

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

**June 28, 2023**

Chair Maureen Dwinnell; Select member Brett Simas; Select member Laura Hebb; Town Manager Joseph Laydon; Executive Assistant Sandra Hakala.

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN DISCUSSION

**Reconsideration of Vote on Worcester Regional Retirement Board Additional 2%** The Board of Selectmen is being asked by the Worcester Regional Retirement Service (WRRS) to approve an additional 2% COLA for Fiscal Year 2023 to system retirees. The increase, as calculated by our Finance Director, the 2% increase retroactive to July 1, 2022 equated to \$320 to each Town retiree and beneficiary. A 3% COLA was already approved.

Finance Director Kenny Costa attended the Board's meeting to speak to the request submitted by WRRS. Governor Baker had signed a law on November 16, 2022, authorizing an additional 2% cost-of-living adjustment but it requires approval of 2/3rds of Chief Executive authorities from member towns. The additional 2% COLA is only based on the first \$16,000 paid to retirees.

**Laura Hebb MOVED** that the Board vote to reconsider its vote on February 7, 2023 and to approve/deny the additional 2% cost-of-living adjustment as requested by the Worcester Regional Retirement System (WRRS), pursuant to Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022, and authorize the Town Manager to prepare a letter notifying WRRS of the Board's vote.

**Second: Select Member Simas, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell.**

## ADJOURNMENT

**Brett Simas MOVED** to adjourn the meeting of June 28, 2023, at 7:20PM.

**Second: Select Member Hebb, Unanimous, Chair Dwinnell.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hakala, Executive Assistant