
Approved by a vote of the Committee – February 19, 2014

**CMRPC Legislative Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2013**

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

1. Call to order – 1:07pm

2. Review of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Sherry, seconded by Tom and all voted to approve the minutes of August 15, 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 charge was however distributed to the Executive Committee members for discussion at their September meeting.

With regard to filling the vacant committee seat, previously held by Kristen Garza, all agreed that it was important to find a delegate who was excited to work on these issues. The seat needs to be filled by a Delegate. Trish will ask Larry if she can ask for interest at the Quarterly Commission meeting on Thursday September 12th.

4. Fall Event

The committee decided to hold its next breakfast event on the morning of Friday October 25th in CMRPC's Union Hall.

Trish summarized her efforts to line up panelists for the meeting. Andre LeRoux, from the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance will attend to present the pro side of the discussion. Kristin Wood will reach out to Representative Kulik, the bill's sponsor to ask if he would attend. If he can't attend, she will ask him to suggest another legislator/bill cosponsor to present the bill. Trish will reach out to Ben Fierro, of the Massachusetts Home Builders Association to present the opposition side of the discussion.

The draft agenda is

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Acknowledgements (Shaun)
2. Existing conditions and Bill overview (Rep. Kulik),
3. Proponent presentation (Andre LeRoux, MA Smart Growth Alliance)
4. Opponent presentation (Ben Fierro, Mass Home Builders Assoc,)
5. Legislator response, and questions

6. Moderated, audience question and answer
7. Closing

Outreach will be to Planning Board, Zoning Boards and Legislators, the media, and home developers

5. New businesses: Survey – Shaun reminded us that we planned to do a survey to assess regional legislative priorities. Trish will draft a survey and send to the committee for feedback. The survey will be distributed after the event via email and hard copy.
6. Next meeting date: To be determined. December?
7. Meeting adjourned at 1:55am.

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