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Jonathan Henry Re-elected SRPEDD Chair at Fifty-Eighth Annual Meeting

Jonathan Henry, representing the Marion Board of Selectmen, has been re-elected Chair of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) for the 2014-2015 term. SRPEDD held its 58th annual meeting in Norton on May 28, 2014.

Other officers for the 2014-15 term elected at the meeting were: William Roth, Fairhaven, Vice Chair; Joan Marchitto, North Attleborough, Secretary; Randall Kunz, Mattapoisett, Treasurer; George Hovorka, Swansea, Assistant Treasurer; and Lorri-Ann Miller, Dartmouth, Past Chair.

Dr. Michael Goodman, associate professor and chair of the Department of Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth was the evening's guest speaker.

Two Special Recognition Awards were presented at the meeting. They were awarded to:

- Representative William Straus, Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation for his efforts to secure passage of both the Transportation Finance Act and the Transportation Bond Bill; and
- Beth Lambert, Project Manager of the Mill River Restoration Partnership, an expansive partnership of organizations working to restore more than 30 miles of high quality river habitat through the removal of three dams and the construction of a fish ladder on a fourth dam on the Mill River in Taunton.

Joseph Callahan, outgoing Treasurer, was awarded the Commissioner of the Year for his contributions to SRPEDD and his town of Berkley.

Lorri-Ann Miller of Dartmouth received the Distinguished Service Award. Ms. Miller has represented the Dartmouth Planning Board on the SRPEDD Commission for twenty-five years, including four years as SRPEDD Chair.

SRPEDD is a regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in Bristol, Plymouth and Norfolk Counties. SRPEDD is governed by local officials representing Mayors, Selectmen and Planning Boards. It undertakes regional planning in transportation, economic development, environment and land use, and provides technical assistance to the cities and towns of the region. SRPEDD also serves as the fiduciary agent for the Southeast Region Advisory Council on Homeland Security. SRPEDD's office is located in Taunton.

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