



**OLD COLONY
PLANNING COUNCIL**

Old Colony Planning Council February 23, 2022

6:00pm

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Agenda

**Agenda for Meeting No. 585
February 23, 2022**

**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, 6:00 PM** **Christine M. Joy, President * accessibility statement**
2. **Roll Call of Members** **Sandra Wright, Secretary**
3. **Minutes of January 26, 2022 meeting** **Sandra Wright, Secretary**
4. **Financials January 2022** **Douglas Sylvestre/Brenda Robinson**
5. **Staff Report** **Mary Waldron, Executive Director**
6. **Environmental Report**
 - New Projects
EEA #16383 – Lincoln Park (FEIR) - West Bridgewater
 - Public Notice
Notice of Application for a Chapter 91 Waterways Permit – Plymouth
Notice of Application and Issuance of Draft Groundwater Discharge Permit - Kingston
7. **Retirement Legislation** **Mary Waldron, Executive Director**
8. **Senator Muratore to Present**
9. **Financial Policies**
10. **Personnel Policies**
11. **Suggestions for future meetings Agenda items.**
12. **Adjournment. (Council delegate or alternate sitting in for the delegate to make the motion)**

Upcoming Meetings:

Finance – Tuesday, March 22 @ 5:45pm

Council – Wednesday, March 23 @ 6:00pm

Accessibility Statement and Title VI Nondiscrimination Statement

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- “This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Microphones or telephones will be used by all speakers. Large-print materials are available upon advance request. If you would like either of these accommodations, please contact Mary Waldron at 508-583-1833 Extension 202.”
- “The Notice of Nondiscrimination Rights and Protections to Beneficiaries with regard to the Federal “Title VI/ Nondiscrimination” Protections and the State Nondiscrimination Protections is posted in this meeting room and is available on the Old Colony Planning Council Website. Please contact Mary Waldron at 508-583-1833 Extension 202 for more information. Thank you.”

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City/Town
Abington Steven Santeusanio
Abington Alternate Alex Hagerty
Avon Frank Staffier
Avon Alternate John Costa
Bridgewater Sandra Wright
Brockton Sydne Marrow
Brockton Alternate Preston Huckabee
Duxbury vacant
Duxbury Alternate George Wadsworth
East Bridgewater Peter Spagone Jr.
East Bridgewater Alternate John Haines
Easton Jeanmarie Kent Joyce
Easton alternate vacant
Halifax Ashley A DiSesa
Halifax Alternate vacant
Hanover VACANT
Hanover alternate vacant
Hanson Tony DeFrias

Hanson Alternate Joe Campbell
Kingston Valerie Massard
Kingston Alternate Paul Basler
Pembroke Rebecca Coletta
Pembroke Alternate Alysha Sciliano- Perry
Plymouth Lee Hartmann
Plymouth alternate vacant
Plympton Christine Joy
Plympton alternate vacant
Stoughton Douglas Sylvestre
Stoughton alternate Forrest Lindwall
West Bridgewater Eldon Moreira
West Bridgewater alternate vacant
Whitman Fred Guilmetti
Whitman Alternate Dan Salvucci
At-Large Vacant



Old Colony Planning Council January 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Agenda for Meeting No. 584
January 26, 2022

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

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Members

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Role</u>
X	Abington	Steven Santeusanio	Delegate
	Abington	Alex Hagerty	Alternate
X	Avon	Frank Staffier	Delegate
X	Avon	John Costa	Alternate
X	Bridgewater	Sandra Wright	Delegate
X	Brockton	Sydnè Marrow	Delegate
	Brockton	Preston Huckabee	Alternate
	Duxbury	Valerie Massard	Delegate
	Duxbury	George Wadsworth	Alternate
	East Bridgewater	Peter Spagone	Delegate
	Easton	Jeanmarie Kent Joyce	Delegate
X	Halifax	Ashley A. DiSesa	Delegate
	Hanover	Vacant	Delegate
	Hanson	Antonio M. DeFrias	Delegate
X	Hanson	Joe Campbell	Alternate
X	Kingston	Valerie Massard	Delegate
	Kingston	Paul Basler	Alternate
X	Pembroke	Becky Coletta	Delegate
X	Pembroke	Alysha Siciliano-Perry	Alternate
X	Plymouth	Lee Hartmann	Delegate
X	Plympton	Christine Joy	Delegate
	Stoughton	Doug Sylvestre	Delegate
	Stoughton	Forrest Lindwall	Alternate
X	West Bridgewater	Eldon Moreira	Delegate
	Whitman	Fred Gilmetti	Delegate
X	Whitman	Dan Salvucci	Alternate
	Delegate At-Large	Vacant	

3. Minutes of October 27, 2021 Meeting
Eldon Moreira motioned; Steven Santeusanio seconded
Unanimous approval from council

4. Financial October, November, and December

1 Statement of Expenditures Reports

OCTOBER expenses were \$196,055.10.

NOVEMBER expenses were \$152,319.22.

DECEMBER expenses were \$182,263.33.

2 Cash Position Reports

OCTOBER Income was \$82,680.45.

October Disbursements were \$128,884.80.

The Total cash available at the end of October was \$1,038,032.49.

OPEB Account had a **Gain** in October of \$29,604.71. Bringing the ending balance in the OPEB account in October to \$915,709.08.

NOVEMBER Income was \$175,934.01.

November Disbursements were \$178,822.58.

The Total cash available at the end of November was \$1,047,135.32.

OPEB Account had a **Loss** in November of \$6,350.04. Bringing the ending balance in the OPEB account in November to \$909,359.04.

DECEMBER Income was \$177,779.05.

December Disbursements were \$190,092.68.

The Total cash available at the end of December was \$1,049,890.25.

OPEB Account had a Gain in December of \$30,579.97. Bringing the ending balance in the OPEB account in December to \$939,939.01.

3. Budget Resources Reports:

OCTOBER Total receipts were \$82,680.45 –bringing the total cumulative receipts in FY22 in October to \$435,052.04.

NOVEMBER receipts for the month were \$175,934.01 - bringing the total cumulative receipts in November FY22 to \$610,986.05.

DECEMBER receipts for the month were \$177,779.05 - bringing the total cumulative receipts in December FY22 to \$788,765.10.

4. AAA Reports:

OCTOBER Pass through cumulative billings total was \$1,487,038. Pass through cumulative receipts recorded in October was \$669,335.

Ombudsman and Admin funds Cumulative Billings recorded in October were \$288,392. Cumulative Receipts recorded in October were \$91,318.

Voluntary Transportation Account: Fund October beginning balance in October was \$183,910.33. Total Payments to Volunteers in October were \$643.89. Donations received in October were a total of \$90.00. October Ending balance in the fund was \$183,356.44.

NOVEMBER Pass through cumulative billings recorded were \$1,711,415. Pass through cumulative receipts recorded in November were \$703,422.

Ombudsman and Admin funds Cumulative Billings recorded in November were \$335,824. Cumulative Receipts recorded in November were \$104,447.

Voluntary Transportation Account: November beginning balance was \$183,356.44. Total Payments to Volunteers in November were \$2,127.52. No Donations received in November. The November ending balance in the fund was \$181,228.92.

DECEMBER Pass through cumulative billings recorded was \$1,711,415. Pass through cumulative receipts recorded in December was \$761,196.

Ombudsman and Admin Funds Cumulative Billings recorded in December were \$343,686. Cumulative Receipts recorded in December were \$145,160.

Voluntary Transportation Account: December beginning balance was \$181,228.92. Total Payments to Volunteers in December were \$1,611.97. No Donations received in December. The December ending balance in the fund was \$179,616.95.

5. **ROM OCTOBER 2021 Statement and Activity:** Balance at the beginning of the month was \$171,468.70.

October Receipts were: \$5850.00.
Bringing Total ROM FY22 Receipts to \$30,142.00.

October Expenses were: \$4033.56.
Bringing total ROM Expenses in FY22 to \$31,006.07.

The ending balance in October was \$177,777.17.

ROM November 2021 Statement and Activity: Balance at the beginning of the month was \$177,777.17.

November Receipts were: \$5850.00.
Bringing Total ROM FY22 Receipts to \$35,992.

November Expenses were: \$4,349.28. Bringing total ROM Expenses in FY22 to \$35,355.35.

The ending balance in November was \$179,413.61.

ROM December 2021 Statement and Activity: Balance at the beginning of the month was \$179,413.61.

December Receipts were: \$5850.00.
Bringing Total ROM FY22 Receipts to \$41,842.

December Expenses were: \$6,873.50. Bringing total ROM Expenses in FY22 to \$42,228.85.

The ending balance in December was \$179,980.49.

6. Budget Spend-down Reports:

OCTOBER Total FY22 Expenditures through the End of October were \$656,167.

Our Spent to date Percentage rate at the end of October was 27.71% - The Ideal Percentage in the 4th Month of the Fiscal Year is 33.33% so we continue on a positive trend showing a 5.62% surplus at the end of October. No changes pages 2 and 3

NOVEMBER Page One shows total FY22 Expenditures through the End of November were \$806,372.

Our Spent to date Percentage rate at the end of November was 34.05%. The Ideal Percentage in the 5th Month of the Fiscal Year would be 41.65% so we continue on a positive trend showing a 7.6% surplus at the end of November. No changes pages 2 and 3

Budget Spend-down Report:

DECEMBER Page One Total FY22 Expenditures through the End of December were \$985,177.

Our Spent to date Percentage rate at the end of December was 41.6%. The Ideal Percentage in the 6th Month of the Fiscal Year would be 50% so we continue on a positive trend showing a 8.4% surplus at the end of December. No changes page 2 and 3

7. List of combined A/P.

Bank Account Report DECEMBER:

1. North Easton Accounts are all set – current signers are correct and we have online access.
2. Rockland Accounts are all set – current signers are correct and we have online access.
***SCU Credit Union Accounts are closed, balances have moved into Rockland Accounts.
3. Harbor One—Plan remains to close accounts and move balances into Rockland. Lee Hartman plans to handle the account closings.
 - Harbor One Business Advantage Savings Account: Balance \$105,385.80
 - Harbor One Business MM - Just renewed for 1-year: balance \$103,384.22

Eldon Moreira Motioned; Sandra Wright Seconded
Unanimous approval from council

5. Staff Report

Mary reviewed reports from staff provided in the meeting packet

6. Regional Clearinghouse

7. Election of MPO

Nominees were invited to speak; Lou Gitto was unable to attend.

Dan Salvucci spoke to his experience as well as involvement within additional committees within the community.

Votes recorded via Zoom poll – those without access were entered via OCPC staff members

10 votes for Dan Salvucci, 1 vote for Lou Gitto

8. Status on the Retirement Legislation

Mary Waldron reported – no real update, more to follow at regional planning meeting

9. Draft FY 2021 Audit Report

Presented by Marcum; slides provided in meeting packet with review of assessment.

