

**Old Colony Planning Council
Minutes of the Meeting
November 28, 2018**

The five hundred and fifty second meeting of the Old Colony Planning Council was held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 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
Laura Fitzgerald Kemmett	Hanson
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
Easton
Halifax
Hanover
Kingston
Pembroke
Plymouth
Delegate-at-Large

Others Present

Pasquale Ciaramella	OCPC
Bruce Hughes	OCPC
Laurie Muncy	OCPC
Lisa Sullivan	OCPC

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

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Council Treasurer Christine Joy read the roll call. There was not a quorum present. Mr. Robert Moran Jr. moved the Council meet as Executive Committee, seconded by Mr. Eldon Moreira. So voted.

3. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 31, 2018 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 REPORTS FOR OCTOBER 2018: Council Executive Director Mr. Pasquale Ciaramella presented the October, 2018 Financial Report. After discussion, Mr. Robert Kuver moved to accept the October 2018 financial report as amended, seconded by Mr. Eldon Moreira So voted.

5. STAFF REPORT: *Economic Development:* Mr. Ciaramella said staff is working on the 2018 EDA Work Plan. We are working with the City of Brockton and the Town of Plymouth on possible public works projects for US EDA funding. The next CEDS Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2019 at noon. *Area Agency on Aging:* Staff is continuing work on the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and the Ombudsman Programs for FFY 2018. The Council has received

a letter of approval for the FTA 5310 grant application asking for \$32,000 from Mass DOT to help fund volunteer transportation. *Transportation:* Staff continues working on: Route 106 Traffic Study in West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Plympton and Kingston; technical studies for BAT, and OCPC's 2018 Traffic Counting Program. Staff continues to provide Technical Assistance to our member communities and is working on numerous projects. Staff hosted the November MPO and JTC meetings. *Comprehensive Planning:* Staff continues to work on 2018 DLTA projects. The Council has received approval for 2019 DLTA funding. Contract for DLTA funding will be available sometime in December. *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 December 2018 and January 2019 was included in the meeting packet.

6. REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS:

Industrial Revenue Bond (Information only)

None

Environmental Notifications (Information only)

Council Economic Development/Community Planner Bruce Hughes presented on the following environmental notification:

i. EEA # 15929 - Plymouth Inner Harbor Dredging Program (Plymouth) ENF - The Town of Plymouth proposes to conduct dredging at five locations within the inner harbor area between the Plymouth Harbor Boat Ramp to the north of Town Wharf and the floats at Brewers Marine. Four of these locations are the subject of this Expanded Environmental Notification Form and one is the subject of EOE #14139. The four locations addressed herein encompass approximately 14.3 acres and consist primarily of fine sand to silt and clay deposits, with grain sizes ranging from 57 to nearly 98 percent silt and clay. All four areas to be dredged are Land Under the Ocean, as defined by the Massachusetts Wetlands Regulations at 310 CMR 10.25(2). The Plymouth inner harbor area is utilized by a mix of fishing and recreational vessels and includes the Frazier State Pier, home berth of the Mayflower II.

A sediment sampling and testing program, including grain size and bulk chemistry analyses, was conducted on nine sediment samples in 2007 in accordance with a sampling protocol approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) on May 26, 2007. As the results of this sampling program indicated continuity in material composition across the sampled sites, the ACOE permitted bioassay analyses to be conducted on two composite samples representing the entire inner harbor area. The composite samples were collected in October of 2007. The results of the bioassay analyses of the composite samples revealed unacceptable levels of bioaccumulation of the pesticide compounds DDT, DOD, and ODE in tested organisms. Given these results, the ACOE determined that the proposed dredge materials were unsuitable for offshore disposal at the Massachusetts Bay Disposal Site - MBDS. The results of sediment sampling and testing conducted

in Plymouth Harbor since 2007 have shown that pesticide levels in sediments vary significantly by location within the inner harbor. Recently approved dredging projects (e.g., Plymouth Yacht Club and the Plymouth Harbor federal navigation channel) have been permitted with offshore material disposal at the MBDS, indicating that sediments in at least some sections of the inner harbor are suitable for offshore disposal. In light of these recent findings, the Town of Plymouth is conducting supplemental sampling within the four dredging sites in an effort to more precisely define the extent of pesticide contaminated sediments. The supplemental sampling protocol was developed in consultation with MADEP. It is anticipated that the results of the supplemental sampling will reveal that some of the sediments to be dredged from these sites are suitable for unconfined disposal at the MBDS.

MassGIS data indicate that the area is prohibited for the growing of shellfish. Further, the areas to be dredged do not contain beds of submerged aquatic vegetation. Portions of the inner harbor area, including areas adjoining Frazier State Pier, are mapped by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program as priority habitat for rare species (i.e., piping plover, least tern, common tern, Arctic tern, and roseate tern).

The proposed dredging addressed herein encompasses the following four sites within the inner harbor area.

