

**PENSION  
BOARD**



**Town Hall**  
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To: Vicki A. Tesoro, First Selectman

Subject: Pension Board Update

Below is a brief update on the performance, activities and initiatives for calendar year ending 2024.

**Executive Summary:**

(All numbers calendar year based)

- Beirne Wealth Consulting, LLC, (Beirne) provided investment advice to the Pension Board from 2017 through 2024.
- The fund returned a gain of 10.58% for 2024. This compares with the U.S. public pensions reported median returns of 10.77% as reported by Investor Force Public DB Net Universe.
- The funded ratio was 49.7%, as of the July 1, 2024 actuarial valuation. It has continued to improve every year since 2014 when it was 35%.
- We continue to receive regular “flash reports” on how investments are performing and follow an annual governance calendar to guide quarterly meeting agendas.

An Investment Policy Statement is in effect and the Board reviews it annually. No changes were made to the investment policy.

**Pension Investments:**

The Investment returns for 2024 realized a gain of 10.58% which was higher than the assumed return rate of 7.25%; the annualized 3 and 5-year results for this same period were 2.94% and 6.25% respectively.

Calendar Year	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Investment Performance	10.58%	13.57%	(13.45%)	12.70%	10.09%
Plans Assets (millions)	\$52.7	\$47.9	\$42.5	\$50.9	\$43.8
Town Contributions	\$5.6	\$5.40	\$4.0	\$5.3	\$5.3
Employee Contributions	\$ .77	\$ .81	\$1.0	\$ .8	\$ .9
Less: Payments	\$6.92	\$6.62	\$6.3	6.0	\$5.7
Net Cash Flow (thousands)	(\$0.55)	(\$0.41)	(\$1.3)	\$1.0	\$511

Each quarter, the Pension Board along with the investment consultant reviews how the investment managers performed. We continue to review investments with our advisor and make changes to enhance investment returns with an acceptable level of risk.

### **Actuarial Report:**

USI, the Plan actuary, performed the biennial valuation as of July 1, 2024. See chart below for previous valuation results:

	July 1, 2024	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2018
Participants				
Active	221	263	322	365
Deferred Vested	87	85	78	72
Receiving Benefits	418	400	381	372
Total	726	748	781	809
Total Liabilities	\$104,932,862	\$99,472,897	\$90,959,094	\$85,295,652
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$52,120,490	\$47,710,223	\$40,676,176	\$35,032,614
Funded Status (unfunded)	(\$52,812,372)	(\$51,762,674)	(\$50,282,918)	(\$50,263,038)
Funded Ratio	49.7%	48.0%	44.7%	41.1%
Actuarial Determined Contribution	\$5,897,000	\$5,613,000	\$5,299,000	\$5,227,000

### **Operations:**

The Pension Board continued its quarterly schedule of meetings with special meetings, as needed.

The following governance schedule indicates the items reviewed at quarterly meetings, as required:

- Portfolio Investment Review and Market Environment Overview
- Administrative Fee and Portfolio Expense Analysis
- Investment Policy Review

- Legislative Update (as needed)
- Actuarial Review (biennial report)\*
- Market Environment

\*Timing of actuarial and liability review dependent on client's individual plan and/or fiscal year and actuarial input.

There were no changes to the Pension Board membership during 2024.

The Pension Board understands the need for the administration to weigh all town financial concerns and it appreciates the ongoing support for the Retirement Plan. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you and accept ideas and recommendations for improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

The Pension Board

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