Becky Coletta mentioned; Jeanmarie Kent-Joyce seconded

Unanimous acceptance from Council

10. Draft Financial Policy/ OPEB Account Management

Christine, Charlie, and Mary have met with legal council – Murphy, Hesse, Toomey, Lehane – to gain guidance. MHTL is currently reviewing and hope to have suggestions by the February Council meeting

11. Office of OCPC

Christine Joyce term is ending as President; Doug Sylvestre is moving towns – leaving as treasurer

Will be holding an official election in a few months – looking to hear from interested members of council to run for these roles

Christine mentioned she will be putting together a nomination committee

Mary is working to fill all current vacant spots for delegates/alternates of OCPC towns

12. Suggestions for Future Meeting Agenda Items

Representative Matthew Muratore is interested in presenting to the council.

13. Adjournment

Eldon Moreira motioned; Lee Hartmann seconded

Unanimous acceptance from council

Council Staff Report February 2022

Administration

All Town Annual Reports have been submitted on time or ahead of schedule. This is attributed to Megan Fournier's reorganizing and working with OCPC managers and staff. Megan coordinated and communicated with the various towns to be certain the Reports were delivered in the format they requested.

As many heard through a recent email, fraudulent checks incidents occurred and quick response by staff and Rockland Trust to put into place a stop and safeguards. Brockton Police took a report and still needs to follow up on their investigation.

The Personnel Committee under the leadership of Chair, Steven Santeusano began the first of a few meetings to discuss the Employee Handbook and other matters.

Murphy Hesse Toomey and Lehane have been engaged to assist with the review of the OPEB Trust and subsequent actions.

The Nominating Committee under the leadership of Chair, Frank Staffier will be meeting over the next two weeks to formulate a slate of officers and to review the current subcommittees and make recommendations to the Bylaw Committee and the President of the Council.

The Bylaw Committee will need to meet and review the bylaws and offer amendments. Mary will coordinate with Chair of the Bylaw Committee, Lee Hartmann.

OCPC staff met with Ciara Ristic, of NADO (National Association of Development Organizations) Research to talk about what OCPC is doing to promote equity in the region and the planning profession.

Our Bridgewater State University Intern and recent BSU geography graduate, Evan Sears, was hired by OCPC, but then the City of Brockton made an offer he could not refuse. We have all enjoyed working with Evan and hope that we can steal him back from the city.

Mary will continue to work with President Christine Joy on filling vacancies on the Council. John Haines was recently voted as an alternate from the town of East Bridgewater.



Old Colony Planning Council's DLTA (District Local Technical Assistance) Contract was renewed, \$203,705 amount. Please see more under the CPED Department.

Recently, a team from OCPC volunteers at the BAMSI Brown Bag event. Lila Burgess led this effort and was joined by Sean Noel, David Klein, and Mary Waldron. It was a fitting example of some of the efforts to volunteer in our communities. If any delegate or alternate has an opportunity that they would like to share, please contact Mary Waldron.

T4MA <https://www.t4ma.org/> renewed its MOU with OCPC. Mary Waldron is on the Executive Committee and through that effort and engagement, OCPC receives \$5,000 compensation.

Building needs:

- During the epic snowstorm, OCPC was able to deal with the large amount of snow. Megan Fournier is working on getting quotes from contractors to remove snow.
- Our sprinkler system needs an inspection by way of correspondence from the Brockton Fire Department (BFD). The Fire Department's records do not show us having had an inspection over the past 5 years.
- We have an interested party in renting out part of our back room. For that to happen, a cleaning of files, scanning documents and organizing is needed. A new coat of paint, and a new rug.
- HVAC system, one unit that heats/cool the back room had a few parts that deteriorated. The system was put in 2014 and should not be having these issues. Pierce Refrigeration has come into repair. Charlie and Mary are planning to meet with them to strategize the next steps
- Roof leaks in the space with Andrew Vidal has his office. Our former contractor did not repair properly. A new contractor is needed to assess the problem and to provide a timeline and cost estimate.

OCPC's new website is getting closer to being shown to the Council.

Area Agency on Aging

David Klein, Lila Burgess, Jane Selig, Gabrielle Sylvain-Jean, & Sean Noel

AAA Staff Report Updates – for February 2022 OCPC Council Meeting

- **The AAA recently purchased** 90 Covid Testing Kits (with two tests per kit for a total of 180 overall tests at \$8.99 per test) to protect staff and volunteers, particularly those who meet with older adults such as the Ombudsman and ALR staff and their volunteers who go to nursing homes and assisted living residences. The kits were paid for through the administration portion of a small federal grant to assist older adults have greater accessibility in our region.
- **Days of Service** - In January and February, in the spirit of the MLK Day of Service a AAA lead group of OCPC staff volunteered at the Brockton Area Multi-Services' (BAMSI's) monthly Brown Bag event at the Teen Challenge Center in Brockton. Once a month six hundred brown bags, with over 17,000 pounds of food, are assembled and distributed to those in need. Attending across the two months were Sean Noel, Lila Burgess, David Klein, and our Executive Director, Mary Waldron. This effort occurs regularly on the morning of the third Thursday of the month. Here is a link for more information if you know of anyone interested in helping from time to time (BAMSI is also in need of large trucks to help with deliveries): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4daaa82fabfd0-bamsi13>. BAMSI's volunteer coordinator is Leigh Lopes.
- **AAA staff have been working on reporting** through the State Reporting Tool, known as NAPIS, which stands for the National Aging Program Information Systems. Reporting on Older Adult services in our region gets rolled-up into the state figures, which in turn are reported by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the federal Administration for Community Living, or ACL for short.

- **Reporting figures for Older Adult services** have of course been highly influenced by Covid over the past two years. Some programs have shut down completely, while others have been maintained but at far reduced levels.
- **BREAKING NEWS on the Legislative Front:** Governor Baker recently sponsored two new bills for consideration by the Massachusetts Legislature of which OCPC in general and the Area Agency in particular, may have interest. Respectively, they include:

- **Bill H.4361** - 'An Act to Improve Massachusetts Competitiveness and Reduce the Cost of Living'

See details at: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H4361>

H.4361 proposes tax savings ideas, which will help Massachusetts tax filing residents from across the spectrum, including parents and others in lower income levels (go to the above link to learn more). However, from an Area Agency on Aging perspective, our most pressing interest includes the portions of H.4361 that offer significant tax relief for older adult residents who either own their homes or who rent, for example:

- “This bill would double the maximum Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit for more than 100,000 lower income homeowners and renters aged 65 and older. The credit is adjusted annually for inflation, and in 2021, this change would have raised the credit to \$2,340.
- Additionally, for taxpayers claiming a rent deduction on their returns, this legislation will increase the cap on the Renters deduction from \$3,000 to \$5,000 allowing Massachusetts renters to keep approximately \$77 million more annually.”
- Increases the ‘dependent care credit’ for Massachusetts families with dependents.
- And increasing the adjusted gross income thresholds for “no tax status,” which would provide direct relief to several hundred thousand low-income residents.

Each of these measures would help achieve greater economic well-being for low-income individuals, which is one of the most important goals of the Older Americans Act.

- **Bill H.4362** - ‘An Act to Modernizing Massachusetts’ Tax Administration rules and procedures.

See details at: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H4362>

H.4362 is important to do just as the title implies, detailing ideas for statutory change to update and improve tax administration by and for the Department of Revenue, which will allow automation of tax return amendments and numerous services to Mass Taxpayers.

- **Other Legislative updates for the Older Adult sector include** advocacy by USAging at the federal level and Mass Homecare at the state level to restore or in some case to add funding in areas of need, respectively through additional resource funding for the Older Americans Act, and locally for Home Care and Personal Care services. In Massachusetts, for example this includes: ‘An Act Allowing Spouses to Serve as Caregivers.’
- **The idea behind allocating additional state spending** to allow greater improved pay equity for caretakers and for support of all levels of Home Care services is not just because people generally prefer to continue living at home, but also because helping this to happen saves the state millions of dollars compared with the ever-growing portion of our state’s payment towards MassHealth, which is the Massachusetts name for Medicaid. The governor’s current proposed budget *for MassHealth – Senior Care, i.e., Medicaid*, is just over \$3.725 billion, which is one of the largest line items in the entire state budget.
- **On a positive note, for Councils on Aging throughout the state**, the Governor’s budget proposal includes over \$4 million of extra funding to support COA’s compared with that of prior year budgets. This will

help bridge the gap in the effort to maintain the current \$12 a year rate for the COA 'Formula' grant. That is the grant which allocates a certain dollar amount for each older adult in their respective city or town. Historically the figure for the number of older adults (age 60+) has been based on the prior decennial US Census, i.e., the 2010 census. The number of older adults is expected to climb significantly when the 2020 census has been fully tabulated. A quick example of how this works is, if a town were to have 1,000 residents aged sixty or older, this town's Council on Aging funding from the state would be \$12,000. **View additional attachment in packet for full legislative update.**

Ombudsman & ALR Ombudsman Program updates from OCPC Ombudsman Program Director Lila Burgess:

- **Staff & Volunteer Updates:** We continue to grow our team and are pleased to report another volunteer is currently in training to become certified as a LTC Ombudsman. This brings our team to 18 with 7 of those 18 certified during the past 2 years of Covid.
- **Job Description Update:** We are updating the job description for the Assistant Director of the LTC Ombudsman program. As part of our Ombudsman Designation Agreement with The Executive Office of Health and Human Services we are required to staff the program with 1 FT (35 hours) and 1 PT (17.5). For many years we were comfortably ahead of these required numbers but following the retirement of Norman Sorgman last January we technically became slightly understaffed. Jane, our current Assistant Director has a work limit of 13 hours weekly, so we are looking to add an additional 4.5 hours of paid Ombudsman coverage.
- **By the Numbers:** LTC (Long Term Care) Ombudsman visits are slowly resuming. This month 331 out of 377 LTC facilities had two or more cases for a total of 3,620 cases. Of those cases there was a shift in that 1,700 were from staff and 1,900 were from residents. Of those eligible to receive the booster the numbers increased slightly from last month's report-88% of residents and 67% of staff. We continue to see a drop in cases which is a very encouraging sign.
- **From the ALR (Assisted Living Residence) Ombudsman Program:** Gabrielle shared some statistics from the Federal report for Fiscal year 2021. The top three complaints from residents and families in Assisted Living Residences are: Environment, Personal Hygiene and Billing. MassALA (Assisted Living Association) just issued their Massachusetts Assisted Living Resource guide for 2022. It can be downloaded through their website at www.mass.ala.org

The ALR Ombudsman Team is currently staffed with the following:

- State 1 Executive Office of Elder Affairs Donna Bucca Ph:617-727-7750 1 Ashburton Place Direct: 617-222-7492 Fax:617-727-9368 Boston, MA 02108 donna.bucca@mass.gov
- State 2 Executive Office of Elder Affairs Steve Ellsweig Ph:617-727-7750 1 Ashburton Place Direct: TBD Fax:617-727-9368 Boston, MA 02108 Steven.Ellsweig@mass.gov
- Bay Path Elder Services Caroline Drella Ph:508-573-7200 33 Boston Post Road West X 318 Fax:508-573-7222 Marlborough, MA 01752 Direct: 508-573-7318 cdrella@baypath.org
- Old Colony Planning Council Gabrielle Sylvain-Jean Ph:508-583-1833 70 School St X 215 Fax:508-559-8768 Brockton, MA 02301 gsylvain-jean@ocpcrpa.org
- Greater Springfield Senior Services Amber Haywood Ph:413-781-8800 66 Industry Ave X 374 Fax:413-726-9102 Springfield, MA 01104 Cell: 413-222-1754 Amber.Haywood@gsssi.org

Community Planning & Economic Development Department

Laurie Muncy, Joanne Zygmunt, Dottie Fulginiti, and Elijah Romulus

The Transportation Department, Charlie Kilmer and Bill McNulty met with Community Planning Department for a handoff of the MassBuilds Program. This tool can be utilized in a greater way to assist communities in our region.

