

**Old Colony Planning Council
Minutes of the Meeting
September 28, 2011**

The four hundred and eighty second meeting of the Old Colony Planning Council was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at the Old Colony Planning Council, 70 School Street, Brockton, MA

OCPC Delegates/Alternates Present

Frank Staffier	Avon
Robert Moran Jr.	Brockton
Preston Huckabee, Alternate	Brockton
Richard O'Flaherty	East Bridgewater
Jeanmarie Joyce	Easton
Stephen Donahue, Alternate	Easton
John G. Mather	Halifax
Robert Overholtzer	Hanson
Dennis Randall	Kingston
Gerard Dempsey	Pembroke
Lee Hartmann	Plymouth
Scott Turner	Stoughton
Eldon Moreira	West Bridgewater
Fred Gilmetti	Whitman

Communities Not Represented

Abington
Bridgewater
Plympton

Others Present

Pasquale Ciaramella	OCPC
Bruce Hughes	OCPC
Charles Kilmer	OCPC
James R. Watson	OCPC

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Robert Moran Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: OCPC Executive Director Pasquale Ciaramella made the roll call. There was a quorum present.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 31, 2011 MEETING: Council President Robert Moran Jr. asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes as prepared. Mr. Frank Staffier moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Robert Overholtzer. So voted.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2011: Council Executive Director Mr. Pasquale Ciaramella presented details of the August, 2011 financial report to the Council. Mr. Lee Hartmann asked that the meeting minutes note transfers and that there are four new accounts. Mr. Frank Staffier moved to accept the August financial report, seconded by Mr. Eldon Moreira. So voted.

STAFF REPORT: Economic Development: Mr. Ciaramella said that staff has been working on the Economic Development work program. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee met on September 14. Staff assisted the Town of Plymouth with an EDA Public Works grant application. The next CEDS Committee meeting will be held on November 14. Area Agency on Aging (AAA): Staff is working on the current work program. Staff is working with the Abington Council on Aging to get paratransit service for them. Staff will also begin work on the new AAA contracts on October 1st. Transportation: Staff is working on numerous technical assistance studies for district communities. Staff Completed work on the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); 2012 Unified Planning Work Program, Samoset Street Traffic Data Collection Study; the top 100 accident Locations; Elm Street Walnut street study in Halifax; and the Long Pond Road Speed Study in Plymouth. We are also working on: Climate Change roadway drainage and Runoff study; 2020 Plymouth Parking and Transportation Sub Committee; Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study; Heavy Vehicle Exclusion Zone Study; Major Bottleneck in-depth Analysis (East Bridgewater, Plymouth, and West Bridgewater), Groveland Street Speed Study in Abington, Easton Village Transportation Study; Plymouth Roadway Classification Study; Plympton Route 44/ Sysco Traffic Counts; Regional build outs analysis; the 2011 BAT Ridership Report and the 2011 Transit Directory. Staff continues to work with the South Coast Rail taskforce. The new OCPC four year MassDot contract begins on October 3. Comprehensive Planning: Staff is working on Local District Technical Assistance (DLTA), Expedited Permitting and Wastewater Planning. OCPC sponsored a Storm Water Management Conference on September 21 at the Massasoit Conference Center in Brockton. The FY 2012 MA Dept. of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Community Designation and Grant Program Designation Application deadline for the Winter 2012 Grant Program is November 18. An application was included in the meeting packet. Notice of commencement of marketing of SouthField Workforce and Affordable Rental Housing in South Weymouth MA at the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station was included in the meeting packet. Community Septic Management: Staff is continuing work on the Septic System loan program. Included in this program are Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke and Stoughton.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Metro South Chamber of Commerce Legislative Reception October 5
- MassDot Moving Together Conference October 12
- CPTC Chapter 40B course at OCPC October 19
- CPTC Writing Reasonable and Defensible Decisions course at OCPC November 2
- OCPC CEDS Committee Meeting November 14
- Metro South Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Business Expo November 16.

REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS:

Industrial Revenue Bonds

None

Plymouth – EEA #14801 – Plymouth Municipal Airport Safety Improvements. Consistent with the Plymouth Airport Commission’s 2011 Master Plan Update the applicant is proposing to increase the length of Runway 15-33 by 1,000 feet to a total of 4,350 feet to meet the FAA design standards that enable the airport to safely accommodate the design aircraft (Hawker 850P) which is based at the

airport and has over 500 annual operations. The airport currently relies on pilots to monitor their own approaches to and activity around the airport. The system works well when only one runway is in use. Currently, because Runway 6-24 is the longer of the runways, turbine powered aircraft must use Runway 6-24 even when wind conditions favor the use of Runway 15-33. This creates a condition where smaller aircraft approach and depart the airport using Runway 15-33, and larger turbine aircraft are using Runway 6-24 at the same time. While the airport has operated in this manner for many years without incident there have been a number of “near misses” of aircraft operating simultaneously on the crossing runways. This Project addresses this operational safety condition by extending Runway 15-33 to a length that will allow turbine powered aircraft to use Runway 15-33 when wind conditions favor it, letting all air traffic to operate on the same runway thereby addressing this concern.

The extension of Runway 15-33 as well as associated taxiways and stopways require the permanent fill of approximately one acre of bordering vegetated wetlands. Because of the runway extension and the addition of the stopways it will be necessary to remove trees and other obstructions from a total of 61.3 acres, including approximately 6.7 acres of bordering vegetated wetlands, 0.5 acres of isolated vegetated wetlands and 1,005 linear feet of inland bank. To minimize wetland impacts, a 6:1 sideslope was designed between Runway 33 and Taxiway “S”. An appropriately sized and designed wetland replication area will be constructed to mitigate these impacts and wetland replication will be designed with planning input from the Plymouth Conservation Commission, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers. The Project will also alter habitat of several state protected grassland bird species. The Proponent is working with the NHESP to minimize impacts to protected species and to develop mitigation for potential impacts. Information only, no Council action required.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. UPDATE ON THE UPPER TAUNTON RIVER REGIONAL WASTEWATER EVALUATION PROJECT:** Council Economic Development/Community Planner Mr. Bruce Hughes said a letter signed by City of Brockton Mayor Linda Balzotti, OCPC Executive Director Pat Ciaramella, Brockton DPW Commissioner Michael Thoreson and Metro South Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Christopher Cooney was sent to the Regional U.S. EPA Administrator Mr. H. Curtis Spalding in support for increasing the volume allowed by NPDES Permit for the City of Brockton’s Advanced Water Reclamation Facility (BAWRF) to 20.5 MGD in the next NPDES permit. The added flow rate increase of 2.5 MGD would allow significant growth in Brockton, Whitman and Abington and in five added communities (Avon, East Bridgewater, Easton, Stoughton and West Bridgewater). This could allow vacant, suitable Commercial/Industrial zoned land in these towns to be developed, creating more jobs and adding to the local tax base. A copy of this letter was included in the meeting packet. A response letter was received from Mr. Spalding dated September 20. The letter says the current BAWRF permit expires on December 1, 2011. EPA looks forward to working with the City of Brockton as EPA begins developing the BAWRF’s new permit. Copies of both letters were included in the meeting packet.
- B. UPDATE ON LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (DLTA) PROGRAM:** Mr. Ciaramella said staff is working on the following projects: a regional wastewater compact, working with 7 communities on regionalizing 911 dispatching, developing a pilot regional procurement program,

equipment sharing, GIS/IT services, helping Avon and Easton become Economic Areas (ETA), Expedited permitting in East Bridgewater and Plymouth, marketing the Old Colony ETA, developing a model wastewater management bylaw, working on sharing a dog officer with Avon, Holbrook and Randolph, working with Whitman and East Bridgewater to redevelop brownfields sites, and working with the Town of Plymouth on Traffic Assessment for the Industrial/Commercial Land Committee project.

