



Old Colony Planning Council Monthly Meeting

April 24, 2024, 6:00 pm

Via ZOOM Webinar or In Person

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Agenda for Meeting No. 604
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Old Colony Planning Council
70 School St, Brockton, MA 02301

1. Meeting was called to order by Treasurer Christine Joy at 6:03pm.
2. Roll Call
 - a. OCPC Staff in attendance: Mary Waldron, Brenda Robinson, Kyle Mowatt, Charles Kilmer, Megan Fournier, Sean Noel, Paul Umamo, Joanne Zygmunt, David Klein
3. Consent Agenda: Unanimous Approval
 - a. Included March 2024 minutes, environmental notices, bike month proclamation, Older Americans month Proclamation, FFY 2024-2028 TIP Amendment 3, FFY 2025-2029 TIP
4. March 2024 Financials – Unanimous Approval
5. OCPC Staff Report:
 - a. Old Colony Planning Council is excited to introduce a new initiative called “OCPC Grantology: Navigating the World of Funding”. OCPC Grantology was designed to identify, educate, and assist our 17 Communities, plus the additional 6 Area Agency on Aging Communities.
 - i. Access the Grantology Page Here: <https://oldcolonyplanning.org/grantology>
 - ii. Access the Grant Resources Page Here: <https://oldcolonyplanning.org/resources/grant/>
 - iii. The structure is still in development but these will be resources available to our communities with continuous updates!
 - b. Access the Regional Water Plan website for the most up to date status of the project and for resources available to learn more!: <https://oldcolonyplanning.org/waterplan/>
 - c. May is Bike Month
 - **Safe Routes to School - Massachusetts Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day - May 1, 2024**
 - May 1, 2024 is Massachusetts Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day. Students and families across Massachusetts will walk, bike, and roll to school to enjoy a safe, healthy, and active lifestyle
 - Schools in Brockton, Duxbury, Stoughton, and Plymouth will be participating in the event.
 - **Bike Month Event Save the Date: Bike with BAT - Wednesday, May 15 from 6-9 AM -Rain Date – Wednesday, May 22**
 - Old Colony Planning Council is partnering with Brockton Area Transit (BAT) for a Bike with BAT event for Bay State Bike Month. Whether you’re traveling by bike to work, for leisure, or exercise, stop on by the BAT Centre for light refreshments and celebrate Bike Month.
 - Map of trails and bike shops in region is being put together by Andrew Vidal, GIS Manager
 - If you know of any events going on in your community please share with us and we can promote through our newsletter/social media

- **Old Colony Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting -
Wednesday, May 8 from 10-11 AM**

- Guest Speakers – Colleen Pekrul, Safe Routes to School
 - Pete Sutton, MassDOT
- d. Older Americans Month: May is Older Americans Month. The 2024 theme, #poweredbyconnection, recognizes the profound compact of meaningful relationships and social connections on our health and wellbeing.
6. Legislative Update:
- a. Retirement legislation is currently moving forward in a positive way though not in the final stages yet.
 - b. On April 16th, the Legislative Subcommittee met with the following Council members in attendance: Noreen O’Toole, Rhonda Nyman, Iolando Spinola, Val Massard.
 - i. To determine OCPC’s true top legislative priorities is difficult as there are technically thousands of legislative bills out there that affect our region and communities. Val Massard discussed how MAPC provides updates on where bills are currently and suggestions OCPC to do as well. That suggestion was well received.
 - ii. In the Google Drive for all Council members to access, staff will start to build priorities for the Council members to review.
 - iii. The Legislative Subcommittee with the Council members will be hosting a Legislative Breakfast. A tentative date of Friday, June 7th at 8:30am See the Save the Date attached.
 - iv. Committee members all confirmed this date works for their schedules and we will confirm our Council members calendars.
 - v. Mary sent out an email to legislators and their aides confirming this date would work.
 - vi. We will plan to send out our priorities BEFORE the breakfast.
 - vii. The committee will meet one more time before the breakfast to review the structure and slides that will be presented. That meeting to be held on May 21st at 3:30pm.
7. Council Retreat Report: Access materials from the retreat [HERE](#)
- a. Those were not able attend, we highly recommend you look through the Council Binder and touch base with Mary or Becky with any questions. Please coordinate with Mary to receive your personal binders!
 - b. Thank you to those who did attend, it was a great opportunity for all!
8. FY '25 Budget:
- a. This is the second stage of the FY25 budget, last month a narrative overview was provided staying as level funded as possible.
 - b. Brenda’s opening statement –“ We are in good financial standing” will always open a report on the financials, as it provides the initial overview of the budget.
 - c. The balance of ebbs and flows, expenditures, and revenues, but being attentive to the communities needs and not over taxing staff, maintaining our growth, and sustaining the positions.
 - d. There will be no vote tonight (at tomorrow’s Council meeting) but next month (May) there will be a Personnel Committee meeting, that will review the proposed merit increases. They will then send their “report” to the Finance Committee for deliberation and then a vote to send to the full council the next day.
9. Open Discussion:
- i. Report an **update from the OPEB Trust Committee** meeting held yesterday last night:
 - To refresh, the following are members of the Trust Committee: Christine Joy, Steven Santeusanio, Pat Ciaramella, Sean Noel, and Charlie Kilmer.
 - Members will be alternating as chairs.
 - OCPC staff will assist with setting up meetings and will utilize Charlie and Sean.
 - OCPC staff will initiate a draft Mission Statement for the Trust Committee’s review and edits that will lead to a strategy.
 - Rockland Trust will be presenting it to the OPEB Committee in June. Aggressive vs steady.
 - Deciding on the custodian will be a priority for the Committee, but will most likely prepare a RFP for those services, but needs to be discussed at the next meeting.

- Charlie prepared a great analysis on contributions and the 2023 Rockland Trust presentation to Council.
- There will be an OPEB folder in the Council google drive.
 - i. Megan will share the recording from the OPEB Trust meeting.