

**Old Colony Planning Council
Agenda**

**Agenda for Meeting No. 552
November 28, 2018**

**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 October 31, 2018 Meeting**
- 4. Financial Report for October 2018**
- 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. Report and update on the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program. Laurie Muncy, Principal Comprehensive Planner.

8. New Business

- A. Review and consideration of the ***Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) – 2018 Regional Policy Plan***. This Regional Policy Plan builds upon, and carries forward, the smart growth principles outlined within previous plans. In addition to the strengths of those policies, this plan serves as a foundation for how our region will grow and invest in infrastructure that provides more choices, strengthens the economy, promotes a healthy environment, and supports thriving, livable communities. An update on the public participation process and comments submitted will be provided. Lisa Sullivan, Senior Planner and Laurie Muncy, Principal Comprehensive Planner
- B. Review and consideration of the recommendations of the Personnel Committee concerning staff salaries. Mr. Eldon Moreira, Chairman, Personnel Committee.

9. Community Concerns

10. Other Business

11. Visitors Comments/Questions

12. Adjournment

*FUTURE MEETINGS: January 30, 2019, February 27, 2019, and March 27, 2019
(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. EEA # 15929 - Plymouth Inner Harbor Dredging Program (Plymouth) ENF - The Town of Plymouth proposes to conduct dredging at five locations within the inner harbor area between the Plymouth Harbor Boat Ramp to the north of Town Wharf and the floats at Brewers Marine. Four of these locations are the subject of this Expanded Environmental Notification Form and one is the subject of EOE #14139. The four locations addressed herein encompass approximately 14.3 acres and consist primarily of fine sand to silt and clay deposits, with grain sizes ranging from 57 to nearly 98 percent silt and clay. All four areas to be dredged are Land Under the Ocean, as defined by the Massachusetts Wetlands Regulations at 310 CMR 10.25(2). The Plymouth inner harbor area is utilized by a mix of fishing and recreational vessels and includes the Frazier State Pier, home berth of the Mayflower II.

A sediment sampling and testing program, including grain size and bulk chemistry analyses, was conducted on nine sediment samples in 2007 in accordance with a sampling protocol approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) on May 26, 2007. As the results of this sampling program indicated continuity in material composition across the sampled sites, the ACOE permitted bioassay analyses to be conducted on two composite samples representing the entire inner harbor area. The composite samples were collected in October of 2007. The results of the bioassay analyses of the composite samples revealed unacceptable levels of bioaccumulation of the pesticide compounds DDT, DOD, and ODE in tested organisms. Given these results, the ACOE determined that the proposed dredge materials were unsuitable for offshore disposal at the Massachusetts Bay Disposal Site - MBDS. The results of sediment sampling and testing conducted in Plymouth Harbor since 2007 have shown that pesticide levels in sediments vary significantly by location within the inner harbor. Recently approved dredging projects (e.g., Plymouth Yacht Club and the Plymouth Harbor federal navigation channel) have been permitted with offshore material disposal at the MBDS, indicating that sediments in at least some sections of the inner harbor are suitable for offshore disposal. In light of these recent findings, the Town of Plymouth is conducting supplemental sampling within the four dredging sites in an effort to more precisely define the extent of pesticide contaminated sediments. The supplemental sampling protocol was developed in consultation with MADEP. It is anticipated that the results of the supplemental sampling will reveal that some of the sediments to be dredged from these sites are suitable for unconfined disposal at the MBDS.

MassGIS data indicate that the area is prohibited for the growing of shellfish. Further, the areas to be dredged do not contain beds of submerged aquatic vegetation. Portions of the inner harbor area, including areas adjoining Frazier State Pier, are mapped by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program as priority habitat for rare species (i.e., piping plover, least tern, common tern, Arctic tern, and roseate tern).

The proposed dredging addressed herein encompasses the following four sites within the inner harbor area.

- Site 1 (6-ft Mooring Basin) - is a 6-foot deep mooring basin adjacent to Plymouth Yacht Club and Brewers Marine marina. Total area of proposed dredging is 260,000 square feet. Total estimated dredge volume, including one-foot overdredge, is 32,500 cubic yards.
- Site 2 (8-ft Mooring Basin) - an 8-foot deep mooring basin south of Frazier State Pier. Total area of proposed dredging is 255,000 square feet. Total estimated dredge volume, including one-foot overdredge, is 33,000 cubic yards.
- Site 3 (Frazier Pier) is the berthing area for the Mayflower II alongside Frazier State Pier. Total area of proposed dredging is 15,000 square feet but much of this footprint is an overlap with Area 2. Total additional area of impact is 9,800 square feet. Total estimated dredge volume, including one-foot overdredge, is 3,000 cubic yards.
- Site 4 (Town Wharf) is used for a Town Landing, mooring Harbormaster vessels, and navigation and berthing of excursion vessels. Total proposed dredging area is 99,000 square feet. Total estimated dredge volume, including one-foot overdredge, is 15,550 cubic yards.

Disposal of the dredged material is proposed to occur at a combination of onshore and offshore disposal sites. Dredged material that meets the quality standards for a favorable suitability determination by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for disposal offshore will be disposed at the Massachusetts Bay Disposal Site. Dredged material that does not meet the quality standards for offshore disposal will be disposed onshore as landfill capping material at the Cedarville landfill site in Plymouth. Material to be disposed onshore will be dewatered on the Leo F. DeMarsh Boat Ramp parking lot prior to transport to its disposal site.