

**Old Colony Planning Council
Minutes of the Meeting
March 27, 2019**

The five hundred and fifty fifth meeting of the Old Colony Planning Council was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at the Council offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA.

OCPC Delegates/Alternates Present

David Klein	Abington
Frank Staffier	Avon
Sandra Wright	Bridgewater
Robert Moran, Jr.	Brockton
Jeanmarie Joyce	Easton
Robert Downey	Kingston
Lee Hartmann	Plymouth
Christine Joy	Plympton
Robert Kuver	Stoughton Delegate
Forrest Lindwall	Stoughton Alternate
Eldon F. Moreira	West Bridgewater
Fred Gilmetti	Whitman

Communities Not Represented

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

Others Present

Pasquale Ciaramella	OCPC
Bruce Hughes	OCPC
Bill McNulty	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 FEBRUARY 27, 2019 MEETING: Council President Frank 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 FEBRUARY 2019: Council Executive Director Mr. Pasquale Ciaramella presented the February, 2019 Financial Report. After discussion, Mr. Robert Kuver moved to accept the February 2019 financial report seconded by Ms. Jeanmarie Joyce. So voted.

5. STAFF REPORT: *Economic Development:* Mr. Ciaramella said staff is working on the 2019 CEDS Report. The March 4th CEDS Committee Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The next CEDS Committee meeting will be held on April 1, 2019 at noon. *Area Agency on Aging:* Staff has continued work on the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and the Ombudsman Programs for FFY 2019. *Transportation:* Staff is continuing work on: 2020 Old Colony Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); Route 106 Corridor Study in West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater Halifax, Plympton, and Kingston; Pavement Management Program; technical studies for BAT;

and OCPC's 2019 Traffic Counting Program. Staff continues to provide Technical Assistance to our member communities and is working on numerous projects. Staff hosted an MPO and JTC meetings in March. Comprehensive Planning: Staff has begun work on 2019 DLTA projects. The Town of Hanover has inquired if OCPC could do a housing production plan for the town. 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 March, April and May 2019 was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Ciaramella announced that the OCPC Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on May 9, 2019, location to be determined. The guest speaker will be Mr. Michael Hogan, President and Chief Executive Office of A. D. Makepeace Company.

6. REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS:

Industrial Revenue Bond (Information only)

There were none

Environmental Notifications (Information only)

i. EEA # 15998 - Proposed Shorefront Protection (Plymouth) (ENF) - The project includes seven abutting properties along the shoreline of Cape Cod Bay in Plymouth in the community of Cedarville Landing. There are a total of four single-family dwellings and one condominium complex along the properties. Between the upland buildings and the coastal beach resides an eroding coastal bank that is between 60'-110' high.

The proposed project includes the installation of a shorefront protection system along the 652 linear feet of coastal bank of the subject properties. The system includes a rock revetment that would protect the coastal bank from further erosion that could lead to jeopardizing the pre-1978 dwellings. The system also includes a section of coir envelopes buried under a sand berm to protect the coastal bank in front of the post-1978 dwelling.

The proposed rock revetment will be installed in front of the dwellings with approximately 60-foot extensions beyond the dwellings in order to protect the dwellings from wrap around erosion. The proposed rock revetment is to be installed along the coastal bank above the mean high water elevation. Bank compatible sediment will be brought to the site and used to grade the lower portions of the bank at a 1.5:1 slope before the rock is placed. The rock revetment will first consist of two layers of filter fabric, followed by a layer of bedding stones, secondary stones, and armor stones. This type of rock revetment is designed to dissipate wave energy rather than reflect energy.

ii. EEA # 15639 - North Carver Development (Carver) (FEIR) - The Route 44 Redevelopment, LLC, Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the North Carver Development has been prepared in accordance with the Secretary's Certificate on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for EEA No. 15639, issued September 14, 2018. The project is part of the implementation of the North Carver Urban Redevelopment Plan

(NCURP). The Department of Housing and Community Development approved the NCURP after the issuance of the Secretary's Draft Record of Decision on March 17, 2017.

The Project is located on approximately 282.3 acres in the northwest corner of the Town of Carver adjacent to the municipal boundaries of the Towns of Plympton and Middleborough. The Project involves the construction of approximately 1.77 million square feet of new warehouse/ distribution facilities with ancillary office uses, provides approximately 1,883 parking spaces, and provide paved access roads. The Project Site will be accessed from a re-configured intersection of Montello Street and Route 58 and a new configuration for Montello Street. Facility construction is expected to begin in 2020.

