
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of August 4, 2016

I. Call to Order

Chairman Salafia called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:34 P.M. in the second floor conference room at the Town Offices. Present from the Board of Selectmen: A. Vispoli-Y, D. Kowalski-Y, R. Landry-Y, M. O'Donoghue-Y, and P. Salafia-Y.

Also present: Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, Deputy Town Manager John Mangiaratti, Donna Walsh, and Attorney John Foskett. The meeting was duly posted and recorded.

II. Business of the Board

Chairman Salafia reported that the Board has voted 4-1 to release a statement regarding the moratorium on changing retiree premiums.

Mary O'Donoghue read the public statement as follows:

After consultation with counsel, we have concluded that the moratorium on changing retiree premiums in G.L. c. 32B, sec. 22(e), which the Legislature has again just extended to July 1, 2018, does not apply to the Town. The Town completed all actions under sec. 22 and sec 9E while the moratorium date in effect was July 1, 2016, in addition, the moratorium has always applied only to the "the first time" that the Town implements plan design changes under the Municipal Health Reform Law in sec. 21-23. The Town went in "the first time" in 2012 and the moratorium (which at the time was July 1, 2014) applied. The Town came out of sections. 21-23 in 2015 and now has gone back in. This, therefore, is the "second time" and not "the first time" that the Town has implemented plan design changes under the law. We believe that a court should apply the plain English used in the statute.

III. Adjournment

At 8:36 P.M. on a motion by Mary O'Donoghue and seconded by Alex Vispoli, the Board of Selectmen voted to adjourn. Roll call: R. Landry-Y, A.Vispoli-Y, D. Kowalski-Y, M. O'Donoghue-Y, and P. Salafia-Y.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo,
Recording Secretary