

**MAYFLOWER MUNICIPAL HEALTH GROUP FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**December 6, 2023**

MMHG Offices, 65 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 110, Plymouth, Ma. 02360

Attendees: Maureen Adams, Town of West Bridgewater  
Wendy Lemieux, Wareham Fire District  
Chelsea Stevens, Town of Hanover  
Thomas J. O'Brien, MMHG Treasurer  
Dennis Mullins, US Bank  
Sheila Avery, MMHG  
Matthew Hanley, Plymouth County  
Kevin Powell, Plymouth County Retiree

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. **Accept Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Stevens made a motion to accept the September 28, 2023 meeting minutes.

SECOND: Lemieux

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously

2. **Financial Report**

Treasurer O'Brien reviewed his Operating Statement and Statement of Net Asset reports, dated October 31, 2023. He said we have net expense of \$1,722,100.05 and the fund balance is \$30,020,665.52. He said we expect claims expense will exceed claim revenue in the future as we put reserve money at risk when setting the FY24 rates. He said Mullins will review the investment performance but it does appear November is performing much better.

MOTION: Stevens made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Financial report, dated October 31, 2023.

SECOND: Lemieux

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Investment performance update with Dennis Mullins (US Bank)**

Mullins said that stocks and bonds are down for October but performance is better in November. He stated MMHG is mostly bonds fixed income and we don't usually see negative performance. He said we are seeing bonds not performing well because interest rates are on the rise. He gave a review of the market conditions.

Mullins said the October investment report shows we have total portfolio net of fees inception to date performance of 1.31%. He said this is in response to the interest rate increases and inflation. He said MMHG is up 7% in November which is a considerable rebound. He said all eyes are on the feds and waiting to see if interest rates come down.

Mullins gave an overview of the economic factors impacting stocks and bonds. He said gas prices, upcoming general election, housing supply, wars, corporate debt, and risk of recession are all concerns. He said inflation is 4% at this time.

Mullins said MMHG portfolio is 40% stocks and 60% fixed income and we should be ok even if a recession happens in the next year. He said we appear to be far off from a recession at this time.

Mullins said he recommends keeping the portfolio the way that it is at this time. He said we are in good shape now and the portfolio changes they made last year were good decisions.

Mullins reviewed MMHG's holdings on page 10 of his report. He explained that mutual fund trades are only done at the end of the day so you are not sure what the price will be. He reviewed the portfolio holdings.

Treasurer O'Brien asked the Committee if they had any questions and there were none.

4. **Any other matters that may appropriately come before the Committee**

None

5. **Next Meeting**

Powell suggested having Mullins present to the Steering Committee and possibly have a joint meeting with the Finance Committee. Treasurer O'Brien liked the suggestion and stated we can arrange this for a meeting in the spring.

January 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

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6. **Adjourn**

MOTION: Stevens made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 a.m.

SECOND: Lemieux

VOTE: motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Avery

**Reference Documents for this Meeting:**

**MMHG Statement of Net Assets and Operating Statement October 31, 2023**

**US Bank presentation, dated 10/31/2023**