

**TOWN OF CARVER**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) STUDY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES - Tuesday July 22, 2014**

*(Approved by a vote of 3-0 on September 30, 2014 – submitted by Stephen Pratt, Chairman on October 1, 2014)*

Meeting opened July 22, 2014, 6:07pm and adjourned at 7:15pm

Stephen Pratt, Bruce Kaiser, Paul Johnson and Paula Nute as present (Joseph Patten was absent)

Steve presented a summary of the Plymouth County Contributory Retirement System with information from the January 2013 Pension Valuation - <http://www.mass.gov/perac/plymouthcty/plymouthctyval13.pdf> and details are included in the attached (TOC\_OPEB and Pension\_UnfundedLiabilities\_September 2014.pdf). Additionally a discussion of Town of Carver's "promise" made to both active employees and retirees occurred.

This provided a review of the PCCRS from 2000 to 2013: Historical Liability, Asset Value and mandated Annual Required Contribution (ARC) funding; and MA Legislature Bill H.3377 "**An Act authorizing the Plymouth County Contributory Retirement System to issue pension funding bonds or notes**" - <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/188/House/H3377>. Bill H.3377 would replace the annual assessment of amortized cost of the UAAL (leaving only Normal Cost and Administrative Expense for member units) with a debt service for Pension Obligation Bonds (POB) at a lesser amount. This prompted discussion over municipal "cash flow" and possible benefit to the Town and taxpayers for funding a new school or other infrastructure projects.

Bruce also mentioned for pension purposes that OCRVTHS non-educators are included in the State Retirement System (SRS) and educators are in the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System (MTRS).

The OPEB Valuation Overview was tabled until the next meeting to allow for the July 1, 2013 GASB 45 Valuation to be available. And the current status of MA Legislature Bill H.59 "**An Act providing retiree healthcare benefits reform**" - <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/188/House/H59> being still in committee was provided.

The Ethics Commission has indicated there is no conflict for Bruce's and Paula's participation on the OPEB Study Committee since the responsibility is to only recommend options to the BOS and as long as their membership in Gateway Health Group plans are publicly acknowledged.

Bruce provided a copy of the OCRVTHS OPEB presentation on July 24, 2012) with the Annual Required Contribution (ARC) of \$1.160 million showing a \$240,000 annual "Pay As You Go" amount. Subsequently, another document researched indicates the UAAL of \$11.4 million as of July 1, 2012 of which Carver's Indirect amount of the UAAL is 16.35% based upon the Chapter 70 assessment (FY2015)

Next meeting will be August 19th from 6pm to 7pm.

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm (Bruce motioned and Paula seconded with a 4-0 vote)