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Marion Planning Board
Report of the SRPEDD Board of Commissioners
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RE: SRPEDD monthly meeting report and Municipal Assistance

In SRPEDD's comprehensive planning, the Green Communities Designation and Grant Program provides a roadmap along with financial and technical support to Massachusetts municipalities that (1) pledge to cut municipal energy use by an ambitious and achievable goal of 20 percent over five years and (2) meet specific additional eligibility criteria.

The additional eligibility criteria include enabling zoning and permitting for renewable energy generation, manufacturing or research and development, purchasing higher efficiency vehicles to replace existing vehicles, and adopting more stringent building codes. SRPEDD has partnered with the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to assist communities like Marion in this process. To date, six communities in the region have been designated as Green Communities, with SRPEDD currently working with an additional seven communities to achieve the designation.

Deborah Melino-Wender, chair of the Board of Commissioners, announced that SRPEDD would continue allocating 20 hours of municipal assistance to each commissioner. The allocated time may be used by the Planning Board or donated to another board or committee in Town.

The Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) continues studying the Route 6 corridor due to safety concerns expressed by community officials, residents, and from Massachusetts state representatives. This study is examining the current traffic conditions, intersection operations, bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation facilities, land uses, and overall safety of the Route 6 corridor from Route 240 in Fairhaven to High Street in Wareham. In addition, the study will include potential future improvements for the corridor based on data analyses, stakeholder input, and comments or suggestions provided by the public.

Respectfully submitted,

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