

**Old Colony Planning Council  
Minutes of the Meeting  
April 27, 2016**

The five hundred and twenty sixth meeting of the Old Colony Planning Council was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at the Council offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

**OCPC Delegates/Alternates Present**

David Klein	Abington
Frank Staffier	Avon
Sandra Wright	Bridgewater
Preston Huckabee	Brockton Alternate
Robert Overholtzer	Hanson
Daniel Trabucco	Pembroke
Lee Hartmann	Plymouth
Christine Joy	Plympton
Robert Kuver	Stoughton
Forrest Lindwall	Stoughton Alternate
Eldon F. Moreira	West Bridgewater
Fred Gilmetti	Whitman

**Communities Not Represented**

Duxbury  
East Bridgewater  
Halifax  
Hanover  
Kingston  
Delegate-at-Large

**Others Present**

Rob May	City of Brockton
Pasquale Ciaramella	OCPC
Eric Arbeene	OCPC
Bruce Hughes	OCPC
Charles Kilmer	OCPC

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Lee Hartmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Council Secretary Frank Staffier read the roll call.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 30, 2016 MEETING:** Council President Hartmann asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes as prepared. Ms. Sandra Wright moved to accept the minutes as prepared, seconded by Mr. Eldon Moreira. So voted.
- 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MARCH 2016:** Council Executive Director Mr. Pasquale Ciaramella presented the March 2016 Financial Report. Mr. David Klein moved to accept the March 2016 financial report as prepared, seconded by Ms. Christine Joy.
- 5. STAFF REPORT:** *Economic Development:* Mr. Ciaramella said that staff has been working on the Economic Development work program. The OCPC Economic Development District Performance Evaluation was held on March 31, 2016. The OCPC CEDS Committee met on April 11, 2016. They approved the draft 2016 CEDS Report. They will next meet on June 6, 2016 at noontime. *Area Agency on Aging (AAA):* Staff is continuing working on the Area Agency on

Aging (AAA) and the Ombudsman Programs for FFY 16. An application for a grant for volunteer transportation funds in the amount of \$106,500 has been filed. This will be a 3-year grant. Matching funds would come from Title 3 funds. Transportation: We are working on the Route 28 Traffic Study; Avon Pavement Management Study; refinement of the BAT regional plan, Traffic Counting Program and the South Coast Rail Technical Assistance Projects in Bridgewater and Stoughton. Staff continues to provide Technical Assistance to our member communities at their request and are working on numerous projects. Staff continues to work with the South Coast Commuter Rail Taskforce. Staff hosted April 2016 JTC and MPO meetings. Comprehensive Planning: Staff has completed solicitation of 2017 projects and are working on Local District Technical Assistance (DLTA) projects, Municipal Aggregation, Market Analysis Studies, Expedited Permitting, Regional Purchasing, and Wastewater planning. Community Compact: During the month of April the following OCPC communities have signed the Community Compact with the State: Abington, Bridgewater, Hanover, West Bridgewater and Whitman. Community Septic Management: Staff is continuing with the septic loan program. Communities included in this program are Avon, Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston and Stoughton.

A list of Upcoming Meetings/Events for April/May/June 2016 was included in the meeting packet.

## **6. REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS:**

### **Industrial Revenue Bond (Council Action Required)**

None

### **Environmental Notifications (Information only)**

#### **i. Plymouth - EEA # 13580- Redbrook Development (formerly River Run)/Solar Project -**

The proposed project change consists of the clearing of an additional four acres of land as part of the 31 acre 5.554 MW solar project within the Redbrook Development. The solar project will consist of arrays of ground mounted modules and associated structures, infrastructure, and access roads. The arrays will be surrounded by 7-foot high fencing. The proposed change would result in an increase in the acres of altered land within the entire project from 381 to 385 acres, but will not result in additional traffic, water, or wastewater usage.

