0
Abstain:	0

3. Public Statements

None

4. Approve Minutes of February 11, 2019 Meeting.

Chair Doug Cliggott moved to approve the 02/11/2019 Minutes as written. Finance Director Josee Young seconded.

VOTED

In favor (approve):	3
Oppose (does not approve):	0
Abstain:	0

5. New Business.

A discussion on the general purpose stabilization ensued, with the Town Manager noting that our target is 10% of the operating budget and the Town is hoping to contribute a minimum of \$100,000.00/year with new revenues to reach that target.

The Town Manager stated that Select Board member and OPEB Committee member Lise King may request a letter to be sent to the state regarding divestment in certain areas/fields. The other members agreed that this action can be reviewed if a request is voted on by the Select Board. A discussion on investment markets ensued, with the Chair noting that yesterday's technology (fossil fuels, utilities, etc.) is a bad investment anyway, and these concerns are financial even more than political with PRIM having full knowledge of this.

6. Next Meeting.

The Chair requested that the next meeting be during the last week of April, 2019, and hoped to be able to speak with member Lise King regarding environmental, political, and financial sustainability at that meeting, as well as to review the Q1 numbers.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am

Minutes transcribed by: Treasurer AW