

# Trustee of Trust Fund Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2023

Present: Bob Kimball, Michael Collier, Carol Malnati, Peggy Pschirrer, & Lindsey Donovan. Lisa Tourangeau skyped into the meeting.

On Friday January 27, 2023 a meeting of the Trustee of Trust Funds was held and Lindsey Donovan from Cambridge Trust presented the report for the past year. Bob mentioned that he needs the M-S9 Annual Report for the 2022 Walpole Town Annual Report as soon as possible. Lisa Tourangeau said they will get that to him.

Peg Pschirrer was present to discuss the Total Return Policy for the Hooper Scholarship and how it could best be handled by the Town of Walpole's Director of Finance who handles the Hooper Institute's accounts. The monies are invested in core equity & core taxable funds.

In the Cambridge Trust presentation, they presented a chart from JP Morgan as of 12/31/22 illustrating the Global Economic Momentum Decelerating. Global economic growth prospects are confronting a unique mix of headwinds, including Russia's invasion of Ukraine, interest rate increases to contain inflation, and lingering pandemic effect such as China's lockdowns and disruptions in supply chains. Also, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates in 2022 to the highest level since December 2007. In total, the Fed raised rates at seven consecutive meetings to a range of 4.25-4.50% with expectations for an additional 0.75% in 2023.

S & P 500 Valuation: Improved but not yet cheap. The forward P/E of the S&P 500 has declined from 21.4 at the beginning of 2022 to 16.7X at the end of the fourth quarter, which is below the 25 yr. average of 16.8x.

Also included in the Cambridge report is a chart from Fidelity 9/30/22 it notes that most major economies experienced maturing trends in their business cycles due to high commodity prices and inflationary pressures, slowing industrial activity, and tightening monetary and financial conditions. The U.S. is in the late cycle expansion phase with rising but moderate recession risk.

The next meeting date was not set at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol E. Malnati