

Eileen J. Marum, Chairman

Marion Planning Board

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SRPEDD

RE: Summary of SRPEDD Board of Commissioner's Meeting

Executive Director Jeffrey Walker attended a ceremony at SouthCoast Marketplace at which the Office of Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash announced that the City of Fall River was awarded a \$2.5 million MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant for reconstruction of Canning Boulevard that includes the reconfiguration of traffic signals, replacement of approximately 70 percent of the sidewalks, flood relief and storm water run-off.

1. Environmental Impact Report: The Village at Lincoln Park, State Road, Route 6, Dartmouth, MA

The Village at Lincoln Park is a mixed-use commercial and residential development consistent with principles of Smart Growth in a village style design. It involves construction of 243 residential units, and retail/commercial and a restaurant along with associated infrastructure including parking and roadways, storm water management facilities and sewerage collection systems.

2. Environmental Notification Form: Project Title/Location: Middle Pond Beach Maintenance Project, Taunton, MA

DCR has recently secured funding to rehabilitate and re-open the Massasoit State Park Campgroup and maintain the Middle Pond beach for public use. The goal of this project is to return the Middle Pond beach area to a condition like that which existed prior to the drawdown of the pond in 2009. To achieve this goal, DCR proposes to remove existing woody and emergent vegetation and associated root and rhizome systems in the upper two feet of soil to create a safe environment for swimming.

3. Project Title: Riverfront Business Park, South Main Street, Freetown, MA

This site is located west of South Main Street and east of the of the Taunton River in Freetown, just north of the Fall River City line. The proposed Riverfront Business Park will revitalize a former industrial area overlooking the Taunton River through the phased construction of a new mixed-use development. The project involves redevelopment of an existing site, including demolition of the site's few remaining buildings. The project will feature office space, a supermarket, retail space, restaurant space, a hotel, residential apartments, greenhouse space and warehouse/industrial space.

4. Rural Policy Advisory Commission- Mr. Walker said that it is still possible for SRPEDD to have a seat on the state's Rural Advisory Commission, likely to be interest/benefit as eleven of the region's twenty-seven jurisdictions are designated rural. Commissioner Slavin added that a SRPEDD employee might also be able to serve. A motion was made and seconded to have a SRPEDD employee volunteer to serve on the Rural Policy Advisory Commission (subject to state review and appointment).

Respectfully submitted,

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