7. Old Business

A. Report and update on the 2019 Local District Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program.

Mr. Ciaramella said the staff is working on the following 2019 projects. Abington, prepare a Housing Production Plan (HPP). Avon, prepare a Housing Production Plan and an assessment of DeMarco Park to review the feasibility of improvements that would increase passive recreational opportunities and physical activity. Brockton, assistance to advance the Brockton Urban Revitalization (Renewal) Plan by looking for support with predictable permitting through Chapter 43D Expedited Permitting Program for economic development projects on properties owned by the Brockton Redevelopment authority. Hanson, public/private partnership to create a sewer district utilizing a local treatment facility on or near Main Street. Halifax, prepare a Housing Production Plan. Pembroke, examine Zoning Bylaws for methods to increase the supply of housing and provide assistance to the town to complete their ADA transition plan for the Open Space and Recreation Plan drafted by the Conway School. Plympton, prepare a fully updated Zoning Map including providing the town with an electronic version for posting on the town website and a digital file than can be accessed for future edits. Stoughton, complete a Housing Production Plan. Whitman, prepare a Housing Production Plan. Rural Policy Plan, work with MARPA on the Rural Policy Advisory Commission's writing of the MA Rural Policy Plan. Regional, working with the Municipal Aggregation Program and the Entergy Working Group. Technical Assistance, contingency/unanticipated projects. Current status, when we created a DLTA budget for 2019 we created a contingency line item for unanticipated costs. Mr. David Klein asked what a Housing Production Plan is. Mr. Ciaramella said a Housing Production Plan is a proactive strategy for planning and developing housing that meets community needs and also meets the 10 percent subsidized public housing inventory target set for each community through MA General Laws, Chapter 40B. Housing Production Plans are required to contain the following three elements: 1.) An assessment of the town's housing needs. 2.) Goals to assist with meeting the housing needs of the community and 3.) Strategies toward achieving the goals. An approved HPP potentially puts a community in line for new state money through the Housing Choice Initiative, which will award \$10 million per year in grants to cities and towns that meet certain housing thresholds and enact housing-friendly zoning changes.

8. New Business

A. Presentation – Development of 2020 Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Mr. Bill McNulty, OCPC Senior Transportation Planner presenting. Every four years, the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) embarks upon an update to the region’s Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP helps determine how federal and state funding will be spent on transportation infrastructure and services in the Old Colony region over the next 20 years. It is a Federally Required Planning Document that is updated every 4 years with a 20 year planning horizon (2020-2040). It guides Capital Investment in Regional Transportation and Implements a Performance Based Planning approach. The Old Colony MPO recently adopted Statewide Performance Targets. The report document consists of:

- Chapter 1- Introduction and the Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative (3C) Planning Process.
- Chapter 2- Regional Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures.
- Chapter 3- Regional Profile and Livability.
- Chapter 4- The Regional Highway System.
- Chapter 5- The Regional Transit System.
- Chapter 6- Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation.
- Chapter 7- Environmental Quality, Climate Change, and Hazards.
- Chapter 8- Safety and Security.
- Chapter 9- Finance.
- Chapter 10 – Conclusion and Recommendation.

2020 Old Colony LRTP Timeline: Plan Development, Determining of Capital Investment Need for Repairing Existing Surface Transportation System (Federal Aid Eligible Roadways) to State of Good Repair (Excellent or Good Condition). Considering scenario planning which includes how investment will be directed under assumed scenarios and which types of projects will be prioritized. Next Steps include: Draft Document produced by the end of May, 2019. Presentation to Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee at their June, 2019 meeting. Presentation to the Old Colony MPO in June, 2019. The document will then be released for 30-day public review. The document will be presented at the Old Colony Planning Council meeting on June 26, 2019. After that, there will be a public presentation. Endorsement by the Old Colony MPO will be asked for at their July, 16, 2019 meeting.

B. UPDATE ON THE EDA GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2019-2020. Council Economic Development/Community Planner Mr. Bruce Hughes presented. He said the U.S. Economic Development Administration has invited OCPC to prepare an application for District Funding for 2019-2020 and staff is working on the application.

C. APPOINTMENT OF A NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OCPC OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020. Council President Staffier appointed Mr. John G. Mather, Mr. Eldon Moreira and Mr. Robert Moran Jr., to the Nominating Committee. They will report their findings at the April 24, 2019 Council meeting.

9. COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

There were none.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RETIREMENT. OCPC Executive Director Pasquale Ciaramella announced that he plans to retire towards the end of 2019. He stated that the Council is in great financial position and is staffed up to what it should be. Mr. Ciaramella said after 42 years with the Council and working on so many great projects over the years, it's going to be extremely hard for him because he loves his job and have enjoyed tremendously working with the Delegates, Staff, Cities and Towns, and all the Local, State, and Federal Agencies. President Staffier announced that an Executive Director Search Committee will be created which will include the Personnel Committee. The Search Committee members will include President Staffier, Mr. John Mather, Ms. Jean Marie Joyce and Mr. Robert Moran, Jr. Mr. Ciaramella stated that he will work with the Search Committee to update the Executive Director Job Description, develop interview questions, advertise for the position and make sure that there's a smooth transition. The Committee will meet on April 24, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

APRIL 24, 2019 MEETING TO MEET AT 5:30 P.M. To accommodate Council delegates who wish to attend the Metro South Chamber of Commerce Taste of Metro South on April 24, 2019 the Council will meet at 5:30 P.M.

11. VISITOR COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

12. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Gilmetti
Secretary

List of Documents March 27, 2019 OCPC Council Meeting

- OCPC Council Meeting Agenda for the March 27, 2019
- OCPC Council February 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- OCPC Financial Report for February 2019
- OCPC Upcoming Events March, April, and May 2019.
- Long Range Transportation Plan, Power Point Presentation