- Site 1 (6-ft Mooring Basin) - is a 6-foot deep mooring basin adjacent to Plymouth Yacht Club and Brewers Marine marina. Total area of proposed dredging is 260,000 square feet. Total estimated dredge volume, including one-foot overdredge, is 32,500 cubic yards.
- Site 2 (8-ft Mooring Basin) - an 8-foot deep mooring basin south of Frazier State Pier. Total area of proposed dredging is 255,000 square feet. Total estimated dredge volume, including one-foot overdredge, is 33,000 cubic yards.
- Site 3 (Frazier Pier) is the berthing area for the Mayflower II alongside Frazier State Pier. Total area of proposed dredging is 15,000 square feet but much of this footprint is an overlap with Area 2. Total additional area of impact is 9,800 square feet. Total estimated dredge volume, including one-foot overdredge, is 3,000 cubic yards.
- Site 4 (Town Wharf) is used for a Town Landing, mooring Harbormaster vessels, and navigation and berthing of excursion vessels. Total proposed dredging area is 99,000 square feet. Total estimated dredge volume, including one-foot overdredge, is 15,550 cubic yards.

Disposal of the dredged material is proposed to occur at a combination of onshore and offshore disposal sites. Dredged material that meets the quality standards for a favorable suitability determination by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for disposal offshore will be disposed at the Massachusetts Bay Disposal Site. Dredged material that does not meet the quality standards for offshore disposal will be disposed onshore as landfill capping material at the Cedarville landfill site in Plymouth. Material to be disposed onshore will be dewatered on the Leo F. DeMarsh Boat Ramp parking lot prior to transport to its disposal site.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. REPORT AND UPDATE ON THE 2018 DISTRICT LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (DLTA) PROGRAM Ms. Laurie Muncy, OCPC Principal Comprehensive Planner presented on progress to date on each of the following projects:

- Bridgewater: Relocation of MBTA Commuter Platform
- East Bridgewater/Hanson Regional Shared Services:
- Hanson: Chapter 40R Smart Growth Zoning
- Pembroke: Housing Production Plan
- Plymouth: Mitigation Planning for Cedarville Village Enterprise District
- Plympton: Town Center Site Plan Development
- Plympton: Assist with the creation and adoption of Comprehensive Permit Regulations
- Stoughton: Route 138 Corridor Streetscape Design/Concept Plan
- West Bridgewater: Assistance with Tier 1 and Tier 2 submissions for the MassDOT Complete Streets Program
- Regional: Municipal Aggregation
- Regional: Entergy Working Group

A handout was distributed in the meeting packet that discussed progress to date on each of these projects.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC) - 2018 REGIONAL POLICY PLAN: Ms. Lisa Sullivan, Senior Planner and Ms. Laurie Muncy, Principal Comprehensive Planner presented on the Regional Policy Plan Update. This Regional Policy Plan builds upon, and carries forward, the smart growth principles outlined within previous plans. In addition to the strengths of these policies, this plan serves as a foundation for how our region will grow and invest in infrastructure that provides more choices, strengthens the economy, promotes a healthy environment, and supports thriving, livable communities. Contents of the presentation included: Mission Statement, Regional Vision, and Principals of the Regional Plan, Goals, and Planning for Prosperity, and Public Outreach Efforts. Changes to the Plan include: The cover has been updated, disclaimer page in different languages added, glossary of terms updated to include more terms and mirror technology utilized in recently proposed zoning reform regulation and updated select tables and graphs with more recent ACS data. Added a section on Solid Waste Management/Recycling. Enhanced section on Mosquito Borne Illness; Added Streetscape design section with guidelines; Enhanced section on low impact design; Added section on Intercity Coach Options; Added a section on the South Coast Rail; and furthermore, staff; enhanced section on electric and autonomous vehicles. After discussion, Ms. Laura Fitzgerald Kemmett moved to endorse the plan, seconded by Ms. Sandra Wright. So voted.

B. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CONCERNING STAFF SALARIES: Mr. Eldon Moreira, Chairman, Personnel Committee presented the recommendations of the Personnel Committee regarding staff salaries for 2019. In the interest of confidentiality, the Personnel

Committee has recommended not distributing individual salary forms and then noted that the overall increase to the budget for the upcoming year is 2.73%. The forms are available to any of the Delegates and Alternates for review. Mr. Moreira stated the Executive Director provided the committee with the 2018 Personnel Evaluation Forms, Salary Step Increase sheet, APA's 2018 salary comparison, and the salary recommendation for 2019. These Recommendations were developed with the input from the Fiscal Officer, Assistant Director/Transportation Program Manager, AAA Administrator, and the Comprehensive Planning staff. Mr. Moreira also informed the Council that, this year, the Personnel Committee voted to again recommend a longevity increase be included for long-term employees (.5% per every five-years of service up to 20 years, with max increase of 2%). Mr. Moreira stated that the Council has sufficient funds in the budget to cover these adjustments. After discussion, Mr. Robert Moran Jr., moved to approve the recommendations of the Personnel Committee, seconded by Ms. Sandra Wright. So voted.

9. COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

There were none.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. OCPC ROM FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** This statement was included in the meeting packet. Information only, no Council action required.
- B. NOTIFICATION OF SUSPENSION OF DECEMBER, 2018 OCPC COUNCIL MEEETING:** Council President Staffier said that due to the Christmas holiday there will be no December 2018 Council meeting. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

11. VISITORS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

There were none.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Gilmetti
Secretary

List of Documents for November 28, 2018 OCPC Council Meeting

- Agenda for the November 28, 2018, OCPC Council Meeting

- OCPC Council Meeting Minutes October 31, 2018
- OCPC Financial statements October, 2018
- December 2018 and January 2019 Upcoming Events
- Summary of OCPC Regional Policy Plan
- Recommendations of the Personnel Committee
- DLTA Project Status as of 11/28/18
- OCPC ROM Financial Statement