Laurie Muncy, Mary Waldron, and Dottie Fulginiti participated in a Housing Roundtable discussion lead and organized by Senator Moran. With her colleagues, Representative Muratore, Representative LaNatra and Representative Xiarhos the discussion focused on regional efforts. Laurie Muncy discussed the 2018 Regional Plan as well as her efforts on many Housing Production Plans. Dottie, through her experience at the Mass Growth Alliance as well as her experience as a selectboard member in Easton, brought great discussions and strategies.

DLTA, District Local Technical Assistance Program.

The team at Old Colony Planning Council have begun the review process for this round of DLTA applications. Under this program, OCPC staff provides technical assistance to communities on eligible projects consistent with state guidelines. The DLTA fund is an annual grant established via Massachusetts General Laws. For calendar year 2022, this fund received an annual appropriation distributed statewide to regional planning agencies to support local and regional planning and service provision projects. OCPC has received an allocation for its staff to provide technical assistance to its member communities.

A proposed project must fall into one or two general following priority categories to be considered eligible for technical assistance:

1. ***“Planning Ahead for Housing”*** (to help reach the Statewide Housing Production Goal) or
2. ***“Planning Ahead for Growth;”*** and
3. ***Community Compact Cabinet Activities*** – Supporting the Community Compact, including Regionalization.

This year the Commonwealth has prioritized projects that align with housing needs and the new Zoning Act Section 3A MBTA Communities. Communities will learn the status of their applications in the next couple of weeks.

HMP, Housing Mitigation Plans

Staff currently are completing the final edits into the ***Town of Bridgewater Hazard Mitigation Plan***. A public listening session was held on February 10, 2022, and can be viewed through the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHaJC9mobJQ>

A copy of the Bridgewater HMP is available for downloading at:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:457fd5af-b6fd-3cb2-9275-c69a3531d4d8>

OSRP, Open Space Recreation Plan.

The ***Town of Avon Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)*** was submitted to DCR for review and approval. An Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) is a seven-year planning document based on the requirements of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. It provides information on the Town’s regional context, geographical and geological features, natural resources, and recreational opportunities. The purpose of this document is to establish priorities and recommend future actions that will help with the cultivation and

management of open space and recreational resources. The Plan outlines specific actions that should be taken in the next seven years to advance the realization of the community vision. To be eligible for the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services grant programs, the Town must have a state-approved Open Space and Recreation Plan. A copy of the plan is available for download at [http://ocpcrpa.org/docs/comprehensive/Avon OSRP 2022.pdf](http://ocpcrpa.org/docs/comprehensive/Avon_OS RP_2022.pdf)

The *Town of West Bridgewater Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)* is currently underway. We are working with town staff on the parcel inventory and beginning an ADA Transition Plan for the open spaces.

Green Communities

The REPA invoice for the final quarter of 2021 was submitted to DOER. The grant awarded for this year included some funds to host a webinar series on clean energy and related topics. This work is in the planning stages and continues. Designation as a Green Community is underway for Plymouth and East Bridgewater. Green Communities 2021 annual reports were returned by DOER for minor edits for the following communities: Whitman, Halifax, Brockton, Hanson, Marshfield, Pembroke, Plympton, Abington.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Collaboration with Northeastern University to assist with data collection for Life Sciences Build Back Better challenge grant. Northeastern was awarded phase I of the grant, this is assistance with their phase II application. This involved meetings with statewide economic development agencies, Metro South Chamber, Brockton planning department, executives, and staff at Mass Life Sciences.

Work on grant EDA-2021-ARPA EAA which would fund the Economic Recovery Planner staff position for two more years. In July of 2020 OCPC was awarded an EDA Cares Grant to fund an Economic Recovery Planning position that was dedicated to the support of municipalities and businesses. The planner provides assistance and guidance to help successfully mitigate the impacts of the pandemic and to help with strategies for economic recovery, resiliency, and sustainability. During this period, we had many successes. *In addition to the successes, we discovered that there are large gaps in resource capacity and expertise in addressing equity, building partnerships, and seeking regional technical skills and expertise.*

This grant will fund programs that will use data and lessons learned during the pandemic to address those needs in the next two-year performance period. The funding is critical to executing these innovative programs that will maximize the impacts of federal, state, and local funding. OCPC is dedicated to working with municipalities, tribal governments, and businesses to address equity needs, add capacity, and develop a blueprint that will drive long-term economic recovery. OCPC will keep partners, stakeholders, and grant recipients focused on the priorities of equity, job training, creation, and retention, and using innovation and partnership to accelerate recovery.

Joanne and Dottie are working with two classes at Boston University to have them solve the problem, "How do we get public participation from young people under 40?" We have met with professors and small groups of students' multiple times. One class will focus solely on Brockton. The other class will be splitting up all our municipalities. The result will be a public outreach plan for each community.

Research and meetings with multiple agencies to learn about the new guidance for MBTA communities. Direct conversations with Stoughton and Easton regarding strategy.

Assisting with data collection for the [MassBuilds](#) program.

Continued collaboration with See Plymouth and the Town of Plymouth to advance the feasibility study for a Conference Center.

Participated with Senator Moran, Rep Muratore, Rep LaNatra and Rep Xiarhos in a regional housing roundtable discussion. This is part of a series and has been very valuable in learning about the unique housing challenges in the region.

COMMUNITY

The OCPC team has participated in the MAPC Population and Housing Demand Projections which will be used by local, regional, and state agencies to set policies and make investments that anticipate the region's future needs and help to achieve shared goals. These projections include two scenarios for regional growth. Each scenario reflects different assumptions about key trends, Status Quo is based on the continuation of existing rates of births, deaths, migration, and housing occupancy. The Stronger Region scenario explores how changing trends could result in higher population growth, greater housing demand, and a substantially larger workforce.

The staff has continued working with the Town of Easton to complete an update to their *Housing Production Plan* accompanied by *an Affordable Housing Trust Action Plan*. To date there have been 406 respondents to the community survey associated with the draft plan. This work continues through the month of February.

Transportation

Shawn Bailey, Matthew Cady, Evan Sears, Ray Guarino, Charles Kilmer, Guoqiang Li, William McNulty, Kyle Mowatt, Andrew Vidal

The Transportation Department engaged in multiple activities during February 2022. Activity highlights include:

- Attended and participated in the **Transportation Program Managers Group Meeting** on February 1, 2022. Charles Kilmer serves as Vice-Chairman of this statewide group consisting of Regional Planning Agencies, MassDOT, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration.
- Attended and participated in the **MassDOT/ MPO Performance Measures Subcommittee Meeting** on February 2, 2022.
- Attended and participated in the **Drone (Unmanned Aircraft Systems - UAS) Opportunity Coordination Meeting with Bridgewater State University (BSU)** on February 3, 2022.
- Attended and participated in **Everyday Counts (EDC) Virtual Public Involvement Committee Meeting** on February 3, 2022.
- Attended and participated in the **TIP Readiness Day** on February 8, 2022 and reviewed all the projects programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program with MassDOT.

- Attended and participated in the **Data Users Group (DUG) Meeting** on February 9, 2022.
- Attended and participated in **Stoughton Transportation Task Force Meeting** on February 6, 2022.
- Attended and participated in **Randolph - Route 24 Over Canton Street Bridge Project (612188) Design Public Hearing (DPH)** on February 10, 2022.
- Attended and participated in **Stoughton Route 138 TIP Project (607403) Design Public Hearing (DPH)** on February 16, 2022.
- Attended and participated in **Old Colony Coordination with Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMAs) Meeting** on February 17, 2022.
- Attended and participated in Bridgewater State University (BSU) GeoGraphics Lab Visit on February 22, 2022
- Continued development of the **Drone - Small Unmanned Aircraft System (SUAS)** technology.
- Continued efforts to develop data to track changes in vehicle volume trends utilizing MassDOT Permanent Traffic Count Locations and OCPC conducted traffic counts.
- Coordinated and participated in the **Brockton Area Transit (BAT)-OCPC Planning Meeting** on February 2, 2022.
- Coordinated and participated in the **Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee Meeting** on February 3, 2022.
- Coordinated and participated in the **Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting** on February 15, 2022. At the meeting, the staff presented the results of TIP Readiness Days, discussed the Freight Planning and Action Plan status, and provided an update on the Road Safety Audits at Multiple Locations Project.
- Continued preparation of the **Road Safety Audits (RSA) at Multiple Locations Project**. The Road Safety Audits are being conducted at high crash locations. Selection of the locations began with the Old Colony Safety Management System that ranks intersections based on the Equivalent to Property Damage Only (EPDO) value. The EPDO is a weighted value which accounts for crash severity. During February, staff continued developing the list of locations for Road Safety Audits and collection location information and crash data. Staff also conducted Roads Safety Audits in Abington and Duxbury. To date, the locations identified for the FFY 2022 Road Safety Audits (RSA) at Multiple Locations Project include:
 - Abington - Central Street Corridor (RSA Conducted on February 23, 2022)
 - Abington - Groveland Street at Linwood Street (RSA Conducted on February 23, 2022)
 - Brockton - Warren Avenue at Market Street
 - Brockton - West Chestnut Street at Southworth Street
 - Duxbury - Congress Street at Franklin Street (RSA Conducted on February 18, 2022)
 - Duxbury - Route 53 at Franklin Street / High Street (RSA Conducted on February 18, 2022)
 - Duxbury - Tremont Street (Route 3A) at Church Street (Route 139) (RSA Conducted on February 18, 2022)
 - Easton - Massapoag Avenue at Mill Street (RSA Completed)
- Staff monitored **MEPA Environmental Monitor** and provided project summaries.
- Staff completed AM and PM turning movement counts at three intersections (Court Street at Cherry Street, Court Street at Cordage Park, Court Street at Hedge Road) in **Plymouth**.

- Staff continued AM and PM turning movement count data collection for three intersections along Belmont Street in **Brockton** (Belmont Street at Linwood/ Lorraine Streets; Belmont Street at VA Hospital; and Belmont Street at Manley Street).
- Staff continued preparation of the **High Priority Corridor Study Screening Assessment**. The objective of this task is to conduct an assessment of State Numbered Routes (arterial segments) that will identify, rank, and inform the selection process for locations to conduct corridor studies that will then inform the Long-Range Transportation Plan Needs Assessment.
- Staff continued to provide assistance to the Town of Kingston on identifying thickly settled roadways in Town for potential adoption of Chapter 90 Section 17C.
- Staff consulted with Stoughton Police Department on request to study in the area of Pleasant Street (Route 139) and Lowe Avenue, around the school.
- Staff continued preparation of the **Freight Planning and Action Plan**. The objectives of this study are to build a foundation to formally integrate freight into the overall planning process, to identify and plan for long-term freight needs, to develop specific long-range transportation projects, identify potential funding sources for those projects, and evaluate policy-based solutions to accommodate future levels of freight on our regional transportation system while protecting the mobility and safety of the traveling public. This plan will be a follow up to the 2014 Regional Freight & Goods Movement Study, the 2014 NHS Intermodal Connectors Study, and will build upon the findings and recommendations from MassDOT's 2018 Freight Study.
- Staff provided roadway geographic information system (GIS) data to BAT for utilization in the TripsPark and Trapeze software.

