

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

March 14, 2024, Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

Attending Officers		Attending Sub-Regional Delegates
Chairperson: Howard N. Drobner, Boylston		North: Otto Lies, Holden
Vice Chair: Robert Hassinger, Grafton		Southeast: Walter Baker, Sutton
Treasurer: Daniel Schur, Westborough		Northeast: Julianne Hirsh, Northborough
Clerk: Timothy Wheeler, Berlin		
Asst. Clerk: Barur Rajeshkumar, West Boylston		
CMRPC Delegates and Alternates		
Brandon Avery, North Brookfield		Marc Frieden, West Boylston
Richard Baker, Boylston		Jared Grigg, Spencer
Wally Baker, Sutton		Meg Haight, Hardwick
Joe Belrose, Blackstone		Sean Kowalczyk, East Brookfield
John Boyce, Holden		Timothy Nahrwold, Rutland
Richard Clark, Dudley		Purna Rao, Shrewsbury
Andrew Coles, Auburn		William Talcott, Sutton
Michelle Conlin, Shrewsbury		Jean Vincent, Charlton
John Daniel, Southbridge		Pamela Williams, Millville
Guests		
David Brown, West Brookfield		Peg Dean
Mike Kane		Hillary King, MVP Coordinator
David Bloom		
CMRPC Staff		
Janet Pierce	Sujatha Krishnan	Trish Settles
Anthony Senesi	Robert Raymond	Zachary Blais
Stephanie Toupin		

1. Business Meeting:

Chairperson Howard Drobner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. noting the presence of a quorum. Communications Manager, Anthony Senesi conducted a roll call of CMRPC delegates and alternates.

- *Approval of Minutes:* Daniel Schur motioned to approve the minutes from the Quarterly Commission Meeting on January 11, 2024. Barur Rajeshkumar seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with four (4) abstentions.

2. Adoption of the FY25 CMRPC Operating Budget as Recommended by the Budget

Subcommittee & Executive Committee: Ms. Pierce described the Anticipated Revenue and Expenditures for FY25. Ms. Pierce stated that the Anticipated Revenue will increase by roughly 30% from FY24 to FY25. Ms. Pierce stated that the Anticipated Revenue increase is due to significant amounts of Federal funding through grants.

John Daniel motioned to approve the adoption of the FY25 CMRPC Operating Budget. Barur Rajeshkumar seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

3. Request Volunteers for Nominating Subcommittee Formation: Ms. Pierce stated that the Nominating Subcommittee is reforming and will be holding a meeting in April. Ms. Pierce stated that if any delegate or alternate wishes to volunteer for the Subcommittee they contact her or Chairperson Drobner.

4. Welcome and New Business: None

5. Presentation: Supporting the Region with Community Snapshot Data

Mr. Robert Raymond, Transportation Data Services Manager, and Mr. Anthony Senesi, Communications & Civic Engagement Coordinator gave the brief presentation. Mr. Senesi described the features of CMRPC's redesigned website, which included a document resource library, a grants and funding opportunities webpage, and the agenda and minutes center. Mr. Senesi stated that CMRPC is available to assist municipalities with their digital communications platforms, including Town websites. Mr. Raymond described the Community Snapshot webpages which utilize publicly available data sets. Mr. Raymond described the various interactive graphics of Community Snapshots. Several attendees thanked CMRPC staff for their efforts with the new website.

6. Adjournment of Official Business Meeting:

Robert Hassinger made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm, Otto Lies seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Anthony Senesi, CMRPC

Approved by CMRPC Commissioners at the June 2024 Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner

Timothy Wheeler, Clerk, CMRPC Executive Committee