

**Old Colony Planning Council
Minutes of the Meeting
August 30, 2017**

The five hundred and thirty ninth meeting of the Old Colony Planning Council was held on Wednesday, August 30, 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
Preston Huckabee	Brockton Alternate
Jeanmarie Joyce	Easton
Robert Overholtzer	Hanson
Lee Hartmann	Plymouth
Christine Joy	Plympton
Robert Kuver	Stoughton
Forrest Lindwall	Stoughton Alternate
Eldon F. Moreira	West Bridgewater
Fred Gilmetti	Whitman

Communities Not Represented

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

Others Present

Jody Lehrer	Jody Lehrer, LLC
Pasquale Ciaramella	OCPC
Bruce Hughes	OCPC

1. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Frank Staffier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Council Treasurer Christine Joy read the roll call.

3. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 28, 2017 MEETING: Council President Staffier asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes as prepared. Mr. Lee Hartmann moved to accept the minutes as prepared, seconded by Ms. Christine Joy. So voted.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JUNE/JULY 2017: Council Executive Director Mr. Pasquale Ciaramella presented the June, 2017 Financial Report. After discussion, Mr. Eldon Moreira moved to accept the June 2017 financial report as prepared, seconded by Mr. David Klein. So voted. Mr. Ciaramella presented the July, 2017 Financial Report. After discussion, Mr. Lee Hartmann moved to accept the July 2017 financial report, seconded by Ms. Christine Joy. So voted.

5. STAFF REPORT: *Economic Development:* Mr. Ciaramella said staff is working on the EDA work plan. The 2017 CEDS report has been completed. OCPC has received the planning grant from US EDA for 2017-2018. The next CEDS Committee meeting will be held on September 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 2017. Staff is working on completing the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) priority Recommendations for the FFY 2018-2021 Area Plan and Funding. Mr. Patrick Hamilton, AAA Administrator, will provide a presentation on the Area Plan and will be requesting approval at the next Council Meeting. Transportation: We are also working on the transportation program including: Route 123 Traffic Study in Brockton and Abington, Route 53 Corridor Study in Hanover, Pembroke, Duxbury and Kingston, BAT Ridership Report, the 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and the 2017 Traffic Counting Program. Staff will participate in a Road Safety Audit in Duxbury on 8/31/17. Staff also continues to provide Technical Assistance to our member communities and is working on numerous projects. Staff hosted a JTC meeting in August. Comprehensive Planning: Staff is working on 2017 DLTA projects. Community Septic Management: Staff is continuing with the septic loan program. Communities in this program are Avon, Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston and Stoughton. Changes to OCPC Staff: Eric Arbeene, OCPC Senior Community Planner left OCPC for a new position in July. James Watson, OCPC Comprehensive Planning Supervisor is retiring in September 2017 and Janet McGinty, OCPC Fiscal Officer is retiring at the end of 2017. These positions have been advertised. Candidates for the Comprehensive Planner positions have been interviewed. A replacement for the Principal Comprehensive Planner position (Planning Supervisor position) has been hired and will start on September 18. Final vetting for a candidate for the Senior Comprehensive Planner position is taking place. Mr. Ciaramella said he would focus in filling the Fiscal Officer position in September.

Mr. Ciaramella also informed the Council that James Watson, the Comprehensive Planning Supervisor will be retiring on September 29, 2017. Mr. Watson has been with the Council for thirty-five (35) years, and based on the personnel policies an employee of the Council with twenty-five (25) years or more of service shall, upon termination of employment through retirement, be compensated for up to one hundred and thirty (130) days or portion thereof of accumulated sick leave that the employee has on record.

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

6. REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS:

Industrial Revenue Bond (Information only)

None

Environmental Notifications (Information only)

i. EEA #11202 – MassDOT Snow and Ice Control Program (Statewide) - The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) DRAFT Environmental Status and Planning Report (ESPR) describes its statewide Snow and Ice Control Program (SICP) in accordance with the Certificate issued by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) on May 27, 2016. A similar ESPR was completed in 2012 and prior to 2012, three similar Generic Environmental Impact reports (GEIRs) were completed in 1978, 1995 and 2006. MassDOT changed to an ESPR format on a 5- year cycle