Geographic Information Systems

Andrew Vidal

- Submitted Zoning maps of all communities for MassDOT 2050 Socioeconomic Projections
- Brockton Housing Authority – map of public housing in the City of Brockton
- Maps of OCPC Economic Development District over other RPAs and Congressional Districts
- Participated in Statewide Trail Mapping meetings with other RPAs
- Cartegraph Go Live training
- Open Space mapping for Avon
- Hazard Mitigation mapping for the town of Bridgewater (Critical infrastructure and facilities, zoning, and constraints to development)
- Map of city-owned public housing properties for City of Brockton Housing Authority

Community Septic Management Program

Shawn Bailey

- Town of Avon
 - Four open septic projects – one beginning installation soon.
 - Utilizing Town funds to continue participation in the Program.

- Town of Cohasset
 - No open projects.
 - Town has \$100,000 left to drawdown from Massachusetts Clean Water Trust; in process of obtaining said funds.
- Town of Hanson
 - Four open septic projects.
 - Sent one application.
 - Town drew down last of funds from Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. Will have to apply for a new loan or use Town funds.
- Town of Kingston
 - Two open septic projects – both in installation phase.
- Town of Stoughton
 - Twelve open septic projects – one in installation phase (starting soon).

Old Colony Planning Council
Regional Operation and Management (ROM), Inc.
July 2021 to June 2022

	6/2021	7/2021	8/2021	9/2021	10/2021	11/2021	12/2021	1/2022	2/2022	3/2022	4/2022	5/2022	6/2022	
End Bal Prior Mo		183,925.46	177,255.50	178,450.91	171,468.70	177,777.17	179,413.61	179,980.46						
INCOME:														Cummulative TOTALS
OCPC RENT		5,850.00	5,850.00	5,850.00	5,850.00	5,850.00	5,850.00	5,850.00						40,950.00
Misc Receipts				6,742.00										6,742.00
MONTHLY TOTAL INCOME →		5,850.00	5,850.00	12,592.00	5,850.00	5,850.00	5,850.00	5,850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47,692.00
EXPENSES:														TOTALS
Misc				1,925.37		180.00								2,105.37
Comcast		560.56	560.56	560.56	558.59	558.59	558.59	587.39						3,944.84
Eversource			40.78	19.80	19.80	172.49	664.87	890.95						1,808.69
Budge It Drains								285.00						285.00
Mannys Cleaning		390.00	390.00	390.00	390.00	390.00	390.00							2,340.00
Rockland Loan		2,075.18	2,075.18	2,075.18	2,075.18	2,075.18	2,075.18							12,451.08
National Grid		613.85	537.87	687.62	346.21	348.02	666.86	828.57						4,029.00
OCPC Building Maint		625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00	625.00						4,375.00
Irving's Home Center					18.78		59.00	76.18						153.96
Pierce Regridgeration								520.00						
Annual Report - MA AG														
Metro South Chamber							1,834.00							1,834.00
Wright Technology														0.00
Insurance		6,742.00	5,453.00											12,195.00
Adj							0.03							0.03
MONTHLY TOTAL EXPENSES →		11006.59	9682.39	6283.53	4033.56	4349.28	6873.53	3813.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46,041.97
MONTHLY ADJUSTMENTS (SEE NOTES BELOW)		1513.37	-5027.80	13290.68	-4492.03	-135.72	-1590.38	-3660.32						Total Adj -102.20
SUB TOTAL		12,519.96	4,654.59	19,574.21	-458.47	4,213.56	5,283.15	152.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Reconciled Bank Statemnt Bal	183,925.46	177,255.50	178,450.91	171,468.70	177,777.17	179,413.61	179,980.46	185,677.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

FY-2021 Account Summaries			
Balance 6/30/2021	183,925.46	Beginning Balance:	183,925.46
Income	47,692.00	FY21 Revenue To Date	47,692.00
		FY21 Expenditures To Date	46,041.97

**CASH POSITION
REPORT - JANUARY 2022**

**LAST MONTH:
BALANCES: DEC 2021**

Northeaston Savings Bank CD #7191		\$104,441.29
Northeaston Savings Bank MM #7216		\$101,811.79
Harbor One Savings Account #5073		\$105,385.80
Harbor One Credit Union MM #5040		\$103,384.22
Cash Variance / Audit Adj		\$3,087.71
Rockland Trust Regular Checking #9472	\$37,407.18	
Voluntary Transportation Restricted Funds	\$179,616.95	\$217,024.13
Rockland Trust Savings #9472		\$20,002.28
Rockland Trust OPEB Acct Balance		\$28,002.00
ROM Rockland Account		\$180,070.83
Federal Reserve Treasury Notes #641500		\$115,083.82
Rockland Trust Payroll Account #3849		\$39,624.66
Rockland Tr OPEB / Bal Funds Reseved Against Liab	(30K Annual Reserved Amount)	\$31,998.00
Reconciled Balance at Month End		\$1,049,916.53

	NOV 30, 2021 Balance		\$909,359.04
	DEC Activity	GAIN	\$30,579.97
	DEC 31, 2021 OPEB Balance		\$939,939.01

DEPOSITS IN CURRENT MONTH

MADOT	\$149,917.97
AAA	\$550,254.56
Member Assessments	\$37,286.00
EDA	\$68,543.25
Misc	\$877.59

TOTAL INCOME: \$806,879.37

\$806,879.37
\$1,856,795.90

Adj 1) Dec PR Paid Jan	-\$26,074.75
Adj 2) Jan PR Paid Feb	\$33,590.82
Adj 3) Misc Acct Adjustments	-\$25.89

TOTAL INCOME ADJUSTMENTS \$7,490.18 **\$7,490.18**

DISBURSEMENTS CURRENT MONTH

AAA Disbursements	335,061.52
Rounding	
ROM Adj Exp (X-fer Rent Funds)	-5,850.00
OCPC Disb Sub-Total	218,926.22
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	<u>548,137.74</u>

-\$548,137.74
\$1,316,148.34

Net Payroll -\$96,674.08
Transferred to Payroll \$100,000.00

Cash Available End of Month **\$1,319,474.26**

**CURRENT MONTH:
BALANCES: JAN 2022**

Northeaston Savings Bank CD #7191		\$104,441.29
Northeaston Savings Bank MM #7216		\$101,811.79
Harbor One Savings Account #5073		\$105,385.80
Harbor One Credit Union MM #5040		\$103,399.78
Cash Variance / Audit Adj		\$3,087.71
Rockland Trust Regular Checking #9472	\$310,321.01	
Voluntary Transportation Restricted Funds	\$178,434.66	\$488,755.67
Rockland Trust Savings #9472		\$20,002.28
Rockland Trust OPEB Acct Balance		\$35,000.00
ROM Rockland Account		\$182,107.74
Federal Reserve Treasury Notes #641500		\$115,083.82
Rockland Trust Payroll Account #3849		\$35,398.38
Rockland Tr OPEB / Bal Funds Reseved Against Liab	(30K Annual Reserved Amount)	\$25,000.00
Reconciled Balance at Month End		<u>\$1,319,474.26</u>

	DEC 31, 2021 Balance		\$939,939.01
	JAN Activity	LOSS	-\$20,340.76
	JAN 31, 2022 OPEB Balance		\$919,598.25

**STATEMENT OF BUDGET RESOURCES OCPC FY22
REPORTING - JAN 2022**

INCOME FROM PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN THE FY22 BUDGET		FY22 Approved Budget	FY22 Funds Through Aug 2021	Cummulative Balance
Member Assessments		148,414	74,572	73,842
Economic Development Admin				
	EDA CARES	200,000	105,322	94,678
	EDA Standard Year 2 Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	70,000	35,000	35,000
	EDA Standard Year 3 Apr 2021 - Mar 2022			
MA Dept of Business & Technology (New Grant)				0
MA Dept of Energy Resources				
	CTG/Community Transit	30,000		30,000
MA Dept of Transportation (MADOT)				
	MADOT Highway Planning #114676	959,201	149,918	809,283
Executive Office of Elder Affairs				
	AAA Admin Standard	155,341	102,287	53,054
	AAA Admin FFCRA			0
	AAA Admin ARA	181,875		181,875
	AAA Admin CARES			0
	AAA Ombud Standard	116,813		116,813
	AAA Assisted Living Specialist		9,114	
	AAA Ombud CARES			0
Department of Housing and Community Development				
	District Local Technical Assist	202,259		202,259
Local Assistance/Contracts				
	Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT)	28,000		28,000
	Green Communities (2075)	15,000		15,000
	Plymouth Climate Change Brochure			0
	REPA Grants (2085)	25,000		25,000
	MVP Bridgewater	18,000		18,000
	MVP Hanson			0
	MVP Halifax			0
	GIS Whitman	1,000		1,000
	T4MA			0
	Cohasset Septic Program	2,000		2,000
	Stoughton Septic Program	2,000		2,000
	Hanson Septic Loan Program	2,000	1,200	800
	Kingston Septic Loan Program	2,000		2,000
	Avon Septic Loan Program	2,000	600	1,400
	Utility Allowances	6,831		6,831
Miscellaneous Income (Includes Interest Income)			11,106	-11,106
BUDGETED INCOME SUB-TOTAL		2,167,734	489,119	1,687,729
PROGRAMMETIC (PASS-THROUGH) FUNDS		FY22 Budget	Received	Cummulative Balance
	Area Agency On Aging (AAA)	500,000	500,000	0
	Elder Lunch Program (AAA)	21,952	31,412	-9,460
	AAA CARES	500,000	84,579	415,421
	AAA ARA	988,594		988,594
	Donations for Voluntary Transportation	10,000	140	9,860
TOTAL		2,020,546	616,132	1,404,414
INCOME RECEIVED IN OCPC FY22 FROM FY21 BILLINGS (through 6/2021)				
Septics (Avon/Hanson)			\$2,400.00	
MVP Whitman			\$29,000.00	
MADOT #112307			\$411,129.92	
Utilities (Halifax/Pembroke)			\$5,916.00	
SEA - Pilot Program			\$35,610.00	
Green Communities			\$5,000.00	
REPA			\$1,337.75	
TOTAL			\$490,393.67	
Cummulative Total Cash Received - FY22		<i>Running Total</i>		
Jul-21	\$109,551.18	\$109,551.18		
Aug-21	\$181,331.68	\$290,882.86		
Sep-21	\$61,488.73	\$352,371.59		
Oct-21	\$82,680.45	\$435,052.04		
Nov-21	\$175,934.01	\$610,986.05		
Dec-21	\$177,779.05	\$788,765.10		
Jan-22	\$806,879.37	\$1,595,644.47		
Feb-22				
Mar-22				
Apr-22				
May-22				
Jun-22				

