

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
Minutes March 2, 2012**

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. with Trustees Jack Balcom, Bill Wilkes and Chris Christensen present. Also present was Larry Streb, representative of Merrill Lynch.

Minutes of August 26, 2011 and January 27, 2012 were approved.

Renewal of the Morningstar Dividend Investor subscription was approved.

Larry Streb reviewed the relationship of Merrill Lynch with the Trustees. ML handles transactions and maintains the accounts for all capital reserve funds (Town, School and MVD) as well as three scholarship funds. CRF's are invested in government backed securities. There was discussion of the NH "Pool", noting that our earnings are much better than the pool's. We also get improved services, such as checkwriting, which were not available when the Trustees used the pool. It was noted that after the April elections, we would have to do new signature authorizations with ML.

The first year of the high school Mandarin program will be concluding soon. Principal Ken Johnson has invited the Trustees to the school to observe the program. There is a lot of enthusiasm from Ken. We await formal requests for the funds that have been allocated for this program. It is anticipated that there will be a request for a second year of funding.

The Right To Know Law was mentioned in the context of reminding members that we cannot hold online meetings or make group decisions except at properly posted meetings. It is anticipated that the Town will be having an instructional session shortly after the April elections. This issue is also covered at the June seminars presented by the Dept. of Justice.

The Trustees discussed holdings of Fortune Brands. This has recently split into Fortune Holdings and Security (FBHS) and

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beverage operations (BEAM). As two new companies, there is no dividend history, and no projection for future growth. The split resulted in approximately \$20,000 gain in our market value. It was agreed that these could be sold, and any new purchases might be done with a market pull back. Interim use of one of the bond mutual funds we already use was noted as a temporary holding to maintain dividend income as well as liquidity.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Chris Christensen
Trustee Secretary**