

COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 18, 2022

- Present:** George Bitzas - Chair
Gerald Smith – Vice Chair
Anthony Russo
Robert Rossi
- Absent:** Cecilia Calabrese
- Also Present:** Councilors Cavallo (remote), Sandlin, and Mercadante
- Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman George Bitzas at 6:00pm AJHS Teachers' Conference Room

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes dated December 6, 2021

Motion to approve made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Rossi.

The vote was **3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent** (Councilor Calabrese), **1 Absention** (Councilor Russo) approving the minutes.

2. TR-2021-68 - A Resolution to appropriate funds for a feasibility study for Agawam High School pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 70B and the Massachusetts School Building Authority (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli)

There was discussion about the recent workshop and where Council questions were answered. Some councilors went on a tour of the High School on Saturday. All councilors spoke in favor in the need to spend the \$1.25 million for the feasibility study. The final cost of the study will be \$500,000 for the town as the rest will be paid by the state. The need to do something about the High School situation was noted as well as for some of our other schools.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Rossi and seconded by Councilor Suffriti.

The vote was **4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent** (Councilor Calabrese)

3. Any other business that may legally come before the Committee.

None.

4. Adjournment.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Bitzas, Chair
Community Relations Sub-Committee