

**Town of Wethersfield
Insurance Committee Minutes
May 29, 2008
Conference Room #1**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Polly Moon at 5:45PM.

Attendance:

Polly Moon, Chairperson, Chris Lyons, Matthias DeAngelo, Sey Adil, Jeff Kotkin, Town Council Liaison, Karen Clancy, Director of Business Services, BOE, Lisa Hancock-Director of Finance, Chris Monroe - Savino, Sturrock & Sullivan, Greg Bedula - TD BankNorth Insurance.

Excused Absences: Mike Fortunato, Vice Chairman, Chris Bazinet, Paul Meade

Public Comments:

No one was present from the public for comment.

Approval of Minutes:

Chris Lyons moved for the approval of the [minutes from the meeting on March 18, 2008](#); seconded by Sey Adil. Motion carried; Polly Moon abstained.

Reports from Agents of Record:

Chris Monroe - SS&S

Chris Monroe spoke about the State's MEHIP Plan. He compared MEHIP's information to the Town Plan and the MEHIP Plan would cost \$500,000 more. The Town would also have to payout the \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 for the run out of the Town's Anthem Plan. Chris provided updated information to Bill Thompson who is the State's Actuary in order to let them review the numbers to make sure that the calculations are up to date. He will be waiting to hear back from him but doubts that there will be much of a change.

Polly Moon questioned what the difference between the Donovan Plan and MEHIP. Chris Monroe explained that Donovan's Plan is the State Employee's Plan and the cost was 20% or \$2,000,000 higher than the Town's current cost. He explained that MEHIP is different by not being the State's Employee's Plan but a specially designed program that includes three different plans with different benefits.

Chris Monroe reviewed Anthem's renewal. He stated that Anthem estimates that the Town and the BOE's renewal amount is \$8,902,620. Chris recommended that, due to all the claim volatility that has been experienced, the Town and BOE budget include a 17.5% increase for FY 2008/09 even though the rates are estimated at a 16.3% increase. He stated that currently there are 15 people with claims over \$50,000 and 7 people with claims over \$100,000.

Chris Monroe discussed Segal Coalition. He stated that he is having Terri DeMattie look at the current drugs being taken by our employees; and he is having her prepare an updated list to determine if it is worth a possible 20% disruption. He stated that he will be obtaining further clarification of exactly what is covered.

Greg Bedula - TD BankNorth Insurance

Greg Bedula discussed CIRMA's final pricing. He stated that the renewal pricing is still close to the amounts projected for the budget. The LAP pricing is estimated at \$568,958.

Greg discussed the various loss ratios for the last six years.

Jeff Kotkin questioned why the exposure was increasing. Greg stated that it is due to the estimated increases in payroll.

Greg stated that he made three arguments to CIRMA:

1. Historically profitable.
2. The Town has rarely had any major claims past years, though we had two very large claims this year.
3. General Government had a very large increase in the Worker's Compensation Claims.

There was significant discussion regarding how CIRMA uses the Town budget as related to the general liability and premium increases.

Chris Lyons requested Greg to find out how they use the Town budget in their premium calculations and also to ask why they won't give symbol 1 to vehicles. Greg is going to confirm the Final budget number with Lisa Hancock and will report it to CIRMA.

Polly Moon requested if CIRMA might consider holding the rate for a period of two years. Greg stated that he will ask.

Email from Nancy Wyman -

This was covered under Chris Monroe's presentation.

Old Business -

Polly Moon mentioned the email regarding self insured vs. fully insured from Bonnie. Lisa Hancock and Jeff Kotkin confirmed that Chris Monroe had made a presentation to Council which confirmed that self insured was still the Town's best option.

New Business - None

Adjournment -

Sey Adil moved to adjourn at 6:56 PM, seconded by Chris Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.