

Insurance Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, September 17, 2014, in the Selectmen's Room, Rm 014

Attendees: Matthew Waugh, Chairman, Police Union Representative
Larry Marsell, Retiree Alternative Representative
Ellen Ahern, Teacher-Paraprofessional-Secretary Union Presentative
Elizabeth Greendale, Town Hall Representative
Robert Nemet, DPW Representative
Mary Bousquet, Liaison
Jay Marsden, Selectmen
Kevin Conley, Chairman, Selectmen
Paul LeBeau, Town Administrator

Guest: Denise Moore
William Dowd

Matt Waugh presented the IACs request that the Board of Selectmen consider placing an article on the special Town Meeting warrant for October that the Town of Holliston accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 9D which would allow for a 50% contribution to the health insurance premiums of a surviving spouse. This request was being made as a result of the passing of Lieutenant Shawn Moore and the financial burden that the family is facing because they are now required to pay 100% of the premiums. Mr. Waugh also informed the Board that Holliston is one of only a few towns in the West Suburban Health Group that does not contribute to the premiums of surviving spouses.

Discussion followed with the Board of Selectmen and members of the audience as to the financial implication the adoption of 9D would have on the Town of Holliston now and in the future. The Selectmen requested that we try to get numbers from our actuary company on the financial impact of this request. They would like to have all financial information before it is presented at Town Meeting and felt that it would probably have to wait until the May town meeting.

The IAC continued their meeting on the outside patio and it was decided that Ellen Ahern would canvas the surrounding towns to see what their contribution rates are for surviving spouses on active and retiree plans and Mary would work on getting the data to the actuary to obtain the information the Board of Selectmen requested. Mrs. Moore would like to see a retroactive clause added to the acceptance of Chapter 323B, Section 9D as she feels she is entitled to receive the same benefits as her late husband was receiving at the time of his retirement. Liz will check with Town Counsel to see if that

is possible. There was discussion as to the best way to proceed and it was agreed by all in attendance on the patio (Matt, Larry, Liz, Denise Moore and Mary) that we should gather all of our information and present it again to the Board of Selectmen with the hopes that we can put it on the warrant for the May town meeting.

Motion was made by Liz Greendale to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m., seconded by Larry. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bousquet

APPROVED FEBRUARY 24, 2015