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**Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 12 noon**

This meeting was held by remote participation (Zoom) pursuant to Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law dated March 12, 2020.

The meeting recording is available for viewing at <https://youtu.be/V0BTvS11S4>

**Meeting Attendance**

<i>Voting Member</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
John Murray, Co-chair	MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center	x	
Maryellen Brett, Co-chair	Massasoit Community College	x	
Christopher Cooney	Metro South Chamber of Commerce		x
Debra Pettey	Town of Hanson		x
Forrest Lindwall			x
Frank Lynam			x
Jason Hunter	MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board	x	
Jay Pateakos	MassDevelopment		x
Jennifer Burke	Town of Bridgewater		x
Lee Hartmann	Town of Plymouth		x
Marline Amedee	Haitian Community Partners		x
Mary Ellen DeFrias	MassDevelopment		x
Michael Lambert	Brockton Area Transit		x
Pamela McCarthy	Town of Stoughton	x	
Pelege Marcellin	Brockton Home Health Agency		x
Rob May	City of Brockton	x	
Robert Downey	Town of Kingston	x	
Sean Boucher	Eastern Bank		x
Sheila Sullivan-Jardim	MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center	x	
Stephanie Danielson	Town of Easton	x	
Tracey Costa	Ransom Environmental		x
Valerie Massard	Town of Duxbury		x

**Others Present**

- Lea Filson, See Plymouth

## **OCPC Staff Present**

- Joanne Zygmunt, Senior Economic Development and Environmental Planner
- Dottie Fulginiti, Economic Recovery Planner
- Mary Waldron, Executive Director

## **Minutes**

Co-chair John Murray opened the meeting at 12:01 p.m., welcomed everyone, and read the accessibility statement. Roll call was taken. Eight voting members were present, one guest, and three OCPC staff.

A motion was made (Rob May) and seconded (Hunter) to accept the minutes from the meeting on February 16, 2021. The motion carried without dissent.

Zygmunt presented an organizational chart for Old Colony Planning Council. The CEDS Committee is an Advisory Board that reports through OCPC's Executive Director to the OCPC Governing Council, which is the Governing Body of the Old Colony Economic Development District.

The Committee then continued discussing draft Committee Terms of Reference. It was agreed the discussion would continue at the next meeting.

Zygmunt stated that the next webinar, in May, will be an update on the state of the Massachusetts economy. The July webinar will be themed around housing and economic development. Danielson requested that one of the webinar outcomes be takeaways for municipalities to use in their communities. Filson expressed interest in doing a webinar on tourism in the county.

Fulginiti updated the Committee on available grant opportunities. The Small Business Administration was recommended as a source for grant information. One Stop Shop and American Recovery funds were mentioned. MassHire is another resource that should be utilized.

Sullivan-Jardim let the Committee know about 248 youth placements for summer jobs placement. MassHire Greater Brockton looking for employers and youth. Workforce training fund seminar coming up. Intro to machining with South Shore Voc also taking place.

Murray reminded the Committee of the State's Mass Internet Connect program for unemployed individuals.

McCarthy asked the Committee for advice on starting beer a beer garden. Rob May suggested reaching out to PROVA Brockton.

The next meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, June 15 at 12 noon.

Rob May made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Danielson. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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Submitted by Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC

Approved on 6/15/21