<i>Cross Check Balance - Receipts</i>
\$489,119.23
\$616,131.57
\$490,393.67
\$1,595,644.47

**OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL & ROM
COMBINED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**

JANUARY 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CATEGORY	FY22 / OCPC WORKING BUDGET	FY22 / ROM WORKING BUDGET	TOTAL CURRENT COMBINED MONTHS EXPENDITURES	COMBINED EXPENSES TO DATE	BUDGET BALANCE	CUMMULATIVE EXPENDITURES PREVIOUS MONTHS
ADM PROF FEES: AUDIT & LEGAL	35,000	0	7,500.00	18,580	16,420	11,080
ADMIN BOOKS, DUES, SUBSCR, MEMB	14,500	0	1,951.00	9,684	4,816	7,733
ADMIN ADVERTISING RELATED	7,000	0	400.00	475	6,525	75
AUTO EXPENSES: DIRECT	4,500	0		0	4,500	0
ADMIN EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINT	1,000	2,500	520.00	1,220	2,280	700
ADMIN EQUIP PURCHASE	36,000	0		18,113	17,887	18,113
ADMIN EQUIP RENTAL OCPC ONLY	9,702	0	989.62	5,904	3,798	4,914
ADMIN EQUIP SUPPLIES	1,000	0		0	1,000	0
ROM BUILDING REPAIR & MAINT	0	17,260	285.00	2,415	14,845	2,130
BUILDING UTILITIES	0	13,500	2,306.91	12,007	1,493	9,700
BUILDING MANAGEMENT	0	7,500	625.00	4,375	3,125	3,750
FRINGE BENEFITS	195,000	0	72,539.07	222,110	-27,110	149,571
INSURANCE ADMIN MISC & ROM BLDG	17,000	6,000		21,213	1,787	21,213
BUILDING LOAN - INTEREST EXPENSE ***	0	9,500		6,225	3,275	6,225
BUILDING LOAN - PRINCIPAL ***	0	0		6,226	-6,226	6,226
MEETING EXPENSES	10,000	0	25.71	7,390	2,610	7,365
MISC EXPENSES (Includes Adm Ser Ch)	96,972	0	853.73	2,257	94,715	1,403
OFFICE SUPPLIES	15,000	0	1,252.78	10,563	4,437	9,310
PR & OTHER SERVICE CHARGES	6,800	0	462.32	4,262	2,538	3,799
PAYROLL TAXES / ER Medicare, SUI	32,000	0	3,213.21	13,787	18,213	10,574
ADMIN PRINTING	2,500	0		3,765	-1,265	3,765
POSTAGE	1,000	0	400.00	1,586	-586	1,186
RENTAL EXPENSE	70,200	0	5,850.00	40,950	29,250	35,100
SALARIES / Adjusted Gross PR	1,475,000	0	110,615.62	787,193	687,807	676,578
TRAVEL ADMINISTRATIVE	2,500	0	47.03	1,455	1,045	1,408
DIRECT EXPENSES: TRAVEL & OTHER	75,000	0	759.62	40,469	34,531	39,709
TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS	18,000	0	443.76	16,065	1,935	15,622
OPEB BENEFITS	56,000	0	6,998.00	35,000	21,000	28,002
Column Totals	\$2,181,674	\$56,260	\$218,038.38	1,293,287	944,647	1,075,249
FULL TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,237,934					

Rounding

NON-BUDGET ITEMS:

COMMUNITY TRANSIT GRANT (CTG)

0.00

TOTAL Expense for month

218,038.38

BALANCING CHECKLIST

Rockland Regular Checks & Transfers Out: OCPC Total		534,944.24
Rockland Regular Checks: ROM		3,813.09
EFT Payment retirement - Payroll Acct		11,156.11
EFT Payment deferment - Payroll Acct		3,350.40
EFT Payment Benefit Strategies (HSA) - Payroll Acct		723.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT		553,987.74
AAA Disbur		-335,061.52
Disbursement Subtotal		218,926.22
Adjustments		51.42
Adjusted Disbursement		218,977.64
PR Transfers		-100,000.00
Total Net Salary (PR Summary)	77,299.07	
Total Liabilities Paid	18,912.69	
ER PR Service Charge	462.32	
Net Payroll	96,674.08	96,674.08
Total Disbursement		215,651.72
Adjusted Liability ER		
2848.98 - 462.32 =		2,386.66
		218,038.38

538,757.33

Total Gross PR	114,291.15
PR Ser Charge	-462.32
ER Medicare Tax	-1,563.90
ER SUI Tax	-1,649.31
Adjusted Gross PR	110,615.62

REGULAR CHKNG EXP TRACKING TO BAL	
A/P Expenses OCPC	103,695.81
EFT Payroll Transfer	100,000.00
AAA Distribution	335,061.52
TOTAL OCPC Cks & Transfers	538,757.33

<i>Exps ROM Chking Portion</i>	3,813.09
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Total A/P August	542,570.42
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*** Building Loan principal and interest will be adjusted to actual prior to EOY FY22

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OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL
PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET FY22
July 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES / OCPC & ROM

	FINAL OCPC FY21	FINAL ROM FY21	OCPC FY22	ROM FY22	OCPC FY22	ROM FY22	GI USE	SPENT at Jan 31, 2022 Actual	Balance Remains Actual	Actual % Spent To Date	
Admin Professional Fees: Audit, Legal, etc.	30,791		35,000		35,000		35,000	1	18,580	16,420	53.09%
Administrative Books, Dues, Subscriptions	11,297		14,500		14,500		14,500	2	9,360	5,140	64.55%
Advertising	5,149		7,000		7,000		7,000	3	475	6,525	6.79%
Auto Expenses: DIRECT (Van)	4,198		4,500		4,500		4,500	4	811	3,689	18.03%
Building Utilities - ROM		12,737		13,500		13,500	13,500	5	11,617	1,883	86.05%
Building Repairs & Maintenance - ROM		8,672		17,260		17,260	17,260	6	2,805	14,455	16.25%
Building Business Mgmt - ROM		5,000		7,500		7,500	7,500	7	4,375	3,125	58.33%
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	685	0	1,000	2,500	1,000	2,500	3,500	8	1,220	2,280	34.86%
Equipment Purchase	10,275		36,000		36,000		36,000	9	8,034	27,966	22.32%
Equipment Rental / Printer & Postage Machine	5,921		9,702		9,702		9,702	10	4,420	5,282	45.56%
Equipment Supplies	814		1,000		2,200		2,200	11	-89	2,289	4.05%
Fringe Benefits	169,510		195,000		185,000		185,000	12	129,078	55,922	69.77%
Insurance / Administrative	11,900	5,381	17,000	6,000	17,000	6,000	23,000	13	14,457	8,543	62.86%
Loan Interest Expense		8,230		9,500		12,000	12,000	14	5,167	6,833	43.06%
Meeting Expenses	3,903		10,000		10,000		10,000	15	6,772	3,228	67.72%
Miscellaneous Expenses / Additional Funds Available	2,256		96,972		207,072		207,072	16	1,777	205,295	0.86%
Office Supplies	5,878		15,000		15,000		15,000	17	9,849	5,151	65.66%
Payroll and Other Service Charges	4,610		6,800		4,500		4,500	18	2,556	1,944	56.80%
Payroll Taxes	27,086		32,000		32,000		32,000	19	12,979	19,021	40.56%
Printing	0		2,500		9,000		9,000	20	4,193	4,807	46.59%
Postage	30		1,000		5,000		5,000	21	1,609	3,391	32.18%
Rent	70,200		70,200		70,200		70,200	22	40,950	29,250	58.33%
Salaries	1,305,378		1,475,000		1,475,000		1,475,000	23	818,553	656,447	55.50%
Travel / Administrative	212		2,500		2,500		2,500	24	1,384	1,116	55.38%
Direct Travel & Other Direct Exp / Not recovered (Auto Above)	79,402		75,000		75,000		75,000	25	38,063	36,937	50.75%
Telephone & Internet	19,277		18,000		32,000		32,000	26	15,886	16,114	49.64%
OPEB Benefits	30,000		56,000		60,000		60,000	27	35,000	25,000	58.33%
SUB-TOTALS	1,798,771	40,020	2,181,674	56,260	2,309,174	58,760	2,367,934		1,199,881	1,168,053	50.67%
TOTAL ADMIN EXPENSES	1,838,791		2,237,934		2,367,934				2,367,934		Total % Spent

Ideal Spent in Month 7 of 12 = 58.38%

INCOME/REVENUE

	OCPC FY21	ROM FY21	OCPC FY22	ROM FY22	OCPC FY22	ROM FY22
OCPC MEMBER COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS	144,791		148,414		148,414	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION						
Economic Development District	70,000		70,000		70,000	
EDA CARES	200,000		200,000		200,000	
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION						
Highway Planning	982,425		959,201		959,201	
Transit Planning	0					
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS						
AAA Standard Administration	148,733		155,341		155,341	
AAA CARES Administration	88,424		0		0	
AAA FFCRA Administration	10,379		0		0	
AAA ARA (Approx Start Sep 2021)			181,875		181,875	
AAA Ombudsman Standard Program	18,305		116,813		116,813	
AAA Ombudsman CARES Program	8,523		0		0	
AAA Assisted Living Specialist					50,000	
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT						
District Local Technical Assistance	202,000		202,259		202,259	
Brick					50,000	
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES (MEPA)						
CTG / Community Transit	30,000		30,000		30,000	
LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND/OR THER CONTRACTS						
BAT / Brockton Area Transit Authority	28,000		28,000		28,000	
REPA	12,000		25,000		25,000	
Plymouth Climate Change	2,000		0		0	
Green Communities			15,000		15,000	
MVP Plymouth	0					
MVP Halifax			18,000		18,000	
MVP Bridgewater						
MVP Whitman						
MVP Hanson	10,000					
SEA Pilot Program						
Easton HPP					30,000	
Avon Septic Program	2,000		2,000		2,000	
Cohasset Septic Program	1,000		2,000		2,000	
Hanson Septic Program	2,000		2,000		2,000	
Kingston Septic Program	1,000		2,000		2,000	
Stoughton Septic Program	2,000		2,000		2,000	
Area Utilities	6,700		6,831		6,831	
GIS Whitman	1,000		1,000		1,000	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	6,000					
ROM Income / Rent offset OCPC Expense		70,200		70,200		70,200
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	1,977,270	70,200	2,167,734	70,200	2,297,734	70,200
	2,047,470		2,237,934		2,367,934	

INC less EXP = OCPC OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)

Miscellaneous/Surplus = \$216,354 at DEC 31, 2021

PROGRAMMETIC (PASS-THROUGH) FUNDS	FY21 EOY- 6/30/2021	Pass-thru Rpted in FY21	FY22 PROPOSED	FY22 CHANGES
Area Agency on Aging (AAA)	1,296,014	476,148	500,000	1,369,933
AAA CARES	795,817	687,227	500,000	500,000
AAA FFCRA	183,652	49,921	0	0
AAA Elder Lunch (AAA)	21,952		21,952	21,952
AAA ARA			988,594	988,594
Donations for Voluntary Transportation	10,000	54	10,000	10,000
SUB-TOTAL PASS-THROUGH FUNDS	2,307,435	1,213,350	2,020,546	2,890,479

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PASS THROUGH AAA FUNDS		
	<u>Billings</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
AAA Pass-Through Standard	\$1,762,691	\$1,006,163
AAA Pass-Through Cares	\$247,726	\$247,726
	\$2,010,417	\$1,253,889

ADMIN & OMBUDSMAN FUNDS		
	<u>Billings</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
OMBUDSMAN Standard	\$129,670	\$45,938
Adm CARES	\$10,333	\$2,065
ADM Standard	\$161,925	\$145,606
OMBUD ARPA	\$16,390	
ASSISTED LIVING SPECIALIST	\$51,273	\$9,114
	\$369,592	\$202,723

VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS	
Volunteer Transportation Funds Balance End Dec 2021	\$179,616.95
Payments to Volunteers & Misc Adj	-\$1,217.29
Donations for VTP Program	\$35.00
Volunteer Transportation Funds Balance End Jan 2022	\$178,434.66

Council Staff Report February 2022

Administration

All Town Annual Reports have been submitted on time or ahead of schedule. This is attributed to Megan Fournier's reorganizing and working with OCPC managers and staff. Megan coordinated and communicated with the various towns to be certain the Reports were delivered in the format they requested.

