

**Old Colony Planning Council  
Minutes of the Meeting  
October 25, 2017**

The five hundred and forty first meeting of the Old Colony Planning Council was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the Council offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

**OCPC Delegates/Alternates Present**

Frank Staffier	Avon
Sandra Wright	Bridgewater
Robert Moran, Jr.	Brockton
Preston Huckabee	Brockton Alternate
Jeanmarie Joyce	Easton
Robert Overholtzer	Hanson
Philip Lindquist	Hanson Alternate
Daniel Trabucco	Pembroke
Lee Hartmann	Plymouth
Christine Joy	Plympton
Robert Kuver	Stoughton
Eldon F. Moreira	West Bridgewater
Fred Gilmetti	Whitman
Daniel Salvucci	Whitman Alternate

**Communities Not Represented**

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

**Others Present**

Melissa Cryan	MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Pasquale Ciaramella	OCPC
Bruce Hughes	OCPC
Laurie Muncy	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 27, 2017 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 Ms. Christine Joy. So voted.
- 4. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017:** Council Executive Director Mr. Pasquale Ciaramella presented the September 2017 Financial Report. After discussion, Mr. Robert Moran Jr. moved to accept the September 2017 financial report as prepared, seconded by Ms. Sandra Wright. So voted.

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

**5. REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS:**

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

None

**Environmental Notifications (Information only)**

**i. EEA #15769 – Gurnet Point Revetment (ENF) – Plymouth, MA** – The Project site is located at the tip of Gurnet Point in Plymouth, Massachusetts. There are two properties of interest to this project: one, where the historic Plymouth Light Station is located, which is owned by the United States Government and managed by Project Gurnet and Bug Lights, Inc. and two: the adjacent property to the west, which is private residential property owned by Clifford and Janice Davis.

The purpose of the currently proposed project is to limit the amount of future erosion along the coastal bank. The proposed armor stone revetment will extend approximately 908 linear feet along the coastal bank. The crest of the revetment is proposed to be located at elevation + 27.8 feet in order to minimize overtopping of the revetment by storm surge and waves, which would further erode the bank. The top of the coastal bank is approximately at an elevation of +50 feet. The toe of the proposed revetment would be located near the Mean High Water Mark (MHW) line at an elevation of +4.8 feet, and efforts have been made to minimize any encroachment seaward of the MHW line, while maintaining design integrity and long-term resiliency. Also, the toe is proposed to be embedded approximately 4.5 feet below grade, which corresponds to the design depth-limited wave height.

The revetment has been designed to withstand the 100-year return period storm, and to have a 50-year design service life. Additionally, the design takes into account the projected 50-year sea level rise. Because the existing bank is eroded, and to avoid further destabilization, the proposed design avoids cutting into the bank, and the revetment crest is proposed to begin at the existing bank face. Some excavation is proposed to occur at the toe of the proposed revetment, in order to achieve adequate embedment of the armor stone and to prevent undermining due to scour.

Comment Period Ended: October 30, 2017.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. PRESENTATION – STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN/PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING.** Ms. Melissa Cryan, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Statewide Coordinator, Executive Office of Energy and

Environmental Affairs presented. The Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) is a document that identifies the gaps between the existing recreation and conservation resources of the state and the needs of its residents. An up-to-date SCORP is required for Massachusetts to receive its Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) allotment and will also help guide state outdoor recreation and conservation grants. The LWCF program can fund the acquisition of conservation or recreation land, the development of new parks, or the renovation of existing parks. Although Ms. Cryan indicated that \$2 million dollars in grant funding is available, she did not indicate how the funding would be disbursed throughout the Commonwealth and in particular the portion of those funds that would be available to communities within the OCPC region. Ms. Cryan asked for public input for the SCORP development. The following questions/comments were discussed at:

- Question: Is there any funding available for golf course development? Answer: Golf courses are eligible for funding.
- Question: Are dog parks eligible for funding? Answer: Yes, they are.
- Question: Can funding be used to upgrade existing recreational facilities? Answer: Yes, it can.
- Question: Is a town owned golf course being operated by a contract management firm for the town eligible for funding? Answer, yes, if the town, not the operator, applies for funding.
- Question: Which town entity typically applies for funding? Answer: It depends on what funding is being applied for but most of the time it is the planning board that applies.
- Question: Can funding be used for park maintenance? Answer: No, but can be used to fund capital improvements.
- Question: Can funding be used to improve handicapped accessibility? Answer: Yes, it can.

