



Old Colony Planning Council Monthly Meeting

February 28, 2024, 6:00 pm

Via ZOOM Conferencing or In Person

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Agenda for Meeting No. 602
February 28, 2024

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

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Council President, Becky Coletta.
- Roll Call:

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

	<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Alternate</i>
Plympton	Christine Joy	Present	Delegate
	<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Alternate</i>
Stoughton	Will Roth		Delegate
	Marc Tisdelle		Alternate
West Bridgewater	Eldon Moreira	<i>Unavailable</i>	Delegate
	<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Alternate</i>
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	Present	Delegate
	Daniel Salvucci	Present	Alternate
At-Large	Iolando Spinola	Present	Delegate

- a. OCPC Staff in attendance: Mary Waldron, Charles Kilmer, Bill McNulty, Kyle Mowatt, Sean Noel, Brenda Robinson, Megan Fournier
3. **Consent Agenda: Unanimous Approval**
 - a. Tony DeFrias Abstained from the vote
 - b. Covered the January 2024 Meeting Minutes and Environmental Notices
4. **January 2024 Financials: Unanimous Approval**

1. FINANCIAL REPORTS

At the end of January, we had a positive Financial Standing showing a 5.07% Budget surplus.

- A. **Statement of Expenditures Report** shows total expenses for the month of \$206,054.41 –
- B. **Cash Position Report** shows Income for the month of \$581,483.31 –

Disbursements for the month were \$551,212.81 –

The Total cash available at month's end was \$1,936,448.68 –

OPEB Account had a **GAIN** of \$12,616.85 – █ Bringing the ending balance in the OPEB account to \$1,089,483.04 – █.

C. **Budget Resources Report:** Cash Receipts being \$581,483.31 – █ – brings the total Year to Date receipts to \$3,014,982.11 –

D. AAA Report:

- Outstanding Balance for AAA Pass Through Programs was \$224,238.20 –
- Outstanding Balance for AAA Admin and Ombudsman Programs was \$188,770.65 –
- This brings the total outstanding balance for all AAA Programs to \$413,008.85 –

Voluntary Transportation Account: beginning balance was - \$166,983.32– █. Restricted fund payments to Volunteers were a total of \$814.94. Donations received were a total of \$309.42. Bringing the ending balance in the fund to \$166,477.80 –

E. ROM Statement and Activity:

Balance at the beginning of the month was \$173,823.15 -

Receipts were \$8,350, bringing the total receipts to \$58,450 – █.

Expenses were \$11,459.23 – █ bringing the total expenses to \$68,239.83 – █.

The ending Statement Balance was \$167,526.84 – █.

F. Budget Reports

The Spent to date Percentage rate at the end of January was 53.30%. The Ideal Percentage in the 7th Month of the Fiscal Year would be 58.37%, so at month's end we had a 5.07% surplus.

Page One: Expenditures at the end of the month were a total of \$1,539,483 –. Budgeted funds remaining at the end of the month were a total of \$1,348,906 –

Page Two: Projected Grant Income at the end of the month was \$2,888,839–

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 January

REVENUE SOURCES:

For those of you who may be interested in a basic summary of Revenue received by OCPC, this is a Financial Highlights chart showing Revenue Sources. This Financial highlights chart is completed each year after the annual audit and are included in the Annual Report.

- a. Income received in FY23 was derived from a variety of sources. Approximately 91% of the funds were from State, Federal and Local Grants, contracts, and programs. 6% were from Annual Member Assessments, and the remaining 3% was from various miscellaneous sources such as bank interest, rent, and management fees.
5. **OPEB Update:** *Unanimous Approval*
 - a. Officially moving forward.
 - b. At least 5 staff members have submitted their name in interest to be on the committee, 1 retiree has submitted, and 1 council member.
 - c. We expect to present the full board for the March meetings
6. **Legislative Committee Update:** *Unanimous Approval*
 - a. On February 15th we held a meeting with Council members, Rhonda Nyman, Noreen O'Toole, Valerie Massard, Iolando Spinola present, OCPC staff members in attendance included Mary Waldron, Megan Fournier and Paul Umano.

Much of the meeting discussed the purpose and structure of the committee. The Council approved this committee to convene to align legislative priorities for OCPC and its communities.

Some of the current priorities discussed that the committee would like to do their due diligence on include:

- DLTA and DLTA-A
- Housing Bill Infrastructure
- MBTA Communities
- Safe Bicycle Yielding
- Fare Free Buses

It is the goal of this committee to assist Council members in being ambassadors for these issues, communicating with their communities and talking with legislators.

A parking lot has been developed in the Council Google Drive for Council members to add interests they wish for the committee to access.

There is a goal to host a Legislative Breakfast by the end of June.

7. Nominating Committee Update: *Unanimous Approval*

- a. On February 21st we held a meeting with Council members, Steven Santeusanio, Tony DeFrias, Peter Pagone, and myself present, OCPC staff members in attendance included Mary Waldron, Megan Fournier and Sean Noel.

We, with regret, accepted the resignation of Eldon Moriera as Secretary of OCPC.

We then received a nomination of Noreen O'Toole, Delegate from Whitman, to serve the remaining term as Secretary.

The Nominating Committee voted unanimously to put forward the name of Noreen O'Toole to the Full Council for a formal vote to accept the nomination of Noreen O'Toole as Secretary of the Council.

- It was noted that there was a need to hold a ROM Nominating Committee and ROM Council Meeting to vote Noreen in as Clerk to the ROM entity. This will be done in March.

8. Fiscal Policies Update: *Unanimous Approval*

- a. A working group met over the course of the past month to review new and updated fiscal policies. The group feels this is ready to be accepted by the Finance-Audit Committee to be sent to Council for approval to adopt with the understanding that this will continue to have edits to improve the financial structure of the organization.

9. OCPC Staff Report was reviewed with highlights captured by Executive Director, Mary Waldron.

10. Council Retreat:

- a. Council members in attendance provided their preferred/available dates for a retreat to be held within the next month.
- b. This retreat will be an opportunity to take a deeper dive into OCPC for Council members to understand who we are and how they play a part. What are the standing issues and priorities for the coming year.

11. Retirement Legislation Update:

- a. On Friday, February 23rd, MARPA had a regularly scheduled meeting where OCPC was informed that a report relating to the MARPA legislation filed was reported out and the Treasurers legislation had not been.
- b. This is the farthest it has moved and is good news.
- c. Working towards adding our legislation on to another to be implemented into.
- d. This will continue to remain on both the Finance-Audit Committee agenda and Monthly Council Meeting agenda.

12. Planning Ahead for Bike Month: Staff member, Kyle Mowatt, spoke to the Council regarding current efforts OCPC is looking to do to celebrate Bike Month which happens in May. He reviewed previous ways we have honored the month but we are also looking for input for Council members to see how we can work with each of our communities to celebrate. Please contact Kyle at kmowatt@ocpcrpa.org to provide your thoughts and ask any questions.

13. During the meeting, there was a disruption of public members that joined the call, while we plan to release an official statement, we wanted to offer our sincere apologies for the disrespectful comments and actions from these unknown members of the public. We will be looking at new ways to prevent this in the future.

14. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm