

City of Concord

Trustees of Trust Fund Meeting

Minutes of January 20, 2022 Meeting

Meeting was convened at 8:32 AM at City Hall, 41 Green Street, Concord; in addition to a WebEx connection.

In attendance: Trustees Jeff Schindler, Dodd Griffith (WebEx) & Joseph Kwasnik; Charles Nason & Laurie Leduc of Citizens Bank Wealth Management Group (WebEx); Dawn Enwright from the City of Concord.

Minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting were distributed for review; a motion was made to approve the minutes by Joe Kwasnik and 2nd by Jeff Schindler. Accepted 3-0-0.

Market update and portfolio review presented by Charles Nason:

- ❖ Strong economy with unemployment at 3.9% down from 4.7% in September.
- ❖ Trust Fund A, B & C balance about \$26 million up from \$16 million five years ago, over 9 million appreciation.
- ❖ Inflation target is 2% and 3% considered tolerable- year over year it was 7%.
- ❖ Federal Reserve began tapering discussion in November 2021, will result in the slowing of bond buying.
- ❖ Feds are looking at hiking rates in March, June, September and December.
- ❖ Supply chain issues should start to improve by the second quarter of 2022.
- ❖ Markets are very volatile due to midterm elections, resulting in quantitative easing by the Feds.
- ❖ Forward indicators are pointing toward a market correction in 2022, resulting in less returns than in the 2021.
- ❖ All funds show an average duration of 3.4 to protect the portfolio against the anticipated interest rate increases.

The Investment policy was reviewed with discussion of the positive performance from all funds under the current policy. It was voted to accept the policy as written for 2022. Approved 3-0-0.

The next meeting date was set for April 21, 2022 at 8:30am, Concord City Hall.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Joe Kwasnik and 2nd by Jeff Schindler. Approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22am

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn K. Enwright – Trustee Secretary