

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.

1 **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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3 **BOARD OF SELECTMEN DISCUSSION**

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

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10 Finance Director Kenny Costa attended the Board's meeting to speak to the request submitted
11 by WRRS. Governor Baker had signed a law on November 16, 2022, authorizing an additional
12 2% cost-of-living adjustment but it requires approval of 2/3rds of Chief Executive authorities
13 from member towns. The additional 2% COLA is only based on the first \$16,000 paid to
14 retirees.

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

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

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23 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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28 Respectfully submitted,

29 Sandra Hakala, Executive Assistant