

# TOWN OF ESSEX

## ESSEX RETIREMENT BOARD Special Meeting December 17, 2018 Essex Town Hall, Meeting Room A

### Present

Retirement Board Members: Peter Decker, Ethan Goller, Stacia Libby, Mary-Louise Polo, Ellen Whaley-Wexler.

### Others Present

Kelly Sterner, Finance Director

Ellen Whaley-Wexler called the Essex Retirement Board special meeting to order on December 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Mary-Louise Polo to open the special meeting. Stacia Libby seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

### Review/Approval of Participant Retirement Request

The reason for the special meeting is a request for an employee benefit that Kelly Sterner has received which is a matter of some urgency because the individual wants to commence benefits in January/February.

The individual making the request was part of the Public Works crew who worked for the Town for 11 years and retired in 2007 due to health issues. He will be reaching the age of 65 on January 3, 2019 which makes him eligible to commence his benefits on February 1, 2019. His family is eager to do that because since he only worked for the Town for 11 years, if he passes before commencing benefits there will be no benefits.

Kelly stated that his health is such that she has a Durable Power of Attorney and his wife has to fill out all of the paperwork. His wife is the one who signed the paperwork and has been given a copy of the notarized Durable Power of Attorney.

This request would be considered a request for normal retirement because the individual is reaching the age of 65 but time of essence because of his health.

Kelly has all of the paperwork and Durable Power of Attorney and is asking that the Board approve being able to issue the paperwork to his family in order to get this going so he can commence benefits.

The paperwork was reviewed and Ellen Whaley-Wexler witnessed the Durable Power of Attorney. It was noted that his wife does not have the same last name but is known to be his wife.

A motion was made by Ethan Goller to approve the December 11, 2018 request for benefits by the individual submitted today to commence regular retirement benefits on February 1, 2019. Peter Decker seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ethan Goller to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Peter Decker seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Betsy McLaughlin  
Retirement Board Clerk**