
Approved by a vote of the Committee – April 9, 2014

**CMRPC Legislative Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2014**

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

1. Call to order – 2:30pm

2. Review of the September 11, 2013 Minutes – *Motion made, seconded and all present voted in favor of accepting the minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting.*

3. Review of the December 12, 2013 Notes – *Motion made, seconded, and all present voted in favor of accepting the “notes” of the December 12, 2013 meeting.* (These minutes are meant to reflect the understanding that there was no quorum present at that meeting, and that no decisions were made.)

4. Replacement of Kristin Wood – Trish was asked to send a message to Larry asking that he consider making an announcement about the opening on our committee for a delegate at the next quarterly commission meeting. Interested parties should contact the Exec Committee for their consideration through the Executive Director.

5. Legislative Charge – *A motion was made, seconded, and all present voted in favor of recommending to the Executive Committee to reword the first part of the first sentence of the second paragraph, “The charge of the Committee, upon request and at its discretion, may be review.....*

They didn’t want to have to review everything and wanted some flexibility to make those decisions about what it would review.

6. Discussion of possible action relative to Chapter 90 funding

Those present indicated they thought the event was well planned and that attendees found the event useful. ***A motion was made, seconded, and all present voted in favor of requesting the Executive Committee to take a position to support the full allocation of the \$300 million Chapter 90 Transportation Bond Bill.*** This position is consistent with the results of the most recent Legislative Priorities Survey. Shaun will draft a formal request to send the Executive

Committee. If and when a position is taken, the committee hopes that it can promote the decision to relevant stakeholders including other town administrators, DPW superintendents, MPO, MassDOT and the Patrick Administration.

7. Priorities survey

Trish presented the first draft of the results of the legislative priorities survey for discussion. Economic Development figured prominently in the voting. Response rate was almost twice that of our last survey in 2012.

8. Spring Event

Based on the results of the survey the committee felt it would be appropriate to explore a spring legislative breakfast that focusses on Economic Development. As such they felt that an invitation should be extended to Secretary of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki to speak. Additionally others who might be considered would be McGovern's office or the EDA. We will investigate Friday morning dates in June. Energy was also discussed as a possible event topic.

9. Next meeting date: April 9, 2014 at 2:00pm at CMRPC

10. Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

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