



Old Colony Planning Council Monthly Meeting
October 25, 2023, 6:00pm
Via ZOOM Conferencing or In Person

MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order by Council President, Becky Coletta, at 6:00pm
2. Roll Call

TOWN	NAME	ROLL CALL	ROLE
Abington	Steven Santeusanio	Present	Delegate
	Alex Haggerty		Alternate
Avon	Frank Staffier	Present	Delegate
	John Costa	Present	Alternate
Bridgewater	Sandy Wright	Unavailable	Delegate
	Bob Rulli	Present	Alternate
Brockton	Vacant		Delegate
	Preston Huckabee	Present	Alternate
Duxbury	Allison Shane	Present	Delegate
	Vacant		Alternate
East Bridgewater	Peter Spagone Jr.	Unavailable	Delegate
	John Haines	Unavailable	Alternate
Easton	Jeanmarie Kent-Joyce	Unavailable	Delegate
	Vacant		Alternate
Halifax	John Bruno		Delegate
	Jonathan Selig	Present	Alternate
Hanover	Rhonda Nyman	Unavailable	Delegate
	Steve Louko		Alternate
Hanson	Tony De Frias	Present	Delegate
	Joe Campbell		Alternate
Kingston	Val Massard	Unavailable	Delegate
	Paul Basler	Unavailable	Alternate
Pembroke	Becky Coletta	Present	Delegate
	Alysha Siciliano-Perry		Alternate
Plymouth	Lee Hartmann		Delegate
	Vacant		Alternate
Plympton	Christine Joy	Unavailable	Delegate
	Vacant		Alternate
Stoughton	Will Roth	Unavailable	Delegate
	Marc Tisdelle		Alternate

West Bridgewater	Eldon Moreira	Unavailable	Delegate
		Vacant	Alternate
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	Present	Delegate
	Daniel Salvucci	Present	Alternate
At-Large	Iolando Spinola	Present	Delegate

OCPC Staff: Mary Waldron, Charles Kilmer, Brenda Robinson, Megan Fournier, Laurie Muncy, David Klein, Bill McNulty

3. **Consent Agenda:** *Unanimous Approval*
4. **September 2023 Financials:** *Unanimous Approval*

1. FINANCIAL REPORTS

At the end of September, we were in good Financial Condition showing a 3.07% Budget surplus.

- A. **Statement of Expenditures Report** shows total expenses for the month of \$272,174.37 –
- B. **Cash Position Report** shows Income for the month of \$364,809.74 –

Disbursements for the month were \$460,690.62 –

The Total cash available at month's end was \$2,001,294.78 –

OPEB Account had a **LOSS** of \$21,899.32 – Bringing the ending balance in the OPEB account to \$990,788.46–

C. **Budget Resources Report:** Cash Receipts being \$364,809.74 – – brings the total Year to Date receipts to \$1,139,060.99 –

D. AAA Report:

- Outstanding Balance for AAA Pass Through Programs was \$852,424.58 –
- Outstanding Balance for AAA Admin and Ombudsman Programs was \$155,472.44 –
- This brings the total outstanding balance for all AAA Programs to \$1,007,897.02 –

Voluntary Transportation Account: beginning balance was - \$169,898.72– Restricted fund payments to Volunteers were a total of \$1,292.98. Donations received were a total of \$592.67. Bringing the ending balance in the fund to \$169,198.41 –

E. ROM Statement and Activity:

Balance at the beginning of the month was \$169,429.12 -

Receipts were \$8,350, bringing the total receipts to \$25,050 –

Expenses were \$13,285.10 – bringing the total expenses to \$35,104.75 –

The ending Statement Balance was \$172,226.89 –

F. Budget Reports

The Spent to date Percentage rate at the end of September was 21.93%. The Ideal Percentage in the 3rd Month of the Fiscal Year would be 25%, so at month's end we had a 3.07% surplus.

Page One: Expenditures at of the end of September were a total of \$653,206 – Budgeted Allowance expenditures remaining at the end of September were a total of \$2,978,796 –

Page Two: Projected Grant Income as of the end of September is \$2,978,796–

Changes highlighted in pink:

1. EDA - Regional Water Study projected income has been decreased because the original number included contractual funds which are pass-through funds.
2. EDA – East Bridgewater Sewer Line Grant – this is a new grant that has been added.
3. EDA - Brownfields Grant has been decreased due to work beginning later than originally anticipated.
4. Narragansett Bay Grant funds have been increased from the original projected amount.
5. Avon Safe Harbor Grant – this is a new grant that has been added.
6. Avon MVP – this is a new grant that has been added.

Page Three: No Changes on Page Three. Projected Pass-thru income remains at \$1,719,329 –

G. List of combined A/P and Cash Transfers for May

5. **Election of one community with population over 15,000 to serve as a Signatory Member on the Old Colony Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): *Unanimous approval***
 - a. Council motioned to elect the one nomination submitted, Dan Salvucci
6. **FFY 2024-2028 Old Colony Transportation Program Amendment 1: *Unanimous approval***
 - a. OCPC is making the FFY 2024-2028 TIP Amendment 1 available for a Public Review and Comment. Copies will be available at <https://oldcolonyplanning.org> and/or upon request.
 - b. Amendment 1 includes the following changes:
 - i. Transit
 1. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT (BAT) PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS POWER END ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
 - a. ADDING PROJECT
 - b. Total Project Cost is \$400,000
 2. BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT – PURCHASE OF BATTERY-ELECTRIC BUSES AND CHARGING EQUIPMENT
 - a. ADDING PROJECT
 - b. FUNDING: FTA NO OR LOW EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM
 - c. Awarded: \$10,694,736.
 - ii. BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) DISCRETIONARY GRANTS – PROGRAMMED IN FFY 2024
 1. National Culvert Removal Restoration and Replacement Grant Program
 - a. PLYMOUTH – TOWN BROOK STREAM RESTORATION: DEEP WATER CULVERT REPLACEMENT
 - i. ADDING PROJECT
 - ii. Awarded: \$2,000,000.
 2. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program
 - a. BROCKTON – DOWNTOWN BROCKTON INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
 - i. ADDING PROJECT
 - ii. Awarded: \$7,843,750.
 - c. Becky Coletta asked how informed communities are about this program and what project might be currently in the works.
 7. **OCPC Staff Report: [ACCESS HERE](#) –**
 - a. Highlights included:
 - i. Staffing Development

- ii. Towns of Hanson & East Bridgewater beginning process of updated Master Plans
- iii. DLTA Grant applications to be sent out in December
- iv. RFRs Being Reviewed for Regional Water Plan Study
- v. Brownfields Steering Committee set to meet
- vi. East Bridgewater received \$3M EDA Grant for Sewer Capacity
- vii. Title III Grantee Spotlights
- viii. GIS Department worked with AAA to create maps for MA ASAPS
- ix. RT 18 Corridor Study for Bridgewater & East Bridgewater shares data
- x. Two new corridor studies commenced in Kingston and Stoughton

8. Legislative Retirement Update

- a. Mary meets monthly with RPAs
- b. There is a new legislative director of the board which could make a difference
- c. There is a lobbyist for the group

9. OPEB Update:

- a. Original representative from MHTL, Matt, has left the organization.
- b. We are currently in touch with Katherine Hesse who mentioned there are two other organizations ahead of us at the moment.
- c. Declaration has been sent to MHTL to review what was approved by council at the Annual Meeting in June of 2022
- d. There are a lot of new board members since that vote so we would like to provide an overview of what this is and next steps.
- e. Council will review the final declaration after being reviewed by MHTL
- f. We will most likely need to schedule a By-laws meeting to update language and ensure wording is consistent.
- g. Mary will do individual outreach to council members to confirm any questions there may be
- h. Current timeline of next steps:
 - i. To create the committee we need:
 - 1. Retiree of OCPC – Ballot Vote needs to be done
 - 2. A person with a Finance Background – Ballot Vote needs to be done
 - 3. OCPC Staff Member – Ballot Vote needs to be done
 - 4. OCPC Council Member – Appointed
 - 5. OCPC Council Officer – Appointed
 - ii. Timeline:
 - 1. Voted in OPEB Trust at Annual Meeting in June 2022
 - 2. Provide reason for delay
 - 3. Will confirm final language with Matt of MHTL
 - 4. Need to hold elections
 - 5. October Meeting is an FYI
 - 6. November is the Summit
 - 7. December – No meeting
 - 8. Finalize in January 2024
 - 9. Action to all be completed by February

10. MassDOT Small Bridge Program Presentation by Preston Huckabee

- a. Access the presentation here: <https://youtu.be/rEMfxm131Yc>
- b. <https://www.mass.gov/municipal-small-bridge-program>
- c. Next round to submit is June of 2024
- d. Shane Sousa is this regions contact who is the best person to answer any questions
 - i. Shane.Sousa@dot.state.ma.us

11. Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm