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CMRPC Legislative Affairs Committee Minutes

March 12, 2024 – 9:00 am
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attending: Andrew Golas (Chair) - Charlton, Mary Bulso – Blackstone, David Quiroa – Worcester, William Trifone - Dudley, Jennifer Warren-Dymment - West Boylston

Absent: Jen Callahan – Oxford, Jared Grigg - Spencer

Staff: Ethan Melad- CMRPC, Trish Settles- CMRPC

Guests: None

Quorum: Yes

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting began at 9:04am
2. **Approval of minutes of 1/9/2024:**
Motion to approve made by Jen, seconded by Bill. Passes unanimously.
3. **Legislative discussion:**
David requested a brief of the Economic Development Bond bill. Some discussion of the Municipal Empowerment Act including rooms/meals tax options, excise flexibility, methods of filling gaps in school budgets, and whether there will be an increase to mid-size regional funding.
4. **LAC procedures update**
Trish discussed the memo presented to the Executive Committee, and procedures for identifying priorities moving forward. LAC has three paths: identifying issues and presenting information to communities & constituents; providing information or testimony to legislators; or providing Executive Committee with a strategy for engagement around a particular issue or piece of legislation.

Andrew suggested creating a list of relevant/priority issues or bills and then identifying necessary path forward. Create list of priorities using RPAC, MAPC, and MMA to begin, along with ED bond bill & Muni. Empowerment Act.

5. Committee reorganization:

Andrew asked whether anyone would like to consider reorganizing the Committee. With no changes suggested, Bill nominated Andrew to remain chair and motioned the same. Seconded by Mary, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Mary, seconded by Bill. Meeting ended 9:39am.

Respectfully Submitted by
Ethan Melad - CMRPC

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