

**Old Colony Planning Council
Minutes of the Meeting
October 26, 2016**

The five hundred and thirty first meeting of the Old Colony Planning Council was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at the Council offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

OCPC Delegates/Alternates Present

Frank Staffier	Avon
Robert Moran, Jr.	Brockton
Richard O’Flaherty	East Bridgewater
Jeanmarie Joyce	Easton
Lee Hartmann	Plymouth
Christine Joy	Plympton
Robert Kuver	Stoughton
Eldon F. Moreira	West Bridgewater
Fred Gilmetti	Whitman

Communities Not Represented

Abington
Bridgewater
Duxbury
Halifax
Hanover
Hanson
Kingston
Pembroke
Delegate-at-Large

Others Present

Larry Field	MA Smart Growth Alliance
Pasquale Ciaramella	OCPC
Bruce Hughes	OCPC

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Frank Staffier called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- 2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Council Treasurer Christine Joy read the roll call.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 MEETING:** Council President Staffier asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes as prepared. Mr. Eldon Moreira moved to accept the minutes as prepared, seconded by Mr. Robert Moran Jr. So voted.
- 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016:** Council Executive Director Mr. Pasquale Ciaramella presented the September 2016 Financial Report. After discussion, Mr. Lee Hartmann moved to accept the September 2016 financial report as prepared, seconded by Mr. Eldon Moreira. So voted.

A list of Upcoming Meetings/Events for October/November/December 2016 was included in the meeting packet.

5. REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS:

Industrial Revenue Bond (Council Action Required)

None

Environmental Notifications (Information only)

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **PRESENTATION – ZONING REFORM OVERVIEW:** Mr. Larry Field, Deputy Director, MA Smart Growth Alliance gave an update on the recent Zoning Reform bill. The Senate passing of a zoning and housing production bill earlier this year was an important milestone in the effort to modernize our zoning, planning and subdivision laws. Mr. Field updated the Council on the status of Zoning Reform and discussed the next steps. The bill passed in the Senate but there was no action in the House of Representatives. Key elements of the bill passed by the Senate include for housing production: Multifamily zoning requirement and accessory apartments by right; Bringing MA in line with national practice including Muni option to replace approval not required (ANR) with minor subdivision and Vesting Rights; Barring exclusionary practices; and, Adding exclusionary land use practices to anti-discrimination statute. Other things included were Cluster development districts, bonding requirement for subdivision appeals, a board training program, Incentive program to encourage zoning by right (to be designated by EOHEd and not by statute), Alternative dispute resolution, and under Master planning, Climate change considerations added. Advocates for zoning reform plan to file a new bill that will combine zoning and housing production.

B. **SELECTION OF ONE COMMUNITY WITH POPULATION LESS THAN 14,000 TO SERVE AS A SIGNATORY MEMBER ON THE OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION:** OCPC Executive Director Mr. Pat Ciaramella said OCPC every two years needs to vote to elect a signatory from Communities with population under 14,000 to serve on the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The communities self-nominated and are interested in serving on the Old Colony MPO. The term will be for two years commencing November 1, 2016 and concluding October 31, 2018. OCPC Council Delegates/Alternates present at the meeting voted. By a unanimous vote, Eldon F. Moreira, West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen was reelected to serve on the Old Colony MPO.

8. COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

A. **SOUTHCOAST RAIL:** East Bridgewater Delegate Mr. Richard O’Flaherty wanted it put in the record that he supports the restoration of South Coast Rail.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. **OCPC 50th Anniversary Subcommittee:** Mr. Ciaramella said the committee met on October 24. They discussed commemorative items that will be prepared and speakers for

the celebration dinner including Kyle Corkum of Union Point, a national speaker, and locations for the dinner. They will meet again in November.

10. VISITORS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

There were none.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Gilmetti
Secretary

List of Documents for October 26, 2016 OCPC Council Meeting

- Agenda for the October 26, 2016 OCPC Council Meeting
- September 28, 2016 OCPC Council Meeting Minutes
- October/November/December 2016 Up-Coming Events
- September 2016 OCPC Financial report
- South Coast Rail Summary of September 2016 meetings
- OCPC Comment letter on the South Coast Rail, Middleboro Alternative Route
- Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance flyers