As many heard through a recent email, fraudulent checks incidents occurred and quick response by staff and Rockland Trust to put into place a stop and safeguards. Brockton Police took a report and still needs to follow up on their investigation.

The Personnel Committee under the leadership of Chair, Steven Santeusano began the first of a few meetings to discuss the Employee Handbook and other matters.

Murphy Hesse Toomey and Lehane have been engaged to assist with the review of the OPEB Trust and subsequent actions.

The Nominating Committee under the leadership of Chair, Frank Staffier will be meeting over the next two weeks to formulate a slate of officers and to review the current subcommittees and make recommendations to the Bylaw Committee and the President of the Council.

The Bylaw Committee will need to meet and review the bylaws and offer amendments. Mary will coordinate with Chair of the Bylaw Committee, Lee Hartmann.

OCPC staff met with Ciara Ristic, of NADO (National Association of Development Organizations) Research to talk about what OCPC is doing to promote equity in the region and the planning profession.

Our Bridgewater State University Intern and recent BSU geography graduate, Evan Sears, was hired by OCPC, but then the City of Brockton made an offer he could not refuse. We have all enjoyed working with Evan and hope that we can steal him back from the city.

Mary will continue to work with President Christine Joy on filling vacancies on the Council. John Haines was recently voted as an alternate from the town of East Bridgewater.



Old Colony Planning Council's DLTA (District Local Technical Assistance) Contract was renewed, \$203,705 amount. Please see more under the CPED Department.

Recently, a team from OCPC volunteers at the BAMSI Brown Bag event. Lila Burgess led this effort and was joined by Sean Noel, David Klein, and Mary Waldron. It was a fitting example of some of the efforts to volunteer in our communities. If any delegate or alternate has an opportunity that they would like to share, please contact Mary Waldron.

T4MA <https://www.t4ma.org/> renewed its MOU with OCPC. Mary Waldron is on the Executive Committee and through that effort and engagement, OCPC receives \$5,000 compensation.

Building needs:

- During the epic snowstorm, OCPC was able to deal with the large amount of snow. Megan Fournier is working on getting quotes from contractors to remove snow.
- Our sprinkler system needs an inspection by way of correspondence from the Brockton Fire Department (BFD). The Fire Department's records do not show us having had an inspection over the past 5 years.
- We have an interested party in renting out part of our back room. For that to happen, a cleaning of files, scanning documents and organizing is needed. A new coat of paint, and a new rug.
- HVAC system, one unit that heats/cool the back room had a few parts that deteriorated. The system was put in 2014 and should not be having these issues. Pierce Refrigeration has come into repair. Charlie and Mary are planning to meet with them to strategize the next steps
- Roof leaks in the space with Andrew Vidal has his office. Our former contractor did not repair properly. A new contractor is needed to assess the problem and to provide a timeline and cost estimate.

OCPC's new website is getting closer to being shown to the Council.

Area Agency on Aging

David Klein, Lila Burgess, Jane Selig, Gabrielle Sylvain-Jean, & Sean Noel

AAA Staff Report Updates – for February 2022 OCPC Council Meeting

- **The AAA recently purchased** 90 Covid Testing Kits (with two tests per kit for a total of 180 overall tests at \$8.99 per test) to protect staff and volunteers, particularly those who meet with older adults such as the Ombudsman and ALR staff and their volunteers who go to nursing homes and assisted living residences. The kits were paid for through the administration portion of a small federal grant to assist older adults have greater accessibility in our region.
- **Days of Service** - In January and February, in the spirit of the MLK Day of Service a AAA lead group of OCPC staff volunteered at the Brockton Area Multi-Services' (BAMSI's) monthly Brown Bag event at the Teen Challenge Center in Brockton. Once a month six hundred brown bags, with over 17,000 pounds of food, are assembled and distributed to those in need. Attending across the two months were Sean Noel, Lila Burgess, David Klein, and our Executive Director, Mary Waldron. This effort occurs regularly on the morning of the third Thursday of the month. Here is a link for more information if you know of anyone interested in helping from time to time (BAMSI is also in need of large trucks to help with deliveries): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4daaa82fabfd0-bamsi13>. BAMSI's volunteer coordinator is Leigh Lopes.
- **AAA staff have been working on reporting** through the State Reporting Tool, known as NAPIS, which stands for the National Aging Program Information Systems. Reporting on Older Adult services in our region gets rolled-up into the state figures, which in turn are reported by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the federal Administration for Community Living, or ACL for short.

- **Reporting figures for Older Adult services** have of course been highly influenced by Covid over the past two years. Some programs have shut down completely, while others have been maintained but at far reduced levels.
- **BREAKING NEWS on the Legislative Front:** Governor Baker recently sponsored two new bills for consideration by the Massachusetts Legislature of which OCPC in general and the Area Agency in particular, may have interest. Respectively, they include:

- **Bill H.4361** - 'An Act to Improve Massachusetts Competitiveness and Reduce the Cost of Living'
See details at: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H4361>

H.4361 proposes tax savings ideas, which will help Massachusetts tax filing residents from across the spectrum, including parents and others in lower income levels (go to the above link to learn more). However, from an Area Agency on Aging perspective, our most pressing interest includes the portions of H.4361 that offer significant tax relief for older adult residents who either own their homes or who rent, for example:

- “This bill would double the maximum Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit for more than 100,000 lower income homeowners and renters aged 65 and older. The credit is adjusted annually for inflation, and in 2021, this change would have raised the credit to \$2,340.
- Additionally, for taxpayers claiming a rent deduction on their returns, this legislation will increase the cap on the Renters deduction from \$3,000 to \$5,000 allowing Massachusetts renters to keep approximately \$77 million more annually.”
- Increases the ‘dependent care credit’ for Massachusetts families with dependents.
- And increasing the adjusted gross income thresholds for “no tax status,” which would provide direct relief to several hundred thousand low-income residents.

Each of these measures would help achieve greater economic well-being for low-income individuals, which is one of the most important goals of the Older Americans Act.

- **Bill H.4362** - ‘An Act to Modernizing Massachusetts’ Tax Administration rules and procedures.
See details at: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H4362>

H.4362 is important to do just as the title implies, detailing ideas for statutory change to update and improve tax administration by and for the Department of Revenue, which will allow automation of tax return amendments and numerous services to Mass Taxpayers.

- **Other Legislative updates for the Older Adult sector include** advocacy by USAging at the federal level and Mass Homecare at the state level to restore or in some case to add funding in areas of need, respectively through additional resource funding for the Older Americans Act, and locally for Home Care and Personal Care services. In Massachusetts, for example this includes: ‘An Act Allowing Spouses to Serve as Caregivers.’
- **The idea behind allocating additional state spending** to allow greater improved pay equity for caretakers and for support of all levels of Home Care services is not just because people generally prefer to continue living at home, but also because helping this to happen saves the state millions of dollars compared with the ever-growing portion of our state’s payment towards MassHealth, which is the Massachusetts name for Medicaid. The governor’s current proposed budget *for MassHealth – Senior Care, i.e., Medicaid*, is just over \$3.725 billion, which is one of the largest line items in the entire state budget.
- **On a positive note, for Councils on Aging throughout the state**, the Governor’s budget proposal includes over \$4 million of extra funding to support COA’s compared with that of prior year budgets. This will

help bridge the gap in the effort to maintain the current \$12 a year rate for the COA 'Formula' grant. That is the grant which allocates a certain dollar amount for each older adult in their respective city or town. Historically the figure for the number of older adults (age 60+) has been based on the prior decennial US Census, i.e., the 2010 census. The number of older adults is expected to climb significantly when the 2020 census has been fully tabulated. A quick example of how this works is, if a town were to have 1,000 residents aged sixty or older, this town's Council on Aging funding from the state would be \$12,000. **View additional attachment in packet for full legislative update.**

Ombudsman & ALR Ombudsman Program updates from OCPC Ombudsman Program Director Lila Burgess:

- **Staff & Volunteer Updates:** We continue to grow our team and are pleased to report another volunteer is currently in training to become certified as a LTC Ombudsman. This brings our team to 18 with 7 of those 18 certified during the past 2 years of Covid.
- **Job Description Update:** We are updating the job description for the Assistant Director of the LTC Ombudsman program. As part of our Ombudsman Designation Agreement with The Executive Office of Health and Human Services we are required to staff the program with 1 FT (35 hours) and 1 PT (17.5). For many years we were comfortably ahead of these required numbers but following the retirement of Norman Sorgman last January we technically became slightly understaffed. Jane, our current Assistant Director has a work limit of 13 hours weekly, so we are looking to add an additional 4.5 hours of paid Ombudsman coverage.
- **By the Numbers:** LTC (Long Term Care) Ombudsman visits are slowly resuming. This month 331 out of 377 LTC facilities had two or more cases for a total of 3,620 cases. Of those cases there was a shift in that 1,700 were from staff and 1,900 were from residents. Of those eligible to receive the booster the numbers increased slightly from last month's report-88% of residents and 67% of staff. We continue to see a drop in cases which is a very encouraging sign.
- **From the ALR (Assisted Living Residence) Ombudsman Program:** Gabrielle shared some statistics from the Federal report for Fiscal year 2021. The top three complaints from residents and families in Assisted Living Residences are: Environment, Personal Hygiene and Billing. MassALA (Assisted Living Association) just issued their Massachusetts Assisted Living Resource guide for 2022. It can be downloaded through their website at www.mass.ala.org

The ALR Ombudsman Team is currently staffed with the following:

- State 1 Executive Office of Elder Affairs Donna Bucca Ph:617-727-7750 1 Ashburton Place Direct: 617-222-7492 Fax:617-727-9368 Boston, MA 02108 donna.bucca@mass.gov
- State 2 Executive Office of Elder Affairs Steve Ellsweig Ph:617-727-7750 1 Ashburton Place Direct: TBD Fax:617-727-9368 Boston, MA 02108 Steven.Ellsweig@mass.gov
- Bay Path Elder Services Caroline Drella Ph:508-573-7200 33 Boston Post Road West X 318 Fax:508-573-7222 Marlborough, MA 01752 Direct: 508-573-7318 cdrella@baypath.org
- Old Colony Planning Council Gabrielle Sylvain-Jean Ph:508-583-1833 70 School St X 215 Fax:508-559-8768 Brockton, MA 02301 gsylvain-jean@ocpcrpa.org
- Greater Springfield Senior Services Amber Haywood Ph:413-781-8800 66 Industry Ave X 374 Fax:413-726-9102 Springfield, MA 01104 Cell: 413-222-1754 Amber.Haywood@gsssi.org

Community Planning & Economic Development Department

Laurie Muncy, Joanne Zygmunt, Dottie Fulginiti, and Elijah Romulus

The Transportation Department, Charlie Kilmer and Bill McNulty met with Community Planning Department for a handoff of the MassBuilds Program. This tool can be utilized in a greater way to assist communities in our region.

