

The regular meeting of the Montague Retirement Board duly posted to be held at One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA on the above date came to order at 1:07 P.M. Chairperson Carolyn Olsen and members David Dion, Marianne Fiske and Leo Parent were present. Administrator Shari Hildreth was also present. Frank Abbondanzio was absent.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Harry Seager, MHA, maintenance, 5/7/08

**BOARD VOTED** on a motion made by D. Dion and seconded by M. Fiske to accept new member.  
**UNANIMOUS**

Michael Nelson requested information on a buy back of previous service in between his resignation from GMRSD and when he did not elect to become a member through the Board of Health, 3/23/07 – 5/31/08. The buy back will add 14 months. The amount due if paid by December 31, 2008 is \$129.81 in deductions and \$1.44 in interest for a total of \$131.25.

**BOARD VOTED** on a motion made by M. Fiske and seconded by D. Dion to approve the buy back of creditable service. **UNANIMOUS**

Discussed the Supreme Judicial Court decision regarding the Pelonzi case and PERAC Memo #22/2008 regarding vehicle compensation for an employer supplied automobile. Any contributions made as a result of the personal use of an employer supplied automobile need to be refunded to the individual as the SJC decision does not consider it to be regular compensation.

Discussed the Town Administrator's longevity payments per his contract to make the determination of whether they are regular compensation or a bonus. The Boards' attorney, Thomas Gibson provided a legal opinion which was reviewed by the Board and M. Fiske provided the background from the PERAC decision that resulted in the 840 CMR amendment. The Board has directed administrator S. Hildreth to forward the contract to PERAC to get an opinion from them regarding how to classify the longevity payments.

Discussed Accidental Disability Retirement application for Sandra Konvelski and if the Board would like to have Attorney Thomas Gibson review the file and render an opinion regarding how to proceed since it is a question of whether or not the member was injured while performing the essential duties of her job.

**WARRANT:** The bills were approved and Warrant #06 was signed as follows:

Contributory Warrant #06                      \$168,282.80

Breakdown:

Payroll	129,352.77
Expenses (Admin)	3,294.46
Refunds/Transfer/Rollovers	35,635.57

Financial Statements and mail were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2008 at 1:00 P.M.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT**

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Carolyn Olsen, Chairperson

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David Dion

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Leo Parent

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Marianne Fiske

Respectfully submitted,

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Shari Hildreth  
Administrator  
Montague Retirement Board