



*Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association*

# **MMLA MUNICIPAL MINUTE**

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Greetings, and welcome to this issue of the MMLA Municipal Minute, our e-newsletter to you, our Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association (MMLA) membership. Make sure to click the hyperlinks below for more information about a particular topic or matter.

### **Upcoming Programs and Events:**

- **Upcoming Programs:**
  - **Combined 12<sup>th</sup> Annual MMLA Public Construction and Infrastructure Conference and MMLA Annual Business Meeting – Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 3pm (The Wayside Inn, 72 Wayside Inn Road, Sudbury, MA).** To attend, register [here](#).
    - **Topics/panelists:**
      - Telling Your Story in the Digital Age – Effective Use of Multimedia Tools at Trial, Ian A. McWilliams
      - Utilizing Experts in Complex Cases – Top Ten Issues to Consider, Christopher J. Petrini, Esq., Roy Cooper, and Steven A. Torres, Esq.
      - Use and Overuse of Motions in Limine – Effectively Address Evidentiary Issues Before Trial – Heather C. White, Esq.
    - At the MMLA’s Annual Business Meeting, MMLA members will vote on the proposed slate of officers and directors for the 2023-24 term (see below). The 2022 President and Robert W. Ritchie Award presentations will be made during the meeting.
  - **MMLA Annual Half Day Program – Municipal Government Response to Global Warming/Climate Change – August 10, 2023 (Publick House, 277 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA).** Agenda and registration details to follow.
- At its May 11, 2023 meeting, the MMLA Executive Board received the Nominating Committee’s recommendation to nominate the following slate of officers and directors to serve for the 2023-24 term (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024): Karis North (President); Ivria

Fried (Vice-President); James Lampke (Secretary-Treasurer); Christopher Brown; Christine Griffin; David Shapiro; Susan Murphy; Shawn Williams; Donna MacNicol; Jason Grossfield, Jillian Jagling and Matthew Feher Immediate Past President). The MMLA thanks Brian O'Donnell, Immediate Past President Brandon Moss, and Past President Ellen Callahan Doucette for their service and contributions on the MMLA Executive Board.

- On April 13, 2023, the Executive Board approved the dues schedule for the July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 membership year. The Board voted to continue providing three (3) organizational rates for law firms, municipalities, non-municipal government agencies, and other private organizations of certain sizes. Dues for both individuals and organizations will remain at the same amount as last year. You can find the 2023-2024 dues rates for both individuals and organizations on the MMLA website [here](#).
- **Executive Board Meetings**: MMLA members are welcome to attend monthly Executive Board meetings, typically held on the second **Thursday** of each month. The next scheduled meeting is for April 13, 2023. To attend an Executive Board meeting, please contact MMLA Executive Director/Secretary-Treasurer James Lampke with a copy of any materials ([james.lampke@lampkelaw.com](mailto:james.lampke@lampkelaw.com)).

*If you are speaking at any upcoming programs or events, please let us know ([massadmin@massmunilaw.org](mailto:massadmin@massmunilaw.org)) so we can include it in an upcoming Municipal Minute.*

### **Career Opportunities and Other Information:**

- The following career opportunity was posted on the MMLA website:
  - [Massachusetts Association of Public Purchasing Agents \(MAPPO\) – Executive Director](#)
- On April 28, 2023, the MMLA submitted comments to the Cannabis Control Commission about a potential new regulation under Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022, an Act Relative to Equity in the Cannabis Industry. A copy of the MMLA's letter is available [here](#).
- Thank you to Attorney Gregor I. McGregor for sharing the following article: [Public Lands Preservation Act Codifies EOEEA Policy and Article 97 “No Net Loss”](#)

*The Municipal Minute welcomes your submissions, such as client advisories/alerts, notable decisions, promotions, achievements, and other content. To submit, please send an email to [massadmin@massmunilaw.org](mailto:massadmin@massmunilaw.org).*

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