



TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS TOWN OF GILMANTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

April 29, 2019

APPROVED AS AMENDED

Members Present: Fred Buchholz-Chairman, Neil Roberts-Treasurer, Bob Burdett, John Dickey and Stephen Hopkins

Also Present: Heather Carpenter-Recording

Meeting Opened – approximately 8:28 A.M.

First Order of Business

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Buchholz and seconded by Neil Roberts it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 02-25-19 per the amendments made by Chairman Buchholz.

**Summary of amendments are listed on the approved copy of the minutes, on the last page.*

Income Spreadsheet-

- Total Income monies- \$207,000
- Total Principal- \$434,000
- Income Projection- Positive cash flow

Fidelity Spreadsheet-

Kraft Heinz- Reduced dividend, management in the company made some strategic errors, but they are working actively to reduce their debt.

Chairman suggests that the Board ride it out until it turns back into positive territory and then sell.

Other holdings to discuss-

Abbott Labs- Abbott had broken up a few years ago but retained the medical device portion and Abbvie is a spin off from that, which maintains the pharmaceutical.

Abbvie- Is a great dividend payer, yielding about 4.5%

Abbott Labs has turned into a nice growth stock up 212% but it's dividend yield is only about 1.65% right now.

The SPAXX- Fidelity Government Money Market Fund is paying 2.0 something percent. Something the Board might consider is to sell Abbott Labs and put it into Meredith Village Saving Bank or let it sit in the Fidelity Government Fund for the yield that we are getting.

Point of discussion on the following topics;

- Pharmaceutical pricing under scrutiny
- High security at the bank
- Similar yield with no risk

MOTION: On a motion by Bob Burdett and seconded by John Dickey it was voted unanimously to sell Abbott Labs and put it into *safe harbor account.

**Safe harbor account could be Meredith Village Savings Bank but may be kept in SPAXX until a new bank deal is reached in July.*

New Business-

The oil stocks are gradually increasing. Bob Burdett is watching the output shale production. Exxon-Mobil has peaked their production when it comes to what they are yielding at each well, it bears watching.

Update on rates-

NHPDIP rates are falling slightly, it was last checked on April 23rd, down to 2.38, they were at 2.42. The Treasurer will start polling banks within the next month, what they could invest in as long as they fit the parameters that the Board has been using; availability of money, total protection, ability to increase the rate if the rates start to rise, we can get out without penalty and get into a higher rate.

Discussion on a 5-year lock in vs a shorter term for better rates. The treasurer will be reviewing rates and meeting with the follow banks;

Meredith Village Savings Bank, Franklin Savings Bank, TD Bank, Bank of New Hampshire, and NHPDIP.

The CD's come due July 25th, the rates will be presented to the Board during the June meeting.

Chairman Buchholz- Portfolio is in good shape overall, no items of urgency.

Brief discussion about Proctor and Gamble's growth rate, the stock is up 30%.

Conclusion-

Next meeting will be Monday, June 24, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.-Academy Building.

Motion to Adjourn: John Dickey

Seconded: Bob Burdett

Board votes unanimously to Adjourn at approximately 8:49 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Carpenter

69 ***Amendments suggested by the Chairman are as follows;***

70 *Line 38-39: clarification made; “*Safe harbor account could be Meredith Village Savings Bank but may be kept in*
71 *SPAXX until a new bank deal is reached in July.”*

72 *Line 41- the word “investments” changed to “production”*

73 *Line 46- Typo; Treasure changed to Treasurer*

74 *Line 50- Typo; Treasure changed to Treasurer*