Ms. Cryan's contact information is: Melissa Cryan. LWCF Statewide Coordinator, 100 Cambridge Street, 9<sup>th</sup> floor, Boston, MA 02114 (617) 626-1171 [melissa.cryan@state.ma.us](mailto:melissa.cryan@state.ma.us)

- B. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION – DRAFT FFY 2018-2022 OLD COLONY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT 1.** OCPC Executive Director Mr. Pat Ciaramella said this document was released by the Old Colony MPO on October 17, 2017 for a 21-day public review and comment period. The Old Colony FFY 2018-2022 TIP is a five-year program of capital improvements and operating assistance for the transportation system in the Old Colony region. The Old Colony TIP lists projects (highway, bridge and transit) and operational assistance that receive federal funds.

The FFY 2018-2022 TIP Amendment 1 adds the Downtown Brockton Streetscape (Federal Earmark MA-214) for Design Project, and adds six (6) projects that were awarded as part of the 2017 Community Transit Grant Program.

### ***1. City of Brockton***

- Amendment: Add Project - Ma-214, Downtown Brockton Streetscape (Federal Earmark) For Design - Cost is \$476,691.99 (\$381,353.59 Federal; \$95,338.40 City of Brockton)

**2. Brockton Area Transit (BAT)**

- Amendment: Add Project - Buy Replacement <30 Ft Bus (7) - Cost is \$462,800 (\$370,240 Federal; \$92,560 State)

**3. Brockton Area Transit (BAT)**

- Amendment: Add Project - Operating Assistance to Continue to Provide Avon-Stoughton Service - Cost is \$52,000 (\$26,000 Federal; \$26,000 Local)

**4. Brockton Area Transit (BAT)**

- Amendment: Add Project - Operating Assistance to Continue to Provide Service to the Town of Rockland - Cost is \$100,000 (\$50,000 Federal; \$50,000 Local)

**5. Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)**

- Amendment: Add Project - Operating Assistance for Volunteer Transportation Program (VTP) - Cost is \$64,000 (\$32,000 Federal; \$32,000 Local)

**6. South Shore Community Action Council (SSCAC)**

- Amendment: Add Project - Operating Assistance to Support SSCAC Transportation Program - Cost is \$80,000 (\$40,000 Federal; \$40,000 Local)

**7. South Shore Community Action Council (SSCAC)**

- Amendment: Add Project - Buy Replacement Van (7) - Cost is \$449,400 (\$359,520 Federal; \$89,880 Local)

Following completion of the 21-day public review and comment period, the Old Colony MPO will review the public comments and consider endorsement of the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony TIP Amendment on November 21, 2017. Council action required. After review and consideration, Mr. Eldon Moreira moved to have the Council endorse the Draft FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1, seconded by Ms. Jeanmarie Joyce. So voted.

**C. SELECTION OF ONE COMMUNITY WITH POPULATION GREATER 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 greater than 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, 2017 and concluding October 31, 2019. OCPC Council Delegates/Alternates present at the meeting voted. By a unanimous vote, Daniel Salvucci, Vice Chair, Whitman Board of Selectmen was re-elected to serve on the Old Colony MPO.

**8. COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

There were none.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**A. RATIFICATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING VOTES:** Mr. Ciaramella reported that at the September 2017 Council

meeting there was not a quorum and the Council's Executive Committee voted to approve the August minutes and financial reports. Mr. Eldon Moreira moved to ratify the approval of the Executive Committee votes at the September Council meeting, seconded by Jeanmarie Joyce. So voted.

**10. VISITORS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:**

There were none.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Gilmetti  
Secretary

**List of Documents for October 25, 2017 OCPC Council Meeting**

- Agenda for the October 25, 2017 OCPC Council Meeting
- September 27, 2017 OCPC Council Meeting Minutes
- October/November/December 2017 Up-Coming Events
- September 2017 OCPC Financial report
- FFY 2018-2022 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 1
- Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Public Outreach Meeting power point presentation (printed)
- MPO Representative election ballot