CC 2.0 March Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022

Attending: In person: Decoteau, Mulholland, Murphy and Deschaine. Remotely: Ferrini and Bonnie Maroney

- February minutes approved unanimously
- First order of business is joint board membership down to only 3 members with J. Nowell no longer a Selectman and P. Warren accepting a new job. Discussion of membership procedures commenced. Paul Deschaine was elected by the Joint Board to join as a member, giving the Joint Board 4 members. Remaining vacancy is an elected official. The Joint Board agreed to get a message out to member communities seeking interest.
- Next up K. Fox provided a legislative update noting the House was in session three days, dealing with bills leading up to legislative Crossover. Discussion of legislative tracker and the fact that many bills being followed had been tabled. Particular discussion was had on HB 1033, which governed the use of funds for lobbying. The bill was tabled after extensive work sessions. Discussion was also had on SB 344 relative to quorum requirements of meetings open to the public. Senator Daniels presented an amendment, but the bill was special ordered to March 24.
- Discussion also had on HB 1627 regarding an amendment that would share Medicaid
 enrollment information with DOE, potentially unlocking \$60 million in enhanced education aid
 that would apply in 2025. Talk about short term where funding comes from and longer term
 sustainability. Discussion of the proposed cannabis legalization bill was also had, and potential
 education support. Discussion was also had on updated color coding on the legislative tracker.
- Discussion then turned to second year billing and a process for determining assessments and sending out bills to member communities. Additional discussion on budgeting and communications. Additional discussion about reviewing the MOU and determine full board meeting and amendment thresholds and requirements.
- Discussion was had concerning HB 1680 and monitoring its work sessions over the summer, in anticipation of potential legislation coming from it in 2023. Additional discussion was had about 2022 elections and candidacy announcements.
- Discussion was had about reviewing over the summer 2021 assessments and determining whether other communities may be picked up. Discussion was had concerning a survey of 2022 candidates for elective office on education issues.
- Meeting adjourned.