following the establishment of Special Review Procedures in the 2006 Certificate consistent with Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) regulations 301 CMR 11.09. The Draft ESPR focuses solely on the MassDOT SICP and does not evaluate SICP Operations performed by other state agencies, municipalities, or on commercial properties located throughout the Commonwealth. Additionally, the Draft ESPR provides an update on the tools and technologies used by MassDOT to enhance winter maintenance operations, reduce deicing material usage and program costs, and potential environmental impacts.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. UPDATE ON 2017 DISTRICT LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (DLTA) PROGRAM.** Mr. Ciaramella discussed the DLTA projects that OCPC Staff is currently working on by community. For Abington, OCPC worked with the town on it being designated a Green Community by the state. The Abington Spring Town Meeting approved a Stretch Zoning Code, an important element in the community receiving Green Community designation. Staff is also working on a secondary entrance/exit to the high school/middle school, town hall and the town library. The Town of Bridgewater Housing Production Plan is about 80% complete. For Brockton, staff is working on a housing strategy and the Campello Visioning Plan. Staff is working on a housing production plan for Plympton. For Easton, OCPC is working on a list of available commercial and industrial properties and creation of an industrial/commercial property site finder. The majority of work on this has been completed. For Pembroke, OCPC has completed creating a guide for doing business in town. For Stoughton, OCPC will work on a study of the highest and best uses of the Campanelli Industrial Park off Park Street. On a regional basis, OCPC is working with the Town of Plymouth on planning to deal with the closure of the Entergy nuclear power plant and on electrical aggregation.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. GUEST SPEAKER: UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS MARIJUANA LEGISLATION.** Ms. Jody H. Lehrer, JD, MPA, a Medical and Recreational Cannabis Consultant provided an update on the status of the Massachusetts Marijuana Legislation (Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act and provided an overview of key provisions, and local options for marijuana establishments). The MA law legalizing marijuana use by adults originated as Q4 (2016) (c.334 of the Acts of 2016). Some provisions, like those allowing personal use and cultivation, took effect December, 2016, while retail sales were delayed until 2018 (c. 351 of the Acts of 2016). In July 2017, Governor Baker signed a bill further amending the law (c 55 of the Acts of 2017). Ms. Lehrer discussed examples of new/amended provisions. Ms. Lehrer discussed Prioritizing for Licensure and the issue of Local Control. Local controls may be placed on the operation of marijuana establishments but may not be “unreasonably impracticable”, may adopt bylaws/ordinances governing time, place, manner of marijuana establishment operations, cannot limit number of marijuana establishments below specified limits in the law (e.g., cannot prohibit one or more types of marijuana establishment and process in the law, must be followed if limits are to be imposed. Host Community Agreements executed between marijuana facilities and their host community including voluntary fees and other payments to

such communities; annual fees that may increase each year; charitable contributions, real estate tax payments (foregoing requesting real estate tax exemptions) and more. Deadlines and Other Provisions were also discussed.

B. UPDATE ON THE DLTA PROJECT (PEMBROKE BUSINESS GUIDE). Mr. Bruce Hughes, OCPC Economic Development/ Community Planner gave an update on the report “Opening A Business in Pembroke”. In his presentation, Mr. Hughes discussed the following: How the Town of Pembroke Planning Board chose to proceed with OCPC doing the business guide, specific content they requested, how the report was put together and Next Steps including submitting the final report to the Pembroke Planning Board for approval.

C. 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 present status of this issue. Affected RPAs recently met with the Executive Director of the Massachusetts State Retirement Board (MSRB) and the Assistant Secretary of the Executive Office of Administration & Finance (EOA&F). Alternatives to resolving this issue were discussed. The affected parties will make an offer to the Retirement Board to resolve this issue in a way that minimizes the impact on the RPAs salaries. The affective parties will then see how the Retirement Board responds.

9. COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

There were none.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was none.

11. VISITORS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

There were none.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Gilmetti
Secretary

List of Documents for August 30, 2017 OCPC Council Meeting

- Agenda for the August 30, 2017 OCPC Council Meeting
- June 28, 2017 OCPC Council Meeting Minutes
- Environmental Notification: MassDOT Snow and Ice Control Program (Statewide)
- OCPC Financial statements for June, 2017
- OCPC Financial statements for July, 2017
- September and October 2017 Upcoming Events
- Info on Discussion with State Retirement Board
- Info on Jody Lehrer presentation on status of Massachusetts Marijuana Legislation
- Save The Date for “Implementing Best Practices: A Statewide Conference for Municipal Officials and Staff” event flyer
- Announcing Year Three of the Community Compact Program flyer
- Massachusetts Chemical Safety and Climate Change Preparedness Trainings flyer
- MA Office of Technical Assistance Climate Change Resources for Local Government Agencies flyer