

LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 18, 2023

Present: Anthony Suffriti - Chair
George Bitzas
Anthony Russo
Thomas Hendrickson

Absent: Rosemary Sandlin

Also Present: Councilors Calabrese, Cavallo, Mercadante, and Smith, Mayor Sapelli, Solicitor Buoniconti

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Suffriti at 6:15pm in the Agawam Senior Center

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes dated March 6, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Councilor Russo and seconded by Councilor Hendrickson.

The vote was 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Sandlin), 1 Abstention (Councilor Bitzas) approving the minutes.

2. TOR-2023-4 - An Ordinance to amend Section 94 of Chapter 180 of the Code of the Town of Agawam regarding the Wireless Telecommunications Overlay District (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli)

The Solicitor explained the gap of the overlay district to cover the property owned by the Town of Agawam and future police station. There were no additional questions.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Bitzas and seconded by Councilor Hendrickson. The vote was 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Sandlin)

3. TR-2023-23 - A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement between the Town of Agawam and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless regarding a monopole tower at 1000 Suffield Street, Agawam (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli)

The Solicitor explained the reason for the Resolution was to allow the Mayor to enter into negotiations with Verizon for money and term of the lease. First has to be approved into the overlay district. Councilor Bitzas asked if the Planning Board had any concerns. Council Vice President Mercadante asked who was responsible to tear down the tower upon term completion. The Solicitor explained that Verizon holds that right.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council was made by Councilor Russo and seconded by Councilor Bitzas. The vote was 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Sandlin)

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

None.

5. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn was moved by Councilor Bitzas and seconded by Councilor Russo. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilor Anthony Suffriti, Chair
Legislative Committee