

# **NEW BUSINESS**

**5-6-13**



SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
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March 28, 2013

Chair, Board of Selectmen  
20 Center Street - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Middleborough, MA 02346

Dear Sir/Madam:

Every year at this time, **Mayors, Boards of Selectmen and Planning Boards** are requested to make 3 critical appointments to the Commission of the **Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD)**.

1. In accordance with Chapter 40B, Section 12, **Mayors and Selectmen** shall appoint themselves, or a delegate to represent them, on the SRPEDD Commission.
2. **Planning Boards** shall also appoint one of their members, or a delegate to represent the board, for your community's second seat on the SRPEDD Commission.
3. **Mayors and Boards of Selectmen** are also requested to appoint a representative (and an optional alternate) to the **Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)**, which advises on matters of transportation policy and funding priorities.

These appointments will take effect on May 22, 2013 at SRPEDD's Annual Meeting and continue through May 31, 2014.

In 2012-2013, your community was represented by the following appointees:

***SRPEDD Commission: (Does not allow for an alternate.)***

Board of Selectmen Representative: Stephen McKinnon  
Planning Board Representative: Ruth McCawley Geoffroy

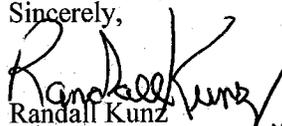
***JTPG: (Appointed by the Mayor/Board of Selectmen)***

Delegate: Charles Cristello  
Alternate (optional): Ruth McCawley Geoffroy

Attached are Information Sheets and Appointment Forms for the SRPEDD Commission and the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG).

Please give this request some consideration, fill out the forms and return by April 30. If you have any questions, please call, fax or email Nancy Bumbaugh (njbumbaugh@srpedd.org) at this office.

Sincerely,

  
Randall Kunz  
Chairman, SRPEDD Commission

cc: SRPEDD Commissioners, JTPG Members & Alternates



## **APPOINTING A DESIGNEE TO THE SRPEDD COMMISSION**

SRPEDD is an organization created by the Commonwealth to undertake regional planning in southeastern Massachusetts. The legislature gave SRPEDD numerous powers and duties to prepare plans for the region. You - as Commissioners - are the key factor. There is an enormous opportunity for this Commission to exercise leadership in the region - in planning, growth management, economic development, environmental protection and many other areas. The Commissioners must shape that role.

The roles and responsibilities spelled out below outline some of the areas that Commissioners are involved with.

1. **Policy Setting** - Through your participation at Commission and Committee meetings, you will be asked to vote on policy issues in several areas:
  - Regional development policies - adoption of plans and goals.
  - Setting regional priorities - votes on priority lists for federal and state funding for economic development and transportation projects.
  - Work program direction - votes to apply for funding or accept contracts to work on all projects.
  
2. **Local Liaison** - You are the contact between your city or town and SRPEDD.
  - Report to your appointing authority what SRPEDD is doing.
  - Represent your city or town's perspective in regional discussions.
  - Act as a point of contact between the staff and your city or town.
  
3. **Setting the Agenda** - You can request that the Commission debate issues that you feel are important to your community.
  
4. **Administrative Decisions** - The Commission sets all policy on personnel, budget and other areas related to the day-to-day operation of the agency.

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## **APPOINTING A DESIGNEE TO THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GROUP (JTPG)**

The Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) is the regional advisory group for all issues pertaining to transportation in southeastern Massachusetts. It consists of representatives of the chief local elected officials from each of our 27 member cities and towns. Each year, we ask that each municipality appoint or reappoint its designee to the JTPG to serve a term commencing May 22, 2013 through May 31, 2014.

Meetings are held as needed. The primary responsibilities of the JTPG are:

- To advise the SMMPO, MassDOT, Federal Highway Administration, and regional transit authorities on transportation issues related to the region;
- To advise on the allocation of transportation funds for projects programmed into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and
- To provide a public forum for citizen participation in the transportation planning process.

**Appointing a delegate who is able to attend meetings is important. Attending meetings is imperative to advocate for the placement of a community's projects in the TIP and to be kept informed of transportation issues in the region.**

**Please stress to your appointee that they are expected to attend meetings and communicate back to their appointing board.**

**If an appointee cannot attend a meeting, an alternate (optional) can be appointed to attend on behalf of the City/Town.**

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