**7. PRESENTATION – BROCKTON DOWNTOWN STRATEGIC PLAN:** Mr. Rob May, Brockton City Planner. The Plan builds on previous studies. It is a redevelopment strategy that is organized around an economic focus, calls for physical improvements, sets the stage for development that serves the City's goals, delivers an actionable plan investigates the potential of tools, such as DIF and urban renewal/ eminent domain. There has been stakeholder input throughout the process. Core Action Strategies include: reestablish the feel of a vibrant downtown, provide amenities for residents, employees and visitors, encourage entertainment and cultural venues to locate downtown, encourage a greater and more economically diverse residential population in downtown, promote diversity of community, actively target new small business entrepreneurs, significantly improve perception of safety, improve connectivity, upgrade and improve infrastructure and market the downtown. In answer to a question from Mr. Eldon Moreira, there is a façade improvement program in Brockton with zero interest loans funded by CBDG monies. In answer to a question from Mr. Lee Hartmann, Education institutions in downtown are

part of the plan as is tourism. Mr. Ciaramella and Mr. Moreira said this plan has been a team effort by many folks and the Council supports this effort.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A. UPDATE ON MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION FOR THE OLD COLONY REGION.**

Mr. Eric Arbeene, OCPC Community Planner updated the Council on the current status of Municipal Aggregation for the Old Colony region. OCPC's selected vendor Colonial Power Group has been holding meetings and reaching out to officials, boards and committees in all 17 OCPC communities. Aggregation Articles have been passed in the following communities: Avon, Bridgewater, Duxbury, Kingston and Plymouth. Aggregation Articles are on the Spring Town meeting warrants: Abington, Easton, Halifax, Pembroke, Plympton, Stoughton, West Bridgewater and Whitman. Outreach is continuing in Brockton, Hanover and Hanson. Communities that have passed articles at Town Meeting can work with Colonial Power to develop their Aggregation Programs and plans. Plans are then sent to the DPU for approval. Supplier RFPs are then developed and released to the market. Bids are then reviewed and analyzed by both the community and Colonial Power before an award is made. Colonial Power is responsible for transitioning customer data from the utility to the new competitive supplier, the customer opt-out process, the public education program, completing required filings, and managing and monitoring the program throughout the contract.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE CEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO THE 2016 CEDS ANNUAL REPORT:**

Mr. Bruce Hughes, OCPC Economic Development/Community Planner said the 2016 CEDS Report was prepared with input from the CEDS Committee and was approved at the April 11, 2016 CEDS Committee meeting. Mr. Eldon Moreira moved to accept the recommendation of the CEDS Committee to approve the CEDS Report, seconded by Ms. Christine Joy. So voted.

### **B. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL RESOLUTION NUMBER 220 ADOPTING A REVISED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.**

Mr. Ciaramella presented on OCPC Resolution Number 220. Mr. Robert Overholtzer moved to approve OCPC Resolution Number 220, seconded by Ms. Sandra Wright. So voted.

### **C. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OCPC OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016:**

In the absence of OCPC Nominating Committee Chair Mr. John G. Mather, Mr. Eldon Moreira said the Committee had met and nominated the following officers for 2016-2017: Frank P. Staffier, Avon, for the office of President, Christine Joy, Plympton, for the office of Treasurer and Fred L. Gilmetti, Whitman, for the office of Secretary. President Hartmann asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Mr. Eldon Moreira moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. David Klein. So voted

**D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017** Mr. Eldon Moreira moved to cast one vote for the slate of officers as nominated, seconded by Mr. Robert Overholtzer. So voted.

**E. REPORT AND UPDATE ON THE COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOARD OF RETIREMENT REGARDING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE UNFUNDED PORTION OF PENSIONS PAID TO OCPC PRESENT AND FUTURE RETIREES.** Mr. Ciaramella updated the Council on the status of the OCPC retirement account. He informed the Council that the Massachusetts State Retirement Board had sent another bill which included FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015 for a total of \$274,500. Mr. Ciaramella also informed the Council that the State is in the process of setting up a special commission to review this. This commission has until November to submit their report and recommendation.

**10. COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

There were none.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

**12. VISITORS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:**

There were none.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Staffier  
Secretary

**List of Documents for April 27, 2016 OCPC Council Meeting**

- Agenda for the April 27, 2016 OCPC Council Meeting
- March 31, 2016 OCPC Council Meeting Minutes
- List of April/May/June 2016 Up-Coming Events
- March 2016 OCPC Financial reports
- Brockton Downtown Strategic Plan power point presentation paper copy
- Municipal Aggregation power point presentation paper copy
- Letter to OCPC from State Retirement Board
- Nomination of OCPC and OCPC ROM officers for 2016-2017