

OCPC Council Meeting– February 24, 2021

7:00 pm via Zoom Meeting

Draft Minutes

1. President Christine Joy called the meeting of the Old Colony Planning Council to Order at 7:00 PM. The meeting is being held virtually on Zoom and recorded.
2. President Christine Joy read into the record the Accessibility Statement and Title VI Nondiscrimination Statement.

3. Roll Call

Present - Steven Santeusanio, Delegate from Abington

Absent – Frank Staffier, Delegate from Avon

Present – Sandra Wright, Delegate from Bridgewater

Present - Preston Huckabee, Alternate from Brockton

Absent – Val Massard, Delegate from Duxbury

Absent – Peter Spagone, Delegate from East Bridgewater

Present - Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Delegate from Easton

Present – Amy Troupe, Delegate from Halifax

Absent/Vacancy – Delegate from Hanover

Present - Debra Pettet, Delegate from Hanson

Absent – Rob Downey, Delegate from Kingston

Absent - Becky Coletta, Delegate from Pembroke

Absent - Lee Hartmann, Delegate from Plymouth

Present - Christine Joy, Delegate from Plympton

Present - Doug Sylvestre, Delegate from Stoughton

Present - Eldon Moreira, Delegate from West Bridgewater

Absent - Dan Salvucci, Alternate from Whitman

Absent/Vacancy – Delegate At Large

Staff attending:

Mary Waldron, Executive Director - Brenda Robinson, Fiscal Manager

Charles Kilmer, Assistant Director and Transportation Manager

Laurie Muncy, Community Planning & Economic Development Manager

Honorable Guests:

Representative Josh Cutler

Representative Gerry Cassidy

Representative Michelle Dubois

Senator Michael Brady

Senator Walter Timilty

Representative Carol Doherty

Representative Ted Philips

A motion to take a **New Business** item out of order:

Mary Waldron provided an introduction of Representative Claire Cronin and her historic appointment as Majority Leader of the House of Representatives. President Christine Joy read Resolution number 231 into the record:

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL RESOLUTION NUMBER TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

RESOLUTION OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGING THE HISTORIC APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE CLAIRE CRONIN AS MAJORITY LEADER

WHEREAS, The Old Colony Planning Council was established by Chapter 332 of the Acts of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1967, and encompasses 17 Communities and through the Area Agency on Aging and additional 6 communities; and

WHEREAS, The Old Colony Planning Council has an effective and dedicated legislative delegation of State Senators and State Representatives representing those communities: and

WHEREAS, The Representative from Easton and Brockton, Claire D. Cronin was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, the Eleventh Plymouth District; and

WHEREAS, Representative Cronin is a graduate of Brockton High School '78, Stonehill College and Suffolk University Law School and admitted to the Massachusetts bar and admitted to practice in U.S. District Court and the U.S. Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Representative Cronin has been appointed as the first woman Chair of the Joint Judiciary Committee, and in February 2021 became the first woman to serve as Majority Leader, the second highest position in the Massachusetts House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Speaker of the House, Ronald Mariano pleaded to have his leadership team reflect the growing diversity in the House of Representatives and said that Representative Cronin's record of getting things done using her sharp intellect and deep policy knowledge, and to the methodical way she respectfully engages members; and

WHEREAS, Representative Cronin authorized the House criminal justice reform bill and was the lead negotiator during the conference committee: and

WHEREAS, Leader Cronin is proud of her local and regional efforts and approaches her job as being a work horse more than a show horse. She served on the board of Old Colony YMCA in Brockton and was also a member of the Foundation for Excellence in Education in Easton (FEEE), a non-profit organization that supports the students of the Easton Public Schools by raising funds for state-of-the art technology and innovative grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Old Colony Planning Council formally celebrates Representative Claire Cronin's historic appointment as Majority Leader.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Old Colony Planning Council, comprised of official representatives of the seventeen member communities of the District on the date written above, at which a quorum was present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my name as Secretary of the Old Colony Planning Council.

Sandra Wright

Sandra Wright, Secretary

Members of the Legislature provided warm comments to the Leader and President Joy

Eldon Moreira made a motion to accept the Resolution and send a copy of it to Representative Cronin, seconded by Jeanmarie Kent Joyce.

