

**PLYMOUTH RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Tuesday, July 27, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**This Meeting Was Held Remotely**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020, Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Plymouth Retirement Board is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order.

Vice Chair Barrett called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Other participating Board Members were Gerald Coughlin, Dale Webber, and Robert Ness. Attorney Christopher Collins, Executive Director, Wendy Cherry and Assistant Director, Karry Barros participated remotely as well. Chairman, Thomas Kelley, joined the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Vice Chair Barrett noted that this meeting is being held remotely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Roll-call vote at 9:07 a.m. to enter into Regular Session:

Ms. Barrett	yes
Mr. Coughlin	yes
Mr. Webber	yes
Mr. Ness	yes

Unanimously Voted.

**Section I: Executive Session:**

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(1). The Board will enter into Executive Session to hold an Evidentiary Hearing for the Accidental Disability Application of Sean Dowling.

The Board will re-enter the Regular Meeting immediately following Executive Session.

Roll-call vote at 9:34 a.m. to end Executive Session.

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Mr. Kelley	yes
Ms. Barrett	yes
Mr. Coughlin	yes
Mr. Webber	yes
Mr. Ness	yes

Unanimously Voted.

**Section II: Regular Business:**

**Public Comment:**

None

**New/Old Business:**

Mr. Webber stated that he is looking for recommendations from Attorney Sacco's Office regarding the issue of Public Safety Employees being shut off from 111F Benefits by the Town. He asked if the Board has any options in these matters.

Chairman Kelley explained that 111F Benefits are under the control of the Chief, Town Manager, and the Select Board.

Mr. Webber asked Attorney Collins what responsibility the Retirement Board has in this type of circumstance.

Attorney Collins stated that this is a Town matter and unfortunately, there is nothing for the Board to address.

Mr. Webber informed the Board that he testified at the Joint Committee of Public Service virtually, and there were thirty-five (35) Bills before the committee. Some of these Bills were regarding issues the Retirement Board has been discussing such as, Post Stress Incident Debriefing, which the Board has been pushing the Town of Plymouth to adopt. He added that several Bills have been filed and he wanted to share this as these issues are proceeding to become law.

Chairman Kelley noted that the Town Manager has a history of making these decisions and, it is his hope, that there will be a change.

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Ms. Barrett at 9:44 a.m.; Seconded by Mr. Webber.

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Roll-call vote:

Mr. Kelley	yes
Ms. Barrett	yes
Mr. Coughlin	yes
Mr. Webber	yes
Mr. Ness	yes

Unanimously Voted.

Respectfully submitted,



Karry A. Barros  
Assistant Director

**Plymouth Retirement Board:**

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Mr. Thomas Kelley, Chairman

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Lynne Barrett

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Gerald Coughlin

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Dale Webber

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Robert Ness

**Dated:** September 24, 2021