Old Colony Planning Council
Agenda

Please note: New meeting time 5:30 PM

Agenda for Meeting No. 561
October 30, 2019

Old Colony Planning Council
70 School Street, Brockton, MA 02301

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

1. Call to Order, 5:30 PM
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Minutes of September 25, 2019 Meeting
5. Regional Clearinghouse Reviews

Industrial Revenue Bonds
None

Environmental Notifications
See Attachments

6. Old Business
None

7. New Business

A. Update on the Executive Director Search. Recommendation of the Executive Committee on the preferred candidate to the full Council for consideration and vote. Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director

B. Selection of one community with population greater than 14,000 to serve as a Signatory Member on the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Pat Ciaramella, Executive Director.

8. Community Concerns

9. Other Business

10. Visitors Comments/Questions

11. Adjournment

FUTURE MEETINGS: December 4, 2019, January 29, 2020 and February 26, 2020
(Executive Committee Meeting would be convened in the absence of a Council quorum)
Attachments

**Industrial Revenue Bonds (Council Action)**

None

**Environmental Notifications (Information only)**

i. **EEA # - 16096 Carver to Kingston Reliability Project (Carver, Kingston, Plympton) (ENF)** - NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (proposes to construct, operate, and maintain an approximately 8-mile overhead transmission line ("New Line") on an existing right-of-way ("ROW") between Eversource's Carver Substation located off Main Street in Carver and its Kingston Substation located on Pembroke Street in Kingston. The New Line, together with the related connections at the Carver and Kingston Substations, are referred to as the "Carver to Kingston Reliability Project" or the "Project."

The Project is designed to address certain transmission reliability issues in the South Shore area (an area that runs south of Boston to the Massachusetts southern shoreline), specifically the Kingston Load Pocket area, which includes all or part of the towns of Kingston, Duxbury, Plympton, Carver and Marshfield. The New Line will extend approximately 8 miles through Carver, Plympton, and Kingston. The New Line route begins at the Carver Substation and extends north approximately 5 miles to Eversource's Brook Street Substation in Plympton, then continues north approximately 3 miles to the Kingston Substation. In both stretches, the New Line will parallel an existing transmission line within the existing ROW. The width of the ROW is approximately 150 feet. The Project consists of construction of a new overhead transmission line and associated structures, along with a short section of underground line, along an existing maintained right-of-way. Selective hazard tree removal may occur along some portions of the ROW in Kingston to accommodate the New Line. The Project also proposes minor work at the Carver Substation tying into an existing terminal. Minor grading may be required for access road improvements and construction work areas.

ii. **EEA # - 16104 Kingston Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project (Kingston) (EENF)** - The Town of Kingston proposes to construct wastewater system improvements in two phases. The first phase includes expansion of an existing wastewater treatment plant (WTP) to increase its capacity from 375,000 gallons per day (gpd) to 700,000 gpd and construction of 0.5 miles sewer main, two (2) pumping stations and a force main to connect the Kingston Collections mall. Phase 2 includes construction of additional effluent recharge basins to increase discharge of treated wastewater to groundwater by 200,000 gpd. The EENF also included the CWMP Phase 1 Report.

The project requires MEPA review through a Mandatory EIR. The Town has requested a Phase 1 Waiver to allow the first phase of the project to proceed before completion of the Draft and Final EIRs. The project requires a Groundwater Discharge Permit, a Sewer Connection/Extension Permit and a Treatment Works Plan Approval from MassDEP. The Town will receive funding from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

iii. **EEA # - 16077 Harju Solar Array (Plympton) (NPC)** - The Property is generally bounded by Lake Street to the north, the Plympton/Kingston Town line to the east, and wooded uplands and wetlands to the south and west. The Project includes a ±12 acre conventional ground mounted solar facility located in wooded uplands. The Proponent also proposes to install an aerator in the agricultural reservoir to introduce oxygen into the water, enabling circulation. Improved aeration and circulation of the pond is anticipated to result in a reduction of the floating plant duckweed, which often blocks sunlight over the surface of the pond for portions
of the summer. This aeration is expected to result in a net improvement to resource areas by reducing aggressive plant species and nutrient accumulation.

Project Change:
The Proponent proposes to expand the ground-mounted solar array and associated shade management areas in wooded uplands by approximately ± 1.6 acres, resulting in a total limit of work ± 16.1 acres. This proposed modification, a result of the elimination of the ±9 acre floating solar component, including Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) habitat impacts and mitigation has been discussed with NHESP. Approximately ±0.7 acres of this expanded impact is located with previously identified shade management areas, which is considered "neutral" and not considered an impact to Eastern Box Turtle habitat.
FALL 2019
CITIZEN PLANNER TRAINING COLLABORATIVE
Courses Offered At
Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 @ 6:30-8:30 P.M.

*Adopting and Revising Rules and Regulations (AICP)*

Boards of appeal and planning boards frequently choose to, or are required to, adopt rules and regulations governing process, procedure, and even the substance of their application reviews. While such documents are an important source of authority for boards, they also make life easier for board members and applicants by providing a clear road map for a fair and predictable process. This session will clarify which types of zoning, non-zoning, and subdivision rules and regulations are mandatory and which are voluntary; describe what they can and cannot cover; and explain how they get adopted and amended. The regulatory framework for establishing fees and using consultants will also be discussed. CM-1.5

**Trainer:** Carolyn Murray, Attorney, KP Law

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Wednesday, November 6, 2019 @ 6:30-8:30 P.M.

*Fair Housing (AICP)*

Fair housing laws regulate the development, leasing, buying, and selling of real estate, as well as state and municipal housing programs, and aspects of municipal land use. This module will describe how land use regulations have been (and continue to be) used to exclude groups from specific neighborhoods and properties, and provide a detailed overview of federal and state laws intended to prevent discrimination and promote equity in housing. A special focus will be on the role of the municipality in enforcing a commitment to fair housing and the potential consequences of not doing so. CM-1.5

**Trainer:** Nate Kelly, AICP, Horsley Witten Group

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