

**Old Colony Planning Council
Minutes of the Meeting
April 24, 2019**

The five hundred and fifty sixth meeting of the Old Colony Planning Council was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at the Council offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA.

OCPC Delegates/Alternates Present

Frank Staffier	Avon
David Klein	Abington
Sandra Wright	Bridgewater
Robert Moran Jr.	Brockton
Jeanmarie Joyce	Easton
Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett	Hanson
Robert Downey	Kingston
Lee Hartmann	Plymouth
Robert Kuver	Stoughton
Eldon F. Moreira	West Bridgewater
Fred Gilmetti	Whitman

Communities Not Represented

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

Others Present

Pasquale Ciaramella	OCPC
Bruce Hughes	OCPC
Charles Kilmer	OCPC

1. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Mr. Frank Staffier called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: OCPC Executive Director Mr. Pasquale Ciaramella read the roll call.

3. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2019 MEETING: Council President Staffier asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes as prepared. Mr. Robert Moran Jr. moved to accept the minutes as prepared, seconded by Mr. Eldon Moreira. So voted.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MARCH 2019: Council Executive Director Mr. Pasquale Ciaramella presented the March 2019 Financial Report. After discussion, Mr. Eldon Moreira moved to accept the March 2019 financial report as prepared, seconded by Ms. Sandra Wright. So voted.

5. REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS:

Industrial Revenue Bond (Information only)

None

Environmental Notifications (Information only)

i. EEA # 11924 – The Oasis at Plymouth (Plymouth) (NPC) - The proposed project is located at the end of Home Depot Drive (Off of Long Pond Road) in Plymouth. In September 2014, the Secretary's certificate accounted for a Notice of Project change (NPC) to include a 396,000 sf. (gross building area) of destination retail for a factory outlet mall. The certificate also includes the construction of an on-site multi-story parking garage and infrastructure supporting approximately 1,995 parking spaces. The 2014 certificate is reflective of the historical 1999 ENF, SEIR, a 2000 NPC, 2010 NPC, and a supplemental EIR in 2011. The time line of MEPA permitting focused on a retail shopping center and restaurant services. MassDOT issued a Section 61 findings report for off-site improvements in support of the project.

The application under the current NPC is to remove the factory outlet mall (and supporting infrastructure) components in their entirety and replace them with a 320-unit residential development to be constructed within six (6) residential buildings. A central clubhouse, amenity parking garages, and maintenance space shall also be provided. While the gross square footage of the development at 548,448 square feet is larger than the 2014 certificate at 396,000 square feet, it is due to the four (4) story nature of each structure. The residential development density is less than proposed under the previous certificate. Six hundred forty-nine (649) parking spaces are proposed with 100 spaces located within 13 freestanding garage structures. The project as currently proposed lessens the anticipated traffic on the roadway corridor. The combination of the existing site traffic plus the proposed expansion traffic shows that the total daily traffic generation will be 6,230 less trips than the currently MEPA approved project on a weekday daily basis and 13,270 less trips on a Saturday daily basis.

The mitigation measures proposed exceed those permitted under the previous NPC and are an accommodation to address local traffic concerns based on discussions with the Town administration. To mitigate the project's traffic impacts, the same geometric and traffic control improvements will be implemented along Long Pond Road as were proposed for the factory outlet center. The project application includes a roadway widening of the private road of Home Depot Drive to allow for additional queuing and turn lanes. The southbound off ramps at Exit 5 off MassDOT Route 3 is being widened to provide dedicated turn lanes. An exit ramp signal is proposed with pedestrian accommodations and refuge areas.

In addition, several transportation demand management strategies will be implemented to reduce the volume of traffic generated by the project. The proposed project is implementing a traffic management program to lessen the required vehicle trips as part of this project. Proximity to bus routes, park and ride facilities, carpool programs, and commuter rail stations allow for additional forms of travel. With the implementation of these measures, the impacts of the project on Long Pond Road and its major intersections will be minimized with minimal changes in delay and level of service predicted over the No-Build conditions.

A draft Section 61 finding supersedes the Section 61 issued on January 22, 2015. The Findings specifically outline traffic mitigation measures for the Home Depot Drive, Long Pond Road, and Route 3 Southbound interchanges affected by this project.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT FFY 2019-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT 2.

Mr. Charles Kilmer, Assistant Director/Transportation Program Manager presented and described the elements of the amendments. Included in the meeting packet was a handout listing the recommendations:

- Part 1- Increases the cost for the following projects: FFY 2019 1.) Abington/Brockton – North Quincy Street, Chestnut Street, and Boundary Street Roundabout and Geometric Improvements. Amendment: Increase cost: Increase cost from \$1,218,906 to \$2,121,017 (increase covered by adding \$907,111 in Regional Target CMAQ funding). 2.) East Bridgewater – Resurfacing and sidewalk construction on Bedford Street (Route 18), from Whitman Street (Route 106) to Central Street. Amendment: Increase cost and add funding program – Increase cost from \$7,763,091 to \$9,023,732 (increase covered by adding \$1, 260,641 in Regional Target STP funding).
- Part 2 – Replaces the existing Section 2. FAST Act, National Planning Factors, and Performance Based Planning with an updated Section 2. FAST Act, National Planning Factors, and Performance Based Planning Narrative, Performance Measures and Targets (PM 1, PM 2, PM3, and TAM), and adoption of said Performance Measures and Targets (PM1, PM2, PM3, and TAM).

After discussion, Mr. Eldon Moreira moved to approve, seconded by Ms. Jeanmarie Joyce. So voted.

B. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT FFY 2020-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Mr. Charles Kilmer, Assistant Director/Transportation Program Manager presented. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a presentation of transportation projects proposed for implementation during federal fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. The year 2024 is an estimated or hypothetical year, as availability of funds may fluctuate. Projects listed in the TIP include those in the Long Range Element and Short Range Element of the Old Colony Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). In the TIP, projects are programmed under federal and non-federal funding categories. The TIP describes the project, provides its projected costs and associated funding sources. After discussion, Ms. Sandra Wright moved to approve, seconded by Mr. David Klein. So voted.

C. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL RESOLUTION NUMBER 230 ADOPTING A REVISED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.

Mr. Ciaramella presented. The initial budget amount presented was \$1,618,451. Changing circumstances necessitate that the annual budget be amended to reflect modifications in revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year. The

revised budget amount is \$1,709,089. After discussion, Mr. David Klein moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Lee Hartmann. So voted.

- D. REPORT ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OCPC OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020. NOMINATING COMMITTEE MR. JOHN G. MATHER (CHAIR), MR. ROBERT G. MORAN, JR. AND MR. ELDON MOREIRA:** In the absence of OCPC Nominating Committee Chair Mr. John G. Mather, Mr. Eldon Moreira said the Committee had met and nominated the following officers for 2019-2020, Christine M. Joy, Plympton, for the office of President, David P. Klein, Abington, for the office of Treasurer, and Sandra M. Wright, Bridgewater, for the office of Secretary. President Staffier asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Mr. Moreira moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. Robert Moran, Jr. So voted.
- E. ELECTION OF OCPC OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020.** Mr. Eldon Moreira moved to cast one vote for the slate of officers as nominated, seconded by Ms. Jeanmarie Joyce. So voted.

8. COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

There were none.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. UPCOMING OCPC EVENTS:** A list of upcoming OCPC events for April, May and June 2019 was included in the meeting packet.
- B. REGISTRATION FOR ANNUAL OCPC DINNER MEETING:** Mr. Ciaramella reminded everyone that the Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2019, at the Mockingbird (Miraval Ballroom) in East Bridgewater. Registrations is on target, we have approximately 75 people registered for the event.
- C. MassDOT COMMUNITY TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAM FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR (FY-2020).** Mr. Ciaramella said the Council will notify area Councils on Aging about this grant program. The Council's AAA will be applying for this grant to help fund the AAA volunteer's transportation reimbursement program. An informational flyer for this program was included in the meeting packet.
- D. MassDOT CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN (CIP)** Mr. Ciaramella said MassDOT is preparing the next five-year capital plan, a spending plan that will guide investments in our transportation system between 2020 and 2024. There will be a series of public meetings to discuss the plan. An informational flyer which includes dates and places of these meetings were included in the meeting packet.
- E. COUNCIL DELEGATES/ALTERNATES.** Mr. Ciaramella said he will be notifying member communities whose representatives haven't attended Council meetings regularly. The Council during the past years has had difficulties having enough representatives at the meeting to have a quorum. A letter will be sent out asking the existing representatives to

attend or if they have any meeting conflicts to appoint delegates or alternates who can attend the Council meetings regularly.

10. VISITORS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

There were none.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Gilmetti
Secretary

List of Documents for April 24, 2019 OCPC Council Meeting

- OCPC Council Meeting Agenda for the April 24, 2019
- OCPC Council Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2019
- OCPC Financial statements March, 2019
- April, May, and June 2019 Upcoming Events
- Draft FFY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 2
- Draft FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
- OCPC Resolution Number 230
- Report of the Nominating Committee for OCPC and OCPC ROM Officers for the year 2019-2020
- Informational flyer for MassDOT Capital Investment Plan
- Informational flyer for MassDOT Community Transit Grant Program