

**Old Colony Planning Council
Agenda**

**Agenda for Meeting No. 540
September 27, 2017**

**Old Colony Planning Council
70 School Street, Brockton, MA 02301**

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

- 1. Call to Order, 7:00 PM**
- 2. Roll Call of Members**
- 3. Minutes of August 30, 2017 Meeting**
- 4. Financial Report for August 2017**
- 5. Staff Report**
- 6. Regional Clearinghouse Reviews**

**Mr. Frank P. Staffier, President
Mr. Fred Gilmetti, Secretary
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Ms. Christine Joy, Treasurer
Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director**

Industrial Revenue Bonds

None

Environmental Notifications

See Attachments

7. Old Business

- A. Update on 2017 District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program. Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director

8. New Business

- A. Presentation on the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) - 2018-2021 Area Plan. Patrick R. Hamilton, AAA Administrator
- B. Review and consideration – AAA - FFY 2018/2019 Title III Proposal Summaries/Recommendations. Patrick R. Hamilton, AAA Administrator
- C. Presentation on the Abington and Brockton Route 123 Corridor Study. Ray Guarino, Senior Transportation Planner

9. Community Concerns

10. Other Business

11. Visitors Comments/Questions

12. Adjournment

*FUTURE MEETINGS: October 25, 2017, November 29, 2017, January 31, 2018, February 28, 2018
(Executive Committee Meeting would be convened in the absence of a Council quorum)*

Attachments

Industrial Revenue Bonds (Council Action)

None

Environmental Notifications (Information only)

i. Plymouth - EEE # 15764 Atlantic Link Project (ENF) - The Atlantic Link Project (the “Project”) is located primarily within the Atlantic Ocean, between Coleson Cove, New Brunswick, Canada, and Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Project involves the installation of a subsea high-voltage direct-current (“HVdc”) transmission line to deliver clean energy from Atlantic Canada to Massachusetts, approximately 19 miles of which will traverse Massachusetts state waters. At landfall in Plymouth, the Project would include the construction of an underground HVdc cable extending approximately 2,375 feet, HVdc converter station, substation, and transmission line tap within currently undeveloped land owned by Entergy (owner of Pilgrim Station). Construction of the Project will serve the public interest by providing Massachusetts and the New England electricity system with long-term access to clean energy at stable prices from land-based wind farms and hydro facilities in Atlantic Canada.

Commencing in December 2022, the approximately 375-mile Atlantic Link cable will deliver onshore wind, firmed by hydro power, directly to Massachusetts through new facilities connected to existing transmission infrastructure adjacent to the soon-to-retire Pilgrim nuclear station at Plymouth. Project construction will create jobs in and substantial economic benefit for, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Atlantic Link will deliver 5.69 terawatt hours (TWh) of clean energy annually from Atlantic Canada directly to Massachusetts.

CPNE is actively engaging permitting agencies and other stakeholders to solicit feedback on Atlantic Link’s two route alternatives. These route alternatives are the result of desktop studies, consultations and a detailed marine survey conducted in May 2017. Feedback from stakeholders is critical to the route alternatives analysis being developed for permit applications.

Atlantic Link will significantly contribute toward the Commonwealth’s achievement of legislated requirements for sustainable, long-term reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. The project will fundamentally diversify the state’s energy supply through a new, direct transmission connection to a region with abundant incremental non-emitting energy resources. Atlantic Link will deliver low-cost clean energy and optimize infrastructure that would otherwise be unused (or underutilized) following closure in 2019 of the Pilgrim nuclear station.

Atlantic Link’s project developer and owner, Clean Power Northeast Development, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Emera Inc., a geographically diverse energy and services company headquartered in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Emera has approximately \$23 billion in assets and 2016 revenues of more than \$3 billion. The company invests in electricity generation, transmission and distribution, gas transmission and distribution, and utility energy services with a strategic focus on transformation from high carbon to low carbon energy sources.

Comment period ends: October 10, 2017