

February 23, 2016

R.O.V.A.C. Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

Held in Hartford at the offices of Sullivan and LeShane

- Meeting opened at 10 a.m. by Chairwoman Sue Larsen
- Those in attendance: Sue Larsen, Tim DeCarlo, Rick Marcone, Pam Lucashu, Melissa Russell, Bill Giesing, Pete Gostin, Tim Beeble, Lisbeth Becker, Christine Psathas, Lauren Olson Ashford, Helen Cambell, Jessica Stram, Lobbyist.
- Jessica explained that with this year's short session, (Legislative Session scheduled to conclude May 4) committees will finish their work much earlier than normal. The G.A.E. Committee is scheduled to complete their work by March 23rd. Their public hearings are conducted on Mondays and Fridays.
- Jessica stated we are in a much better position this year as opposed to last year. As of this date SOTS has no "formal" bill presented....yet. Only basic wording on the concept of an "Act concerning auto voter registration through DMV." Initial sentiment from Legislators is that at this time ANYTHING that adds to DMV responsibilities is a bad idea.
- Jessica mentioned ROVAC Day at the Capitol is still scheduled for March 30, but, time and date MAY need to be changed. Confirmation on time will come ASAP.
- Sue Larsen expressed the need for all members of the Legislative Committee to be involved in some way. There is a need for ROVAC Day at the Capitol volunteers, folks to testify at GAE Public forums, and members to write testimony for submission. Sue will be sending a format for opening statements to be used for GAE written presentations.
- Melissa Russell said there is little to no further information on the March 28 day long training session called by SOTS at the Aqua Turf in Southington.
- Sue Larsen said that our next meeting can be in conjunction with ROVAC DAY on March 30.
- Meeting Adjourned at 11:10

Respectfully submitted by Rick Marcone