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CMRPC Legislative Affairs Committee Minutes

January 9, 2024 – 8:30 am
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attending: Andrew Golas (Chair), Mary Bulso, William Trifone, Jared Grigg, Jennifer Warren-Dymant

Absent: David Quiroa, Jen Callahan

Staff: Ethan Melad- CMRPC, Connor Robichaud- CMRPC, Trish Settles - CMRPC

Guests: None

Quorum: Yes

- Call to Order:** The meeting began at 8:32am
- Approval of minutes of 11/14/23:**
Motion to approve made by Mary, seconded by Bill. Jared and Jennifer abstained. Passes unanimously.
- December Forum recap:**
Note to be aware & on lookout for bills related to waste & recycling. For future events, Jared suggested hosting LAC breakfasts in each subregion, possibly smaller with legislators & BOS/TA/TM. Mary noted that some regions already do this. Possibility for bi-monthly events? It was suggested the LAC have more frequent engagements, such as coffee hours.
- LAC procedures & strategies:**
Trish spoke about ongoing conversation regarding LAC procedures, as well as advocacy vs. lobbying. Continued discussion surrounding the LAC's role and actions; process for identification of specific bills & legislative topics. Suggestion was made to develop a 1-pager with LAC duties, as well as explanations of lobbying and advocacy. Jennifer also mentioned categorizing topics rather than recognizing specific bills. Andrew identified a general process of action: identify bills or topics; identify strategy to educate/promote; present to Executive Committee as needed.
- Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Jennifer, seconded by Mary. Meeting ended 9:20am.

Respectfully Submitted by
Ethan Melad - CMRPC