

**Old Colony Planning Council**  
**Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**December 15, 2020**

**Members Present**

**Maryellen Brett**, Massasoit Community College, *Associate Dean of Corporate Education - Co-Chair*  
**John Murray**, MassHire - Greater Brockton Career Center, *Executive Director - Co-Chair*

**Stephanie Danielson**, Town of Easton, *Director of Planning and Economic Development*  
**Mary Ellen DeFrias**, MassDevelopment, *Vice President of Community Development, Southeast Region*  
**Jason Hunter**, MassHire - Greater Brockton Career Center, *Director of Operations*  
**Rob May**, City of Brockton, *Director of Planning and Economic Development*  
**Jay Pateakos**, MassDevelopment, *Vice President of Business Development*  
**Deborah Pettey**, Esq. Town of Hanson, *Town Planner*  
**Amy Troup**, Town of Halifax, *Planning Board*

**Dottie Fulginiti**, OCPC, *Economic Recovery Planner*  
**Ray Guarino**, OCPC, *Principal Transportation Planner*  
**Mary Waldron**, OCPC, *Executive Director*

This meeting was a Zoom webinar meeting.

1. Welcome/Roll Call: Maryellen Brett Co- Chair
2. Title VI Statement
3. Minutes of the October 20 Meeting  
Motion to accept Rob May, second by Mary-Ellen DeFrias. Unanimous vote to accept the minutes as written.
4. 2020 Year in review –  
Dottie Fulginiti, Old Colony Planning Council presented a powerpoint of the work and milestones achieved over the 2020 year from an in-person meeting in January to adapting to the challenges of COVID in March by transitioning to remote meetings. Highlights of work include, surveys and outreach, presentations and webinars, grants awarded in the region, communication outreach, message from the Executive Director and staff changes. Mary Waldron, Executive Director shared her comments expressing her thoughts on a productive and rewarding year. Co-Chairs Maryellen Brett and John Murray shared their comments about the last year, the changes and reframing of the CEDS work.

5. Meeting calendar for 2021 –

Dottie Fulginiti, Old Colony Planning Council reminded the committee that a survey was conducted and the results were that the third Tuesday of the month at noon is the best day for the CEDS meetings. Over the next year OCPC staff will work with the Chairs to invite at least four guest speakers over the next year. Some suggestions were Dr. Melnick, Juan Vega from Executive Office of Economic Development and Emmy Hahn from the MA Downtown Initiative. The committee will also deconstruct the five-year CEDS document to follow the goals and outcomes and work on the action items. It is important that community projects are reflected in the CEDS.

6. Committee Member Updates

Maryellen Brett spoke about the optimism of the vaccine and the way Massasoit will be offering classes through spring. Stephanie Danielson from Easton spoke about the #eastonoutside campaign. Amy Troup from Halifax spoke about her concerns about grants and specifically the Complete Streets program. Rob May from Brockton spoke about the many initiatives he is working on from arts and culture to small business. Mary Ellen DeFrias and Jay Pateakos mentioned that Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera will become the new CEO and President at MassDevelopment on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Commonwealth Places matching grant program should be announced soon and there is a TDI Challenge grant coming up for TDI communities. Dottie Fulginiti mentioned that the MA Historic Commission just released a grant opportunity. Ray Guarino spoke about some of the work he is doing with climate change and transportation initiatives. Ray also mentioned the massbuilds.com website that tracks local projects completed, in planning and projected. Dottie will send more detail about this to the committee. John Murray spoke about matching job seekers to businesses and the state's new virtual job fair platform. MassHire will be hosting a job fair on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 11am. Maryellen Brett mentioned that Massasoit and some South Shore medical organizations along with MassHire collaborated to put in a grant application to bring three cohorts of students through a medical office assistant program.

7. Other Business

Mary Waldron mentioned that OCPC expects to fill the Economic Development Planner position in the next week.

8. Next meeting Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1pm.

This meeting can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/xZ9NZmfFO2Y>

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*Respectfully Submitted by:*

**Dottie Fulginiti**

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