Laurie Muncy, Mary Waldron, and Dottie Fulginiti participated in a Housing Roundtable discussion lead and organized by Senator Moran. With her colleagues, Representative Muratore, Representative LaNatra and Representative Xiarhos the discussion focused on regional efforts. Laurie Muncy discussed the 2018 Regional Plan as well as her efforts on many Housing Production Plans. Dottie, through her experience at the Mass Growth Alliance as well as her experience as a selectboard member in Easton, brought great discussions and strategies.

DLTA, District Local Technical Assistance Program.

The team at Old Colony Planning Council have begun the review process for this round of DLTA applications. Under this program, OCPC staff provides technical assistance to communities on eligible projects consistent with state guidelines. The DLTA fund is an annual grant established via Massachusetts General Laws. For calendar year 2022, this fund received an annual appropriation distributed statewide to regional planning agencies to support local and regional planning and service provision projects. OCPC has received an allocation for its staff to provide technical assistance to its member communities.

A proposed project must fall into one or two general following priority categories to be considered eligible for technical assistance:

1. ***“Planning Ahead for Housing”*** (to help reach the Statewide Housing Production Goal) or
2. ***“Planning Ahead for Growth;”*** and
3. ***Community Compact Cabinet Activities*** – Supporting the Community Compact, including Regionalization.

This year the Commonwealth has prioritized projects that align with housing needs and the new Zoning Act Section 3A MBTA Communities. Communities will learn the status of their applications in the next couple of weeks.

HMP, Housing Mitigation Plans

Staff currently are completing the final edits into the ***Town of Bridgewater Hazard Mitigation Plan***. A public listening session was held on February 10, 2022, and can be viewed through the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHaJC9mobJQ>

A copy of the Bridgewater HMP is available for downloading at:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:457fd5af-b6fd-3cb2-9275-c69a3531d4d8>

OSRP, Open Space Recreation Plan.

The ***Town of Avon Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)*** was submitted to DCR for review and approval. An Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) is a seven-year planning document based on the requirements of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. It provides information on the Town’s regional context, geographical and geological features, natural resources, and recreational opportunities. The purpose of this document is to establish priorities and recommend future actions that will help with the cultivation and

management of open space and recreational resources. The Plan outlines specific actions that should be taken in the next seven years to advance the realization of the community vision. To be eligible for the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services grant programs, the Town must have a state-approved Open Space and Recreation Plan. A copy of the plan is available for download at [http://ocpcrpa.org/docs/comprehensive/Avon OSRP 2022.pdf](http://ocpcrpa.org/docs/comprehensive/Avon_OS RP_2022.pdf)

The *Town of West Bridgewater Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)* is currently underway. We are working with town staff on the parcel inventory and beginning an ADA Transition Plan for the open spaces.

Green Communities

The REPA invoice for the final quarter of 2021 was submitted to DOER. The grant awarded for this year included some funds to host a webinar series on clean energy and related topics. This work is in the planning stages and continues. Designation as a Green Community is underway for Plymouth and East Bridgewater. Green Communities 2021 annual reports were returned by DOER for minor edits for the following communities: Whitman, Halifax, Brockton, Hanson, Marshfield, Pembroke, Plympton, Abington.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Collaboration with Northeastern University to assist with data collection for Life Sciences Build Back Better challenge grant. Northeastern was awarded phase I of the grant, this is assistance with their phase II application. This involved meetings with statewide economic development agencies, Metro South Chamber, Brockton planning department, executives, and staff at Mass Life Sciences.

Work on grant EDA-2021-ARPA EAA which would fund the Economic Recovery Planner staff position for two more years. In July of 2020 OCPC was awarded an EDA Cares Grant to fund an Economic Recovery Planning position that was dedicated to the support of municipalities and businesses. The planner provides assistance and guidance to help successfully mitigate the impacts of the pandemic and to help with strategies for economic recovery, resiliency, and sustainability. During this period, we had many successes. *In addition to the successes, we discovered that there are large gaps in resource capacity and expertise in addressing equity, building partnerships, and seeking regional technical skills and expertise.*

This grant will fund programs that will use data and lessons learned during the pandemic to address those needs in the next two-year performance period. The funding is critical to executing these innovative programs that will maximize the impacts of federal, state, and local funding. OCPC is dedicated to working with municipalities, tribal governments, and businesses to address equity needs, add capacity, and develop a blueprint that will drive long-term economic recovery. OCPC will keep partners, stakeholders, and grant recipients focused on the priorities of equity, job training, creation, and retention, and using innovation and partnership to accelerate recovery.

Joanne and Dottie are working with two classes at Boston University to have them solve the problem, "How do we get public participation from young people under 40?" We have met with professors and small groups of students' multiple times. One class will focus solely on Brockton. The other class will be splitting up all our municipalities. The result will be a public outreach plan for each community.

Research and meetings with multiple agencies to learn about the new guidance for MBTA communities. Direct conversations with Stoughton and Easton regarding strategy.

Assisting with data collection for the [MassBuilds](#) program.

Continued collaboration with See Plymouth and the Town of Plymouth to advance the feasibility study for a Conference Center.

Participated with Senator Moran, Rep Muratore, Rep LaNatra and Rep Xiarhos in a regional housing roundtable discussion. This is part of a series and has been very valuable in learning about the unique housing challenges in the region.

COMMUNITY

The OCPC team has participated in the MAPC Population and Housing Demand Projections which will be used by local, regional, and state agencies to set policies and make investments that anticipate the region's future needs and help to achieve shared goals. These projections include two scenarios for regional growth. Each scenario reflects different assumptions about key trends, Status Quo is based on the continuation of existing rates of births, deaths, migration, and housing occupancy. The Stronger Region scenario explores how changing trends could result in higher population growth, greater housing demand, and a substantially larger workforce.

The staff has continued working with the Town of Easton to complete an update to their *Housing Production Plan* accompanied by *an Affordable Housing Trust Action Plan*. To date there have been 406 respondents to the community survey associated with the draft plan. This work continues through the month of February.

Transportation

Shawn Bailey, Matthew Cady, Evan Sears, Ray Guarino, Charles Kilmer, Guoqiang Li, William McNulty, Kyle Mowatt, Andrew Vidal

The Transportation Department engaged in multiple activities during February 2022. Activity highlights include:

- Attended and participated in the **Transportation Program Managers Group Meeting** on February 1, 2022. Charles Kilmer serves as Vice-Chairman of this statewide group consisting of Regional Planning Agencies, MassDOT, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration.
- Attended and participated in the **MassDOT/ MPO Performance Measures Subcommittee Meeting** on February 2, 2022.
- Attended and participated in the **Drone (Unmanned Aircraft Systems - UAS) Opportunity Coordination Meeting with Bridgewater State University (BSU)** on February 3, 2022.
- Attended and participated in **Everyday Counts (EDC) Virtual Public Involvement Committee Meeting** on February 3, 2022.
- Attended and participated in the **TIP Readiness Day** on February 8, 2022 and reviewed all the projects programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program with MassDOT.

- Attended and participated in the **Data Users Group (DUG) Meeting** on February 9, 2022.
- Attended and participated in **Stoughton Transportation Task Force Meeting** on February 6, 2022.
- Attended and participated in **Randolph - Route 24 Over Canton Street Bridge Project (612188) Design Public Hearing (DPH)** on February 10, 2022.
- Attended and participated in **Stoughton Route 138 TIP Project (607403) Design Public Hearing (DPH)** on February 16, 2022.
- Attended and participated in **Old Colony Coordination with Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMAs) Meeting** on February 17, 2022.
- Attended and participated in Bridgewater State University (BSU) GeoGraphics Lab Visit on February 22, 2022
- Continued development of the **Drone - Small Unmanned Aircraft System (SUAS)** technology.
- Continued efforts to develop data to track changes in vehicle volume trends utilizing MassDOT Permanent Traffic Count Locations and OCPC conducted traffic counts.
- Coordinated and participated in the **Brockton Area Transit (BAT)-OCPC Planning Meeting** on February 2, 2022.
- Coordinated and participated in the **Old Colony Joint Transportation Committee Meeting** on February 3, 2022.
- Coordinated and participated in the **Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting** on February 15, 2022. At the meeting, the staff presented the results of TIP Readiness Days, discussed the Freight Planning and Action Plan status, and provided an update on the Road Safety Audits at Multiple Locations Project.
- Continued preparation of the **Road Safety Audits (RSA) at Multiple Locations Project**. The Road Safety Audits are being conducted at high crash locations. Selection of the locations began with the Old Colony Safety Management System that ranks intersections based on the Equivalent to Property Damage Only (EPDO) value. The EPDO is a weighted value which accounts for crash severity. During February, staff continued developing the list of locations for Road Safety Audits and collection location information and crash data. Staff also conducted Roads Safety Audits in Abington and Duxbury. To date, the locations identified for the FFY 2022 Road Safety Audits (RSA) at Multiple Locations Project include:
 - Abington - Central Street Corridor (RSA Conducted on February 23, 2022)
 - Abington - Groveland Street at Linwood Street (RSA Conducted on February 23, 2022)
 - Brockton - Warren Avenue at Market Street
 - Brockton - West Chestnut Street at Southworth Street
 - Duxbury - Congress Street at Franklin Street (RSA Conducted on February 18, 2022)
 - Duxbury - Route 53 at Franklin Street / High Street (RSA Conducted on February 18, 2022)
 - Duxbury - Tremont Street (Route 3A) at Church Street (Route 139) (RSA Conducted on February 18, 2022)
 - Easton - Massapoag Avenue at Mill Street (RSA Completed)
- Staff monitored **MEPA Environmental Monitor** and provided project summaries.
- Staff completed AM and PM turning movement counts at three intersections (Court Street at Cherry Street, Court Street at Cordage Park, Court Street at Hedge Road) in **Plymouth**.

