

*Old Colony Economic Development District*  
*Comprehensive Economic Development*  
*Strategy Committee*  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 6, 2017**  
**12:00 P.M.**  
**Old Colony Planning Council**  
**70 School Street**  
**Brockton, MA 02301**

**Attendees**

Maryellen Brett, Vice Chair  
 Shane O'Brien  
 Michael Gallerani  
 Jason Hunter  
 Tracey Costa  
 Noreen O'Toole  
 Stephanie Danielson  
 Larry Cameron  
 George Durante  
 Jim Walsh  
 Victoria Maguire  
 Ed Starzec  
 Eric Arbeene  
 Pasquale Ciaramella  
 Bruce Hughes  
 Jimmy Pereira  
 James R. Watson

**Affiliation**

Massasoit Community College  
 City of Brockton  
 Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corp.  
 BAWIB  
 Ransom Consulting  
 Town of Stoughton  
 Town of Easton  
 MassDevelopment  
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**CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:** Vice Chairman Maryellen Brett called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Members were asked to introduce themselves.

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2017 MEETING:** Shane O'Brien moved to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting as written, seconded by Jason Hunter. So voted.

**MASS DEVELOPMENT BOND REVIEW:**

There was none.

**GUEST SPEAKERS: Mass Development Site Readiness Program:** Ms. Victoria Maguire, SVP Real Estate Operations and Mr. Ed Starzec, Director, Land Entitlement, Massachusetts Development Finance Agency presented on the Site Readiness Program. They discussed the program's purpose and why it is needed. Applications to the program are open until March 17. Application form and additional information are available at: [www.massdevelopment.com/what-we-offer/real-estate-services/site-readiness](http://www.massdevelopment.com/what-we-offer/real-estate-services/site-readiness). Follow up

questions to Ed Starzec [estarzec@massdevelopment.com](mailto:estarzec@massdevelopment.com) or (617) 330-2035 or Laura Barrett, [lbarrett@massdevelopment.com](mailto:lbarrett@massdevelopment.com) or (617) 330-2051

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Committee review of Work Plan and Draft Chapters 1,2,3,&4 of the draft 2017 CEDS document. Committee members were asked to review these chapters and send any comments to Bruce Hughes.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**List of Upcoming Events:** Included in the meeting packet was a list of upcoming events for March 2017

**Partner Updates**

- Maryellen Brett of Massasoit Community College said they will wrap up their 50th anniversary year celebration with an event on the main campus in Brockton on June 3.
- Shane O'Brien said the City of Brockton is working on an Urban Agricultural Plan. They had their second public meeting on March 1. They hope to have the plan in document form by mid April and on the Brockton City Planner webpage.
- Stephanie Danielson said the Town of Easton Economic Development council is trying to get a handle on commercial property in town including occupancy rate. This is part of creating an economic development strategy for the town. Easton has instituted an on-line permitting system
- Noreen O'Toole said the Stoughton Site Finder is up and running. Real estate brokers are starting to list on it.
- Michael Gallerani said Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corp has a new website. With the help of Boston Arts College students they have completed a design of the Campello Main street Corridor. They would like to have their own Site Finder
- Pat Ciaramella said the Old Colony Planning Council is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017. We will have a celebratory dinner meeting on May 18 at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth. OCP has applied for funding to get People GIS for 6 communities. A flyover will be done as part of this.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bruce Hughes*

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Next meeting: Monday, April 10, 2017 at noon.