

**Old Colony Planning Council
Minutes of the Meeting
March 29, 2017**

The five hundred and thirty fifth meeting of the Old Colony Planning Council was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at the Council offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

OCPC Delegates/Alternates Present

Frank Staffier	Avon
David Klein	Abington
Robert Moran Jr.	Brockton
Richard O’Flaherty	East Bridgewater
Jeanmarie Joyce	Easton
Robert Overholtzer	Hanson
Christine Joy	Plympton
Forrest Lindwall	Stoughton Alternate
Eldon F. Moreira	West Bridgewater
Fred Gilmetti	Whitman

Communities Not Represented

Bridgewater
Duxbury
Halifax
Hanover
Kingston
Pembroke
Plymouth
Delegate-at-Large

Others Present

Eric Arbeene	OCPC
Pasquale Ciaramella	OCPC
Bruce Hughes	OCPC
Charles Kilmer	OCPC

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Frank Staffier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Council Secretary Christine Joy read the roll call.
- 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR LAWRENCE “LARRY” CAMERON:** Council President Staffier called for a moment of silence for MassDevelopment Vice President and long-time OCPC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee member Lawrence Cameron, who passed away on March 22, 2017. Larry was a great supporter of the Old Colony Planning Council, a good public servant, and a good friend to many people. He will be missed.
- 4. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2017 MEETING:** Council President Staffier asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes as prepared. Mr. Richard O’Flaherty moved to accept the minutes as prepared, seconded by Mr. Eldon Moreira. So voted.
- 5. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2017:** Council Executive Director Mr. Pasquale Ciaramella presented the February 2017 Financial Report. After discussion, Mr. Eldon Moreira moved to accept the February 2017 financial report as prepared, seconded by Mr. Richard O’Flaherty. So voted.

6. STAFF REPORT: *Economic Development:* Mr. Ciaramella said staff is working on the EDA work plan. A CEDS Committee meeting was held on March 6, 2017. Staff submitted an application for economic development district funding for 2017-18 to US EDA on March 15. The draft 2017 CEDS report has been completed. It is being reviewed by CEDS Committee members. Staff will submit a final progress report for the 2016-2017 grant year to EDA by April 4. The next CEDS Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2017 at noon. *Area Agency on Aging:* Staff is continuing work on the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and the Ombudsman Programs for FFY 2016. AAA staff is also completing the Elderly Needs Assessment Surveys Study. We have received over 1,300 surveys. The results of the surveys indicated that the three highest needs of seniors in the region are one Transportation, two Home Healthcare Assistance and three Housing. *Transportation:* We are working on: Route 53 Corridor Study in Hanover, Pembroke, Duxbury and Kingston; Route 123 Traffic Study in Brockton and Abington: Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study; refinement of the BAT Comprehensive Regional Transit Plan; BAT Aging in Place Study; and Traffic Counting Program. Staff continues to provide Technical Assistance to our member communities and is working on numerous projects. Staff hosted the March MPO meeting and the March JTC meeting. *Comprehensive Planning:* Staff is working on the DLTA list of projects for 2017. *Community Septic Management:* Staff is continuing with the septic loan program. Communities in this program are Avon, Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston and Stoughton.

A list of Upcoming Meetings/Events for April and May 2017 was included in the meeting packet.

7. REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS:

Industrial Revenue Bond (Information only)

None

Environmental Notifications (Information only)

i. Abington – EEA #11085 – Union Point – Abington, Rockland and Weymouth (Notice of Project Change) Union Point is the updated development plan for the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station, a tract of approximately 1,462 acres of land located in the towns of Abington, Rockland and Weymouth. The master plan for the site continues to be a mixed-use, Smart Growth redevelopment of a brownfield site. Due to the result of a yearlong re-imagining and refinement of the Union Point project conducted by the proponent, host communities, redevelopment authority and valued stakeholders the following changes have been made to the development plan:

- Redesign of the project to relocate residential neighborhoods and the commercial district to sites that are more appropriate.
- Increase the number of age-restricted residential units.
- Increase the potential commercial square footage.
- Increase density to further Smart Growth goals.
- Elimination of planned golf course and replacement with additional passive, environmentally protected, and ecologically valuable open space.
- Reconfiguration of open space to make it a more sustainable environmental resource.

- Potential addition of a sports stadium to the project.
- Consideration of preservation and repurposing of Hanger 2.
- Relocation of the sports and recreation complex to better serve the community spaces.

Comment Letter on the North Carver Development and Urban Renewal Plan: Mr. Ciaramella said a comment letter on this project was sent to Secretary Matthew A. Beaton, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. This project abuts the OCPC community of Plympton to the north of it. A copy of this letter was included in the Council meeting packet.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT AND UPDATE ON THE 2017 DISTRICT LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (DLTA) PROGRAM: Mr. Ciaramella said the Council is working on 14 DLTA projects. Abington: Help with planning a new access road to the new school, town hall and library and help with Abington's Green Community Application. City of Brockton: Prepare a Housing Strategic Plan, assistance with Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Plan and Wastewater Permit. Easton: Create a Site Finder. Pembroke: Economic Development assistance. Plympton: Housing Production Plan and Exploration of Shared Services. Stoughton: Highest and best use of Industrial Park. Regional: Municipal Aggregation. Technical Assistance: Contingency/Unanticipated Projects. Non-DLTA Projects: Brockton: Campello Visioning Plan. Brockton: Complete Streets Prioritization Plan.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. UPDATE ON THE OLD COLONY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MEETING: Mr. Charles Kilmer, OCPC Assistant Director/Transportation Program Manager presented. Mr. Kilmer gave an update on the MPO meeting. Mr. Kilmer said the MPO endorsed the Public Participation Plan. It is on the OCPC website. The MPO also approved the 2018-2022 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Preferred Set of Projects dated March 21, 2017. Copies of this list were included in the Council meeting folder.

A. UPDATE ON THE 2017 EDA GRANT APPLICATION: Mr. Bruce Hughes, OCPC Economic Development/Community Planner presented. Mr. Hughes said the Council filed an application for Economic Development District funding on March 15, 2017. The Council is requesting \$70,000.00 in funding from U.S. EDA, which will be 50% cash match and 50% DLTA in-kind match by OCPC.

B. UPDATE ON MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION FOR THE OLD COLONY REGION: Mr. Eric Arbeene, OCPC Community Planner presented. Mr. Arbeene said through this program, communities could purchase electricity at lower rates than the prices utilities charge. The Aggregation Committee selected Colonial Power Group as the electrical power provider. OCPC staff reached out to all 17 OCPC communities. At this time, Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanover, Kingston, Pembroke, Plympton, Plymouth, Stoughton,

West Bridgewater and Whitman are in the process of agreeing to municipal aggregation. Brockton and East Bridgewater have not begun the process at this time. The Town of Duxbury has no interest in participating in the program at this time.

C. APPOINTMENT OF A NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OCPC OFFICERS FOR 2017-2018. President Staffier appointed the following members of the nominating committee Mr. John G. Mather, Chair, Mr. Eldon F. Moreira and Mr. Robert G. Moran, Jr.

10. COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

There were none.

11. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. OCPC 50th Anniversary Subcommittee: Mr. Robert Moran Jr. asked delegates to bring three old photos of the Council and of their communities 50 years ago for the video to the April 2017 Council meeting.

B. Copy of OCPC ROM Financial Statement for July 2016 to June 2017: This document was included in the meeting packet. Information only, no Council action required.

12. VISITORS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

There were none.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Gilmetti
Secretary

List of Documents for March 29, 2017 OCPC Council Meeting

- Agenda for the March 29, 2017 OCPC Council Meeting
- February 22, 2017 OCPC Council Meeting Minutes
- OCPC Financial statements February, 2017
- April and May 2017 Up-Coming Events
- Notice of Developer's Reception and Tour, Downtown Brockton
- 2018-22 Old Colony TIP Preferred Set of Projects - March 21, 2017
- OCPC comment letter on North Carver MA Development and Urban Renewal Plan
- OCPC ROM Financial Statement July 2016 to June 2017