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Stephen C. Themelis, Chair, Board of Selectmen
One Main Street
Pepperell, MA, 01463

Dear Mr. Themelis:

Congratulations on the Town of Pepperell's designation as a Green Community! This designation is quite an achievement and reflects the hard work and tireless efforts your community has exhibited in meeting the Green Communities Designation and Grant Program's five criteria. Meeting these criteria is proof of Pepperell's position as an energy leader in Massachusetts, poised to reduce its energy costs, improve the local environment and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy projects with funding through the Green Communities Designation and Grant Program. The purpose of this letter is to confirm your Green Community designation in writing and provide you with program information and activities relevant to you as a newly-designated Green Community. Please note there is an annual reporting requirement, detailing progress and continued adherence to the designation's five criteria, to be submitted to DOER toward the end of each calendar year.

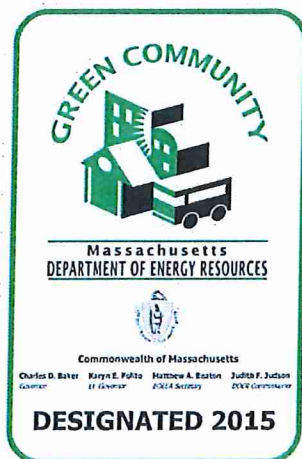
Along with this designation, the Town of Pepperell has been awarded a grant of \$152,910. A formulaic allocation has been established that consists of a base grant per community of \$125,000, plus an amount adjusted for population and income, with an additional \$10,000 for designated communities that met Criterion 1 through adoption of as-of-right siting for renewable energy generation. To receive this grant award, the Town of Pepperell will be required to submit a project application proposing how these funds will be spent. The Green Communities Division ("Division") will begin accepting grant applications immediately and the deadline for designation grant applications is 5pm on January 22, 2016. The Green Communities grant application guidance with submission instructions is provided as a separate attached document. No hard copies of applications will be accepted, only electronic submissions.

PLEASE NOTE: Municipalities applying for Green Communities grant funding for energy efficiency measures must meet, teleconference, or have an email exchange with their public utility regarding the availability of utility incentives for these measures. The Division will require municipalities to provide evidence of this contact as a condition, along with the execution of the grant contract, before an initial disbursement of grant funds is made. For your convenience, we are providing here the name and contact information for your utility representatives: Ngrid electric & gas, William Isaksen, William.Isaksen@nationalgrid.com, (401) 784-7102.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: If the person submitting the grant application is not the same person who submitted the designation application, the grant applicant must contact Jane Pfister at (617) 626-1194 or jane.pfister@state.ma.us to register for the online grant submission process.

SIGNS

Each designated Green Community receives four (4) 12" x 18" aluminum signs to be displayed in your community. While you are free to place these signs wherever you choose within your community, the Division recommends installing them in highly-visible, high pedestrian traffic areas (such as near municipal offices, schools, and downtown business districts, and/or within parks and along walking paths). If installed on roadways, the Division recommends hanging them at approximately eye-level for motorists, to maximize readability.



CERTIFICATES

Each Green Community will receive an official certificate for display pronouncing the municipality's designation as a Green Community and including the designation date and signatures of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and Commissioner of the Department of Energy Resources.

FACES OF GREEN COMMUNITIES WEB PAGE

Finally, the Commonwealth is extremely proud of and inspired by the efforts of the 155 Green Communities. From the tip of Cape Cod to the Berkshires, Green Communities such as yours are pursuing their own unique pathways to a clean, sustainable, and more economical energy future. To showcase the diversity of the Green Communities and their individual efforts and results, we have created a Faces of Green Communities web page. Within three months of your designation as a Green Community, we ask that you complete the attached questionnaire and return it to us, along with a photo of your local energy team posing with one of your mounted Green Community signs. Please send your materials to me at dan.knapik@state.ma.us. Once we receive your information and photo, we will quickly add your story to the web site.

Again, congratulations on becoming a Green Community. The Division looks forward to working with the Town of Pepperell to meet the objectives of the Green Communities Designation and Grant Program and to support you in meeting your local energy goals. Thank you for your commitment to a cleaner energy future for Massachusetts.