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**Approved by a vote of the Committee – September 11, 2013**

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**CMRPC Legislative Affairs Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 15, 2013**

**Present:** Sherry Patch, Shaun Suhoski, Adam Gaudette, Tom Gregory (Quorum - yes)  
**Staff:** Trish Settles  
**Absent:** Kristin Wood, Leon Gaumond

**1. Call to order – 9:25am**

**2. Review of the Minutes:**

***A motion was made by Adam, seconded by Tom and four voted to approve the minutes of July 10, 2013.***

**3. Update and further Discussion of CMRPC Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) charge**

The Executive Committee did not deliberate on the LAC request for more clarification on its charge or on the LAC proposal to change its charge to something similar to MAPC's.

The LAC was asked to consider recommendations for committee composition in general and to fill the vacancy left by Kristen Garza's departure. The LAC discussed looking for geographic distribution, possibly seeking someone from the Blackstone Valley; a member of a planning board of board of selectmen; and preferably someone from the Executive Committee in order to provide the communication between the committees.

**4. Fall Event**

The committee decided to hold its next breakfast event on the morning of Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> in CMRPC's Union Hall. After much discussion, those in attendance decided to focus the meeting on providing attendees with a balanced discussion of the latest Zoning Reform Campaign. Other topics considered included Chapter 70 and Health Care Reform/Municipal Employee Insurance programs.

In addition, Trish will draft a survey for distribution prior to, during and after the event to gather input on legislative priorities. The committee will review the draft survey at the next meeting.

**5. New businesses: None**

**6. Next meeting date: September 11, 2013 at 1pm at CMRPC**

**7. Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.**

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