

Minutes of the 1/5/2011 Special Meeting of the Insurance and Pension Commission:

The meeting was called to order by Steve Brill at 7:30

The commission members present –Steve Brill, Ed Tomasko, Debbi Moss and Ken Adams went into Executive Session,

Guests invited in attendance were :

Matt Knickerbocker - First Selectmen

Robert Kozlowski- Comptroller

Mike Forte-Morgan Stanley Salomon Smith Barney

Frank Mendillo-Wells Thomas

Sean Thomas-Wells Thomas

The commission came out of executive session to vote on sending these recommendations to the BOS.

The motion was made by Ed Tomasko to provide these recommendations as guidance for any BOS action and was seconded by Ken Adams . All were in favor and the motion passed.

These are the recommendations:

1. Prior to making any additional corrections, changes or taking further action, the BOS should authorize the town counsel to engage competent legal counsel with expertise in municipal benefits and operations. The town should instruct the outside legal expert to assist in the resolution of the various issues while protecting the town and it's rights in any potential action against the plan administrator-VFIS.
2. With agreement and guidance by expert legal advice, freeze the existing LOSAP program to new participants and future accruals. No new entrants would be allowed, no new benefits will be accrued, and only benefits certified as accurate by the firehouse responsible and the Town of Bethel will be eligible for payment. The freeze will remain in effect permanently and any replacement plan will need to be agreed to by the firehouses and the Town of Bethel.
3. Current life insurance benefits of \$15,000 for each volunteer firefighter should be maintained on a new term life insurance plan administered by the town comptroller.

The commission adjourned at 9:30 pm.

*Steve Brill / 2011 -  
Chairman Insurance + Pension*

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