- Staff continued AM and PM turning movement count data collection for three intersections along Belmont Street in **Brockton** (Belmont Street at Linwood/ Lorraine Streets; Belmont Street at VA Hospital; and Belmont Street at Manley Street).
- Staff continued preparation of the **High Priority Corridor Study Screening Assessment**. The objective of this task is to conduct an assessment of State Numbered Routes (arterial segments) that will identify, rank, and inform the selection process for locations to conduct corridor studies that will then inform the Long-Range Transportation Plan Needs Assessment.
- Staff continued to provide assistance to the Town of Kingston on identifying thickly settled roadways in Town for potential adoption of Chapter 90 Section 17C.
- Staff consulted with Stoughton Police Department on request to study in the area of Pleasant Street (Route 139) and Lowe Avenue, around the school.
- Staff continued preparation of the **Freight Planning and Action Plan**. The objectives of this study are to build a foundation to formally integrate freight into the overall planning process, to identify and plan for long-term freight needs, to develop specific long-range transportation projects, identify potential funding sources for those projects, and evaluate policy-based solutions to accommodate future levels of freight on our regional transportation system while protecting the mobility and safety of the traveling public. This plan will be a follow up to the 2014 Regional Freight & Goods Movement Study, the 2014 NHS Intermodal Connectors Study, and will build upon the findings and recommendations from MassDOT's 2018 Freight Study.
- Staff provided roadway geographic information system (GIS) data to BAT for utilization in the TripsPark and Trapeze software.

Geographic Information Systems

Andrew Vidal

- Submitted Zoning maps of all communities for MassDOT 2050 Socioeconomic Projections
- Brockton Housing Authority – map of public housing in the City of Brockton
- Maps of OCPC Economic Development District over other RPAs and Congressional Districts
- Participated in Statewide Trail Mapping meetings with other RPAs
- Cartegraph Go Live training
- Open Space mapping for Avon
- Hazard Mitigation mapping for the town of Bridgewater (Critical infrastructure and facilities, zoning, and constraints to development)
- Map of city-owned public housing properties for City of Brockton Housing Authority

Community Septic Management Program

Shawn Bailey

- Town of Avon
 - Four open septic projects – one beginning installation soon.
 - Utilizing Town funds to continue participation in the Program.

- Town of Cohasset
 - No open projects.
 - Town has \$100,000 left to drawdown from Massachusetts Clean Water Trust; in process of obtaining said funds.
- Town of Hanson
 - Four open septic projects.
 - Sent one application.
 - Town drew down last of funds from Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. Will have to apply for a new loan or use Town funds.
- Town of Kingston
 - Two open septic projects – both in installation phase.
- Town of Stoughton
 - Twelve open septic projects – one in installation phase (starting soon).

Announcements

New Projects

EEA #16383 – Lincoln Park (FEIR) – **West Bridgewater**

The proposed project is centered around the development of a 350,000 sf warehouse with other areas of the site, potentially being used for a 100,000 sf warehouse or expanded trailer parking area. The northern most corner of the property would be used in conjunction with a portion of the existing Lincoln Street layout for a 13,000 sf retail venue on roughly 1.5 acres of land.

Development of the project is predicated on the relocation of Lincoln Street to align with Crescent Street and other improvements to West Center Street (Route 106) that are proposed as part of the project. Access to the proposed project would be provided through four driveways, one on West Center Street (Route 106) and three on Lincoln Street. The proposed improvements at the intersection of West Center Street (Route 106) and Lincoln Street/Crescent Street would improve existing traffic conditions and offset any traffic impact of the proposed project. Aligning Lincoln Street with Crescent Street and placing those approaches under traffic signal control would improve the safety of the two offset unsignalized intersection approaches. Providing additional capacity along West Center Street (Route 106) would improve the organization and flow of vehicles traveling to and from the Route 24 interchange. These proposed improvements represent a significant investment in the Town of West Bridgewater.

The project site has been designed to serve the needs of the development and the region and will be constructed in phases so as to ensure that the size of the project continues to be appropriate for the site needs in the future. The initial build program of 350,000 sf of warehouse would serve the immediate needs of the area. An appropriate amount of parking (528 spaces) and impervious area would accompany this portion of the development and allow for the eventual end user to operate efficiently. At an appropriate time, the potential for an additional 100,000 sf of warehouse and/or up to 13,000 sf of retail could also be constructed on the site and as such are included in this project review. The parking and impervious areas that would accompany the additional elements of the project would be designed to minimize environmental disturbance while meeting the needs of the specific development.

Public Notices

Notice of Application for a Chapter 91 Waterways Permit - **Plymouth**

This application is for improvement dredging off 0 Spring Lane, in the municipality of plymouth, in waters of Jenney Pond on Town Brook. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

Notice of Application and Issuance of Draft Groundwater Discharge Permit – **Kingston**

This application is for the discharge of sanitary wastewater from the facility on Cranberry Road in Kingston. The quantity of the discharge would be 1,000,000 gallons/day.

Area Agency on Aging Legislative Update for February 2022 OCPC Council Meeting

As Council Delegates & Alternates well realize this is an active period in legislative advocacy as budgeting is being crafted for both federal and state fiscal year 2023, as well on the federal level for certain retroactive relief of 2022 legislation.

Bullet points below highlight some of this activity from community, state, and federal partners, e.g. USAging (our National AAA advocacy organization), as well as Mass HomeCare (MHC) and the Mass Councils on Aging (MCOA).

BREAIKING NEWS on the Legislative Front: Governor Baker recently sponsored two new bills for consideration by the Massachusetts Legislature of which OCPC in general and the Area Agency in particular, may have interest. Respectively, they include:

Bill H.4361 - 'An Act to Improve Massachusetts Competitiveness and Reduce the Cost of Living' See details at: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H4361>.

H.4361 proposes tax savings ideas, which will help Massachusetts tax filing residents from across the spectrum, including parents and others in lower income levels (go to the above link to learn more). However, from an Area Agency on Aging perspective, our most pressing interest includes the portions of H.4361 that offer significant tax relief for older adult residents who either own their homes or who rent, for example:

- “This bill would double the maximum Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit for more than 100,000 lower income homeowners and renters aged 65 and older. The credit is adjusted annually for inflation, and in 2021, this change would have raised the credit to \$2,340.
- Additionally, for taxpayers claiming a rent deduction on their returns, this legislation will increase the cap on the Renters deduction from \$3,000 to \$5,000 allowing Massachusetts renters to keep approximately \$77 million more annually.”
- This bill increases the ‘dependent care credit for Massachusetts families with dependents.
- The bill also increases the adjusted gross income thresholds for "no tax status," which would provide direct relief to several hundred thousand low-income residents, a good portion of whom will be older adults on fixed-low incomes.

Each of these measures would help achieve greater economic well-being for low-income individuals, a sizable portion of whom are older adults. This is one of the most important goals of the Older Americans Act.

Please note: This act also includes a proposed reduction in the state tax-rate for short-term capital gains from 12% to the current 5% rate for other income. The AAA takes no position on this portion of the proposal.

Bill H.4362 - 'An Act to Modernizing Massachusetts' Tax Administration rules and procedures. See details at: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H4362>.

H.4362 is important to be enacted to do just as the title implies, detailing ideas for statutory change to update and improve tax administration by and for the Department of Revenue, which will allow automation of tax return amendments and numerous services to Mass Taxpayers.

- **Other Legislative updates for the Older Adult sector include** advocacy by USAging at the federal level and Mass Homecare at the state level to restore or in some case to add funding in areas of need, respectively through additional resource funding for the Older Americans Act, and locally for Home Care and Personal Care services. In Massachusetts, for example this includes: 'An Act Allowing Spouses to Serve as Caregivers.'
- **The idea behind allocating additional state spending** to allow greater improved pay equity for caretakers and for support of all levels of Home Care services is not just because people generally prefer to continue living at home, but also because helping this to happen saves the state millions of dollars compared with the ever-growing portion of our state's payment towards MassHealth, which is the Massachusetts name for Medicaid. The governor's current proposed budget *for MassHealth – Senior Care, i.e., Medicaid*, is just over \$3.725 billion, which is one of the largest line items in the entire state budget.
- **On a positive note, for Councils on Aging throughout the state**, the Governor's budget proposal includes over \$4 million of extra funding to support COA's compared with that of prior year budgets. This will help bridge the gap in the effort to maintain the current \$12 a year rate for the COA 'Formula' grant. That is the grant which allocates a certain dollar amount for each older adult in their respective city or town. Historically the figure for the number of older adults (age 60+) has been based on the prior decennial US Census, i.e., the 2010 census. The number of older adults is expected to climb significantly when the 2020 census has been fully tabulated. A quick example of how this works is, if a town were to have 1,000 residents aged sixty or older, this town's Council on Aging funding from the state would be \$12,000.

The Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs for the Executive Office for Administration & Finance has asked for feedback from Councils on Aging in the form of testimony before the House Joint Revenue Committee on Tuesday, February 22nd, which leaves little time.

It is sometimes both helpful and important to understand that many if not most others view our entire Older Adult/Elder/Senior Services Network through the prism of the Councils on Aging (COAs). The COAs are viewed as the main link on a local level. Understanding this, we are therefore in contact with our partners at the MCOA, to see where they are at with this news and to the extent possible, help to formulate a cohesive response through them, and our local COA partners.

Representative Mathew J. Muratore, Republican - 1st Plymouth

Mathew Muratore, State Representative for the First Plymouth District, is in his fourth term in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He was first elected to the House in November 2014. He was a Plymouth Selectman from May 2010-January 2015 and served as Chairman of the Board from 2012-2014.

Rep. Muratore serves on the House Committee on Ways and Means and on the Joint Committees of Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, as ranking minority member; Health Care Financing, as assistant ranking minority member; and on Municipalities and Regional Government, as ranking minority member. He served as a member of the: WorkAbility subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, Ocean Acidification commission, and Skilled Nursing Facility Task Force. He is currently serving on the Plymouth County Drug Abuse Task Force, Executive Committee of the Plymouth County Anti-Trafficking Task Force, Executive office of Elder Affairs Citizens Advisory Committee, Ocean Advisory Commission, and the Northeast Fire Protection Commissions.

In 2017, Rep. Muratore received the Legislator of the Year Award from the Arc of Greater Plymouth and the Champion of Tourism Award from the Massachusetts tourism community. In 2018 he received To the Moon and Back Sam's Award for his work with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and in 2019 he received Legislator of the Year Award from MassAccess.

A Plymouth resident since 2001, Matt grew up on the South Shore and graduated from Cardinal Spellman High School. He is a graduate of Northeastern University with a degree in Business Management. Beginning his career as a nursing home administrator in 1991, Matt was the Administrator at Plymouth Rehabilitation and Health Care Center from 2003-January 2015 and is a member of the Massachusetts Senior Care Association. He is also co-owner and operator of Crayon College in Plymouth, Kingston, and Bourne. He runs a health care consulting company specializing in elder care.

Matt is active in various community organizations including Rotary (Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International), Plymouth Youth Development Collaborative, Knights of Columbus, the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, Plymouth Regional Economic Foundation, and the Plymouth Networking Group for Seniors. Matt serves on the PACTV Board of Directors and is a member of the BIDLH-Plymouth Advisory Board.

Prior to his election to the Board of Selectmen, Matt was a member of the Advisory and Finance Committee and was Board Member and Chairman of the Plymouth Council on Aging. Matt has six daughters, and his wife Kristin is a local attorney.

The First Plymouth District comprises Precincts 2-8, 10, 12, 14 & 15 in Plymouth.