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## CMRPC Legislative Affairs Committee

### Minutes May 19, 2017

Attending: Tom Klebart, Leon Gaumond, Jim Bates, Adam Gaudette, Doug Martin  
Staff: Trish Settles  
Quorum: Yes

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 10:21am
2. **Consider Approving Minutes April 19, 2017 meeting.**

A motion was made by Tom to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim, and all present voted in favor of accepting the minutes. Motion passed.

3. **Spring Summer Legislative Affairs Breakfast Debrief**

Everyone agreed the topic for the breakfast was very good and informative. (Event evaluations also indicated that attendee found the topic useful and the speakers informative.) Perceptions of school funding vary widely as a result of socioeconomic factors and geography. Five bills are tied to school transportation studies. Fees could be treated like school choice. Adam has bill numbers on this topic to share.

4. **Discuss Possible Action on Filed Bills**

Trish shared following:

- A Metro West Daily News article: "Senate proposal tempers Baker employer health care tax"
- The memo developed by CMRPC's Jeff Bagg regarding the Taxation and Regulation of the Marijuana Law update
- The FY18 Budget Overview – Senate Ways and Means memo from MAPC

Attending members supported CMRPC's efforts to encourage the passage of District Local Technical Assistance, the next round of Community Compact Grants and Regional Efficiency Grants in the FY18 budget.

**5. Other Unanticipated Business**

There was interested expressed that the committee would like to explore and understand the new Zoning Reform efforts. They asked Trish to reach out to Rep Jim O'Day's office for more information and to invite to a future meeting to discuss.

Senate Bill S92 An Act to Promote the Livable Communities and Zoning Reform Act is sponsored by Senator Marc Pacheco, James Eldridge and Michael Brady.

**6. Next meeting**

Next meeting will be held July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Sturbridge Town Hall.

**7. Adjourn**

Motion was made by Leon and seconded by Tome to adjourn. All presented voted in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:15