

***Old Colony Economic Development District***  
***Comprehensive Economic Development***  
***Strategy Committee***  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 11, 2017**  
**12:00 P.M.**  
**Old Colony Planning Council**  
**70 School Street**  
**Brockton, MA 02301**

**Attendees**

Mary Waldron, Chairman  
 Maryellen Brett  
 Pamela McCarthy  
 Joe Grivers  
 Michael Gallerani  
 Jason Hunter

Tom Bott  
 Robert Moran, Jr.

State Senator Michael Brady  
 Gerald Wesesen  
 Laurie Curtis  
 Pasquale Ciaramella  
 Paul Chenard  
 Bruce Hughes  
 James Watson

**Affiliation**

Bridgewater State University.  
 Massasoit Community College  
 Town of Stoughton  
 MassDevelopment  
 Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corp.  
 Brockton Area Workforce  
 Investment Board  
 Town of Kingston  
 OCPC Brockton Delegate and  
 National Grid  
 MA State Senate  
 Emera, Inc.  
 1620 Associates  
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**CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:** Chairman Mary Waldron called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Members were asked to introduce themselves.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR 9 11:** Chairman Waldron asked for a moment of silence in remembrance for 9 11

**MOMENT OF SILENCE /REMEMERANCE FOR WILLIAM TEDOLDI:**

Chairman Waldron spoke about long time CEDS Committee member and Vice Chair William “Bill” Tedoldi. Bill was a OCPC CEDS Committee member for over 25 years and a great supporter of planning and economic development as well as being a successful businessman. Bill was a great friend of the Old Colony Planning Council. Our 2016 CEDS report was dedicated to Bill. Bill passed away on July 8, 2017. He is mourned and missed.

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2017 MEETING:** Pam McCarthy moved to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting as written, seconded by Robert Moran Jr. So voted.

**MASS DEVELOPMENT BOND REVIEW:** There was none.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Presentation on the Massachusetts Clean Energy and Economic Development: Mr. Gerald Wesesen, VP US Government Affairs, Emera, Inc.:** Under the Massachusetts Clean Energy RFP, the state's electric utilities have called for approximately 9.45 terawatt hours of Class 1 wind, solar and/or hydro energy. Review of proposals submitted to the Massachusetts electric utilities will occur over the coming months with a decision expected by January, 2018. Mr. Wesesen briefed the committee on Emera's bid in response to the Massachusetts Clean Energy RFP to supply clean energy from Canada to MA at a site in Plymouth, MA via construction of the Atlantic Link. The Atlantic Link is an approximately 375 mile long, 1,000 megawatt high voltage direct current (HVDC) interconnection between Coleson Cove, New Brunswick and Plymouth, MA near the retiring Pilgrim nuclear station. With Atlantic Link, Emera is offering to deliver 5.69 terawatt hours (TWh) annually of clean energy from several proposed new wind farms and two hydro suppliers in Atlantic Canada directly to Massachusetts, for a delivered price that remains fixed for 20 years. In addition to the undersea cable, new HVDC converter facilities and substations will be constructed in Plymouth and at Coleson Cove. The project has initiated necessary permit approval processes in the United States and Canada, and is proposed to be in-service by December, 2022.

**Update on support of clean energy projects in MA: MA State Senator Michael Brady:** Senator Brady who serves as Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy spoke about how the state has increased permitting for solar projects.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

A list of upcoming events for September, October & November was included in the meeting packet. Two such events were:

**Massachusetts Economic Development Council Fall Conference:** September 15, 2017, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Woods Hole, MA 01440 "The Blue Economy"

**Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) Fall 2017 Workshops:** CPTC will have 24 classes for citizen planners across the state this fall including classes at OCPC on October 25 and November 14. For more info and to register on line go to [www.masscptc.org](http://www.masscptc.org)

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

**Note:** After the meeting adjourned Representative Michelle DuBois spoke with the presenters

Respectfully submitted,

*Bruce Hughes*

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Next meeting: Monday, November 6, 2017 at noon.