

# LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 3, 2019

**Present:** Robert Magovern - Chair  
George Bitzas – Vice Chair  
Robert Rossi  
Cecilia Calabrese  
Rosemary Sandlin

**Also Present:** Councilors Cavallo, Johnson, Mercadante and Suffriti and Mayor Sapelli

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Magovern at 6:20pm in the Teachers' Café at AJHS

## AGENDA

### **1. Approval of Minutes dated April 1, 2019.**

Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Councilor Sandlin and seconded by Councilor Rossi.

The vote was 5 YES, 0 NO approving the minutes.

### **2. TR-2019-42 - A Resolution accepting Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64L, Section 2 which establishes the Local Option Meals Tax (Sponsored by Councilors Johnson, Mercadante and Suffriti)**

If Agawam had the .75% increase from the state's 6.25% Meals Tax, it is estimated that Agawam would have receive almost \$500,000. The bulk of the meals tax would be from Six Flags. Southwick is the only surrounding community besides Agawam that has not taken the Local Meals Tax option. It was discussed implementing this October 1<sup>st</sup> instead of January 1, 2020.

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

The vote was 2 Yes (Councilors Magovern and Rossi), 2 No (Councilors Calabrese and Sandlin), 1 Present (Councilor Bitzas)

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

None.

### **4. Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn was moved and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Magovern  
Chair of Legislative Committee