The Commonwealth of MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security State 911 Department through the Fiscal Year 2012 State 911 Department Regional Public Safety Answering Point and Regional Secondary Public Safety Answering Point and Regional Emergency Communications Center Development Grant (“Development Grant”) Program has awarded the Council a grant of \$175,000 to be used for one feasibility study that shall address, at a minimum, the following three scenarios: 1) the creation of a Regional Emergency Communications Center or Regional Public Safety Answering Point for the communities of Duxbury, Halifax, Kingston and Plympton; 2) the creation of a Regional Emergency Communication Center or Regional Public Safety Answering Point for the Communities of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and Whitman; and 3) the creation of a regional Emergency Communication Center or Regional Public Safety Answering Point for all seven communities. The contact start date is October 1, 2011 and will run through September 30, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. REPORT ON THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY STUDY:** OCPC Transportation Program Manager Mr. Charles Kilmer presented the details of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study. A copy of the power point was in the meeting packet.
- B. REPORT AND UPDATE ON THE OLD COLONY STORM WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE:** OCPC Comprehensive Planning Supervisor Mr. James R. Watson reported on the September 21 Old Colony Storm Water Management Conference. It was well attended.
- C. REPORT AND UPDATE ON THE HUD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM:** Mr. Ciaramella and Mr. Watson discussed OCPC’s application to this program. The Council has sent letters to OCPC communities asking for support for the application and has received many letters of support.
- D. REPORT ON THE CITIZEN PLANNER TRAINING COLLABORATIVE (CPTC) WORKSHOPS:** Council Economic Development/Community Planner Mr. Bruce Hughes said OCPC will sponsor “The Next Chapter of 40B” (MIA credit) on October 19 and “Writing Reasonable and Defensible Positions” (MIA Credit) on October 2 here at OCPC. A copy of the fall 2011 CPTC Course brochure was included in the meeting packet. After discussion, Mr. Gerard Dempsey moved to hold the October Council Meeting on October 19 so Council Delegates may attend the CPTC course, seconded by Mr. John Mather. So voted.

E. REPORT AND UPDATE ON OCPC'S FINANCES: Mr. Ciaramella reported the following: \$600,000 in Council funding is in the process of being deposited in 3 different banks: Harbor One, TD Bank and Crescent Credit Union.

F. REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE: Mr. Ciaramella said a RFQ for design services will be sent out soon. A Building Committee meeting will be held soon.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

STATUS OF RTE. 14 IN PEMBROKE: Pembroke Council Delegate Mr. Gerard Dempsey asked about the status of improvements to Route 14 in Pembroke. Mr. Kilmer said the project is at 75% design. Funding is being sought for this project. He asked that Mr. Kilmer and Mr. Ciaramella attend a Pembroke Selectman's meeting to report on the project.

ECONOMIC TARGET AREA: Kingston Council Delegate Dennis Randall said the Council should help OCPC communities who are Economic Target Areas (ETAs) to be aware of economic development opportunities made available to them. Mr. Ciaramella said the Council is preparing an ETA marketing brochure and plans to have a meeting of the Eight Town ETA to discuss promoting their ETA.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There were none

VISITOR COMMENTS:

There were none

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Hartmann
Secretary

List of Documents for August 31, 2011 OCPC Council Meeting

- Agenda for September 31, 2011 OCPC Council meeting
- August 2011 OCPC Council meeting Minutes
- Financial Report for August 2011

- September 9, 2011 Letter to Regional EPA Administrator
- September 20, 2011 Letter from Regional EPA Administrator
- Metro South Chamber of Commerce Legislative Reception invitation
- Old Colony Storm water Management Conference invitation and power point presentation
- South Field Workforce and Affordable Rental Housing notice of commencement of marketing
- OCPC Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Study
- MA DOER FY 2012 Green Community Designation and Grant Program Designation Application Instructions
- OCPC Information Packet on Southeastern Regional Taskforce on Casino Impacts
- Citizen Planner Training Collaborative Fall 2011 Workshops brochure