



MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 29, 2025, 6:00 PM

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MINUTES:

Recording Access: <https://youtu.be/Y8GkHPYQypQ>

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

TOWN	NAME	ROLL CALL	ROLE
Abington	Steven Santeusanio	<i>Unavailable</i>	Delegate
	Alex Haggerty	Present	Alternate
Avon	Frank Staffier	<i>Unavailable</i>	Delegate
	John Costa	Present	Alternate
Bridgewater	Sandy Wright	Present	Delegate
	Bob Rulli	Present	Alternate
Brockton	Iolando Spinola	Present	Delegate
	Preston Huckabee	Present	Alternate
Duxbury	Allison Shane		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
	<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Alternate</i>
Pembroke	Becky Coletta	Present	Delegate
	Alysha Siciliano-Perry	<i>Unavailable</i>	Alternate
Plymouth	Lee Hartmann	<i>Unavailable</i>	Delegate
	<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Alternate</i>
Plympton	<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Delegate</i>
	<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Alternate</i>
Stoughton	Will Roth		Delegate
	Marc Tisdelle		Alternate

West Bridgewater	Vacant		Delegate
	Mike Perez		Alternate
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	Present	Delegate
	Daniel Salvucci		Alternate
At-Large	Christine Joy	Present	Delegate

- a. **OCPC Staff:** Mary Waldron, Charles Kilmer, Brenda Robinson, Megan Fournier, Sean Noel, Don Sullivan, Matt Dyer, Joanne Zygmunt, David Klein, Bill McNulty, Paul Umamo
- 3. A **special tribute video** was shown in honor of the passing of Eldon Moreira, who served on the Council for over 38 years for the Town of West Bridgewater. You can watch the video here:
- 4. **Consent Agenda:** *Unanimous Approval*
 - a. Agenda items covered October & November 2024 Financials, November 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes, Environmental Notices (MEPA), and the FFY 2025-2029 TIP Amendment 2
- 5. **December 2024 Financials:** *Unanimous Approval*
At the end of December, we had a positive Financial Standing showing a 2.86% Budget surplus.
 - A. **Statement of Expenditures Report** shows total expenses for the month of \$215,942.26
 - B. **Cash Position Report** shows Income for the month of \$885,620.53
Disbursements for the month were \$983,128.06
The Total cash available at month's end was \$1,593,833.75
OPEB Account had a **LOSS** of \$25,262.18. Bringing the ending balance in the OPEB account balance to \$1,234,023.72
 - C. **Budget Resources Report:** Cash Receipts being \$885,620.53 brings the total Year to Date receipts to \$3,836,689.69
 - D. **AAA Report:**
 - Outstanding Balance for AAA Pass Through Programs was \$107,099.04
 - Outstanding Balance for AAA Admin and Ombudsman Programs was \$113,553.77
 - This brings the total outstanding balance for all AAA Programs to \$220,652.81
Voluntary Transportation Account: beginning balance was - \$161,234.02. Donations received were a total of \$438.24. Bringing the ending balance in the fund to \$161,672.26.
 - E. **ROM Statement and Activity:**
Balance at the beginning of the month was \$166,293.62.
Receipts were \$8,350, bringing the total receipts to \$51,100.
Expenses were \$7,925.23 bringing the total expenses to \$43,868.57.
The ending Statement Balance was \$167,789.97.
 - F. **Budget Reports**
The Spent to date Percentage rate at the end of the month was 47.14%. The Ideal Percentage in the 6th Month of the Fiscal Year would be 50%, so at month's end we had a 2.86% surplus.

Page One: Expenditures at the end of the month were a total of \$1,445,882. Budgeted funds remaining at the end of the month were a total of \$1,621,034

NOTE: At the bottom of Page One of the Budget (Budget Expenditures) In the orange box detailing the percentage surplus and the surplus funds ... the surplus funds should be 96,366 NOT 94,090

Page Two: Projected Grant Income for this fiscal year is \$3,066,916. Please note that our rental income has been reduced as Wright Technology is no longer a tenant.

Page Three: Projected Pass-thru income for this fiscal year is \$1,996,327

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

6. **OCPC Staff Report:** Access full report here:

7. **Council Committee Updates:**

a. Legislative Committee: Unanimous Approval

The Legislative Committee met on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. including committee co-chairs, Rhonda Nyman and Noreen O’Toole, and committee members Iolando Spinola and Val Massard. OCPC staff in attendance included Mary Waldron, Megan Fournier and David Klein.

The committee took the opportunity to discuss current legislative priorities that OCPC should be focusing on and promoting, as well as planning for the upcoming Legislative Breakfast.

Committee members and staff were in unanimous agreement to bring these items to the Council for discussion and approval.

Highlights of our priorities include:

- The Retirement Legislation bill which has been sponsored by Representative LaNatra through a request from Mary.
- David provided a review of Home Care Line Items that urgently need support.
- There is a need to provide a report to the legislature on the Regional Water Plan, which will be done during the Legislative Breakfast as an effort to streamline the information being sent to our legislators.
 - Legislative Breakfast: The Legislative Breakfast has been scheduled for Friday, March 14th at the Plymouth Memorial Hall for 8:00AM.

b. Bylaws Committee: Unanimous Approval, John Costa Abstained

The Bylaws Committee met on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Attending, Committee Chair, Lee Hartmann, and members Steven Santeusano, Frank Staffier and Becky Coletta. Staff in attendance included Mary Waldron, Charles Kilmer and Megan Fournier.

The Committee took the opportunity to actively review the Bylaws and unanimously approved bringing these amendments to the Council.

Most changes were minor amendments made to better clarify the purpose of the organization and refine the responsibilities of the Council.

- Include the addition of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in our **Purpose section** as well as in our **Subcommittee section**.
- The Code of Conduct section for Council members amended to reference the need to take the Conflict of Interest training (insert the link for the training) that is required by all government employees and Boards.
- The basic parliamentary procedures were updated to remove the Robert’s Rule procedure and replaced with basic principles of parliamentary procedures.

c. DEI Committee: Unanimous Approval, John Costa Abstained

The DEI Committee met on Thursday, January 16, 2025. Attending: Chair, Iolando Spinola, and members Steven Santeusanio. Many OCPC staff members were in attendance in the office and virtually.

The Committee took the opportunity to discuss the purpose of the committee, current and potential initiatives of organization, and review verbiage to be adopted into the Bylaws regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion which all were provided to the Council ahead of time in the meeting materials packet.

Committee members and staff were in unanimous agreement to bring these items to the Council for discussion and approval.

Highlights of the meeting included initiatives currently being taken by staff such as updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee (CEDS) membership as well as other OCPC committees to research and take a more concerted effort in finding members representing people of color and underrepresented groups. The Bylaws and mission of these committees will be amended to reflect these efforts. An all-staff meeting was held to provide an opportunity for staff to discuss the mission statement and goals and how these can be used to better align with the values of DEI in the governance and operations of OCPC.

8. Update on State & Federal Actions:

- a. New legislation has come in putting a current pause on all Federal funding. Financials are currently being reviewed to budget for worst case scenarios to analyze how OCPC moves forward if Federal funding is lost. The information is quickly changing, and staff will continue to monitor the status while providing updates when necessary and possible.

9. OPEB Trust Update:

- a. The OPEB Trust Board met to discuss PARS/PCOT procedures and permissions.

10. 2025 Council Retreat Date:

- a. Through a vote on available Council members on the call, it seems as though the best time will be to hold a retreat in place of a regularly scheduled Council meeting. Staff will review options and confirm soon.

11. Adjournment