Roll Call

Accept - Steven Santeusanio

Accept – Sandra Wright

Accept - Preston Huckabee

Accept - Jeanmarie Kent Joyce

Accept – Amy Troup

Accept - Debra Pettey

Accept - Christine Joy

Accept - Doug Sylvestre

Accept - Eldon Moreira

Resolution honoring Leader Cronin was unanimously accepted.

4. Accepting of Minutes of January 27 Council meeting.

Motion by Sandra Wright to accept the January 27 2021 minutes, seconded by Steven Santeusanio

Roll Call

Accept - Steven Santeusanio

Accept – Sandra Wright

Accept - Preston Huckabee

Accept - Jeanmarie Kent Joyce

Abstain – Amy Troup

Accept - Debra Pettey

Accept - Christine Joy

Accept - Doug Sylvestre

Accept - Eldon Moreira

Minutes unanimously accepted

5. **Financial Report** for January 2021 given by Fiscal Manager Brenda Robinson. Brenda Robinson presented the following:

Statement of Expenditures Report shows total expenses for the month of \$117,806.28 - One Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Eight Hundred Six dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents.

Cash Position Report shows Income for the month of \$138,409.45 – One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Nine Dollars and Forty-Five Cents.

Disbursements for the month of \$167,148.27 – One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents.

The Total cash available at months end was \$1,275,548.36 - One Million Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-Eight dollars and Thirty-Six Cents.

OPEB Account had a LOSS of \$3,288.51 – Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Fifty-One Cents. Bringing the ending balance in the OPEB account to \$797,647.61 – Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Forty Seven Dollars and Sixty-One Cents.

Budget Resources Report: Total receipts for the month were \$138,409.45 – One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Nine Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (found on page two of Budget Resources Report). This brings the total cumulative receipts for this fiscal year to \$2,112,753.47 – Two Million, One Hundred Twelve Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents. If you look to the right of the Cumulative Total Receipts at the small square that says Cross Check Balance, you will see that each line is coded in a different color. Those colors connect to the various sections in the upper areas of the Budget Resources details, so you can see which areas the receipts connect to. For example: The orange line total of 391,177.08 was received in the top area “Income From Programs Included in The FY21 Budget”.

AAA Report – Pass through funds in the Top graph shows total Cumulative Billings as of this report at \$1,734,631 One Million, Seven Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty-One Dollars. This brings the Fund Balance Carryover from FY20 to FY22 to a total of \$795,742 Seven Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Two Dollars

The Middle Graph for Ombudsman and Admin funds show Cumulative Total Billings to date of \$308,752 Three Hundred Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-Two Dollars. Bringing the Grant Balance Carryover from FY20 to FY21 to a total of \$114,521 One Hundred Fourteen Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-One Dollars.

There is a new area on this report at the bottom of the page for Allocated Volunteer Transportation Funds Account details. This account had a starting balance at the beginning of January of \$189,781.76 One Hundred Eighty-Nine, Seven Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents. There were no donations received in January. Payments to Volunteers in January was a total of 1281.70 One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-One Dollars and Seventy Cents. This brings the balance in the Volunteer Transportation Account at the end of January to \$188,500.06 One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Six Cents.

ROM January 2021 Statement and Activity:

Balance at the beginning of January was: \$179,882.74 One Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents.

January Receipts were: \$5,850.00 - Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars

Bringing Total ROM FY21 Receipts to \$40,950 Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars.

January Expenses were: \$5,559.67 – Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents.

Bringing Total ROM Expenses FY21 to \$49,919.99 – Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents

The ending balance in the ROM Bank Account in January was: \$181,309.79 One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Nine Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents.

6 Updated Budget Report - Expenditures through End of January: Changes have occurred due to new hires. Overhead Increased to 109.35% (amount not known at time of original budget projection). Changes overall due to actual expenses occurring, creating the ability to calculate more accurate projections based on trends averages.

Accepting of the Finance Report

Motion to Accept was made by Preston Huckabee, seconded by Deb Pettey.

Roll Call

Accept - Steven Santeusanio

Accept – Sandra Wright

Accept - Preston Huckabee

Accept - Jeanmarie Kent Joyce

Accept – Amy Troup

Accept - Debra Pettey

Accept - Christine Joy

Accept - Doug Sylvestre

Accept - Eldon Moreira

Finance Report unanimously accepted.

6. Staff Report:

- Mary Waldron reviewed the written staff report sent along to the members. Mary highlighted various aspects of the staff report.

7. Regional Clearinghouse Reviews – Certificates:

EEA #16325 – Red Mill Road Water Treatment Plant (Easton)

The site selected for the proposed water treatment plan (WTP) is an undeveloped, wooded area located at 12 Red Mill Road, Easton, MA. The project consists of the construction of a WTP, including utility work near Well Station 3 and a new generator at Well Station 5; a residual management lagoon system; and minor modifications to interior piping at Well Stations 3,5, and 7.

EEA #16328 – Downtown/Trout Brook Redevelopment Plan (Brockton)

The boundary of the redevelopment area includes the CSX property, which is a former railyard for freight rail, and surrounding properties. The area is bisected by Trout Brook. This redevelopment area is directly adjacent to Downtown Brockton and is generally located between the MBTA Commuter Rail Tracks on the west and Parker Street on the east.

Potential Build-out from this plan:

- Residential Apartments: 250-300 units (Monthly Rent: \$1,350-\$1,900/month)
- Single-Family Detached Houses: 31 lots
- Commercial Flex: ~185,000 SF
- Retail/Office Ground Floor: ~14,000 SF
- Public Safety Building or Commercial Flex: ~63,000 SF

Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs)

EEA #16268 – Proposed Duxbury Beach Nature-Based Storm Damage Protection Project (Duxbury)

The proposed project includes 4 key components:

1. Oceanside beach and dune nourishment
2. Bayside erosion control
3. Flood vulnerability reductions along roadway
4. Powder Point Bridge abutment area erosion control

Comments on the EIR are due by February 22, 2021

8. Old Business –

Status of the Retirement Legislation. Legislation has been filed to try to fix the issue so that we are not dealing with this on an annual basis. MARPA is leading the efforts. Mary will be working with Bob Moran to prepare a PowerPoint presentation for all the Council members.

Eldon Moreira made a motion to support the MARPA legislation to make corrections, seconded by

Roll Call

Accept - Steven Santeusanio

Accept – Sandra Wright

Accept - Preston Huckabee

Accept - Jeanmarie Kent Joyce

Accept – Amy Troup

Accept - Debra Pettey

Accept - Christine Joy

Accept - Doug Sylvestre

Accept - Eldon Moreira

Support for the legislation was unanimously accepted.

9. New Business:

- Christine Joy provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the Town of Plympton. It was warmly received.
- Christine stated the need to reword the OCPC Agenda so that discussion does not happen without a proper posting and notification. It is imperative that OCPC abides by the Open Meeting Law.
- Legal Counsel for OCPC. Mary Waldron reviewed the process that OCPC has engaged legal counsel. It was properly voted on in December when a personnel matter came about. Preston Huckabee read through the agreement and noted that it was open ended, asked about how the tasks for Murphy Hessian

Toomey and Lehan were devised. Mary Waldron described the process. Personnel Committee requested the Personnel Bylaw changes be reviewed by Legal Counsel.

Preston Huckabee further asked if there was a Scope of Service provided to Murphy HESSIE Toomey & Lehan. Mary Waldron stated that there is an engagement letter which functions as a scope.

- Appointment to Southfield Redevelopment Authority, Advisory Board OCPC has a seat on the board, Bruce Hughes held the appointment previously. They have quarterly meetings. There are specific criteria, a representative need to be a Plymouth County. Steven Santeusanio offered to be the representative.

A motion made by Deb Pettey and seconded by Jeanmarie Kent Joyce.

Roll Call

Accept - Steven Santeusanio

Accept – Sandra Wright

Accept - Preston Huckabee

Accept - Jeanmarie Kent Joyce

Accept – Amy Troup

Accept - Debra Pettey

Accept - Christine Joy

Accept - Doug Sylvestre

Accept - Eldon Moreira

Steven Santeusanio was unanimously accepted as the OCPC appointee/representative on the Southfield Redevelopment Authority.

10. Community Concerns/Topics for future Council Agenda:

- Eldon Moreira brought up the quagmire of getting people vaccinated.
- Sandra Wright brought up if each of the 17 communities discuss Suicide Prevention.
- Christine Joy mentioned that Peter Spagone from East Bridgewater would like to have a proposal in his community be brought up for discussion.
- Nominating Committee will need to meet soon.

11. Other business:

12. Visitor Comments

13. Next meeting March 31, 2021

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:07pm by Christine Joy, properly seconded by Steven Santeusanio

Adjourn