



OCPC Monthly Council Meeting

March 25, 2026, 6:00 PM

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MINUTES:

Recording Access: <https://youtu.be/5w3FhEcIPxl>

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

TOWN	NAME	ROLL CALL	ROLE
Abington	Steven Santeusanio	Present	Delegate
	Alex Hagerty		Alternate
Avon	Derek Staffier	Present	Delegate
	John Costa	Present	Alternate
Bridgewater	Sandy Wright	Unavailable	Delegate
	Bob Rulli	Unavailable	Alternate
Brockton	Iolando Spinola	Present	Delegate
	Preston Huckabee	Unavailable	Alternate
Duxbury	Matthew Heins	Present	Delegate
	Allison Shane		Alternate
East Bridgewater	Peter Spagone Jr.	Present	Delegate
	John Haines		Alternate
Easton	Jeanmarie Kent-Joyce	Present	Delegate
	Vacant		Alternate
Halifax	Bill Smith	Unavailable	Delegate
	Jonathan Selig		Alternate
Hanover	Rhonda Nyman	Unavailable	Delegate
	Steve Louko		Alternate
Hanson	Tony De Frias	Present	Delegate
	Joe Campbell		Alternate
Kingston	Val Massard	Present	Delegate
	Vacant		Alternate
Pembroke	Becky Coletta	Present	Delegate
	Alysha Siciliano-Perry	Present	Alternate

Plymouth	Lauren Lind	Present	Delegate	<i>left before financials</i>
	Michael Silveira		Alternate	
Plympton	Nathaniel Sides	<i>Unavailable</i>	Delegate	
	<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Alternate</i>	
Stoughton	Bill Roth	<i>Unavailable</i>	Delegate	
	Marc Tisdelle		Alternate	
West Bridgewater	Mike Perez		Delegate	
	<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Alternate</i>	
Whitman	Noreen O'Toole	<i>Unavailable</i>	Delegate	
	Daniel Salvucci	<i>Unavailable</i>	Alternate	
At-Large	Christine Joy	<i>Unavailable</i>	Delegate	

OCPC Staff: Mary Waldron, Charles Kilmer, Brenda Robinson, Sean Noel, Megan Fournier, Don Sullivan, Andrew Vidal, Matt Dyer, David Klein, Jason Desrosier

Other: Kurt Gaertner

3. **Consent Agenda** *Unanimous Approval*

Materials included:

- February 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- FY2026–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3

4. **Presentation: Massachusetts Integrated Land Use Strategy (MILUS)**

Presenter: Assistant Secretary Kurt Gaertner

Key Highlights:

- Statewide effort to proactively plan land use across agencies
- Goals include:
 - Housing production (222,000 units by 2035)
 - Clean energy expansion (27 GW solar)
 - Land conservation (30% by 2030; 40% by 2050)
- Strategy will include:
 - A GIS-based planning tool and map
 - Data-driven prioritization of development and conservation areas
 - The plan is advisory, not regulatory
- Engagement process includes:
 - Introductory session (current)
 - Open house (anticipated May/June)
 - Draft review phase

Discussion Points:

- Integration with regional planning and existing tools (e.g., MassMapper)
- Timing considerations for municipal engagement

- Coordination with OCPC regional policy planning efforts

Next Steps:

- Schedule webinar and open house
- Continue stakeholder engagement

5. Finance-Audit Committee Meeting Report – *Unanimous Approval*

President Becky Coletta reported the Finance-Audit Committee approved the following action items to be included in the report to the Council:

- Creation of a reserve account for unused leave payouts
- Renewal of Certificate of Deposit (CD) with Northeastern Savings Bank at 3.75% (9 months)

February 2026 Financial Overview

- Monthly payroll: ~\$175,000
- Monthly accounts payable: ~\$63,381
- Total monthly expenses: ~\$236,381
- Total cash balance: ~\$1.76M (before restricted funds)
- Accounts receivable: ~\$442,222
- Budget performance:
 - 61.89% spent vs. 66.72% expected
 - Surplus: ~\$400,764

6. FY 2027 Preliminary Budget Overview

- Initial draft presented (no vote required)
- Includes projections for:
 - Personnel costs (pending Personnel Committee review)
 - Operational expenses
- Final version expected in May

7. Staff Report

Key updates included:

- Successful Legislative Breakfast event
- Hiring of John Fay (Principal Planner – Special Projects)
- Ongoing recruitment for Economic Development position
- Implementation of new timesheet system (“ClickTime”)
- Updates on grants, food hub, and transportation programs
- Staff reports distributed and encouraged for review

Staff Presentation: GIS Program

Presenter: Andrew Vidal, GIS Manager

Overview:

- GIS supports all OCPC departments (transportation, planning, economic development)
- Recent initiatives:

- Community Data Portal
- Transportation Performance Dashboard (pending release)
- Census data integration (ACS 2024)
- Future priorities:
 - Expanded public-facing tools
 - Improved datasets (sidewalks, parking)
 - Data catalog and governance

Recognition of Don Sullivan

The Council acknowledged that this meeting would be one of the final meetings attended by **Don Sullivan** prior to his retirement.

It was noted that Don has dedicated **over 40 years of service** to the region, working extensively across communities to advance economic development initiatives and secure critical funding. While his tenure with OCPC was shorter in comparison, his impact on the organization and the broader region has been significant.

Council leadership highlighted:

- Don's longstanding commitment to supporting municipalities throughout the Old Colony region
- His role in bringing substantial funding and resources to advance key projects
- His deep institutional knowledge and ability to navigate complex economic development efforts
- The lasting relationships he built with local, regional, and state partners

Members reflected on the value of his contributions, noting that his work has helped shape many of the region's economic development successes and positioned communities for continued growth.

The Council expressed appreciation for Don's dedication, leadership, and decades of service, and extended best wishes to him in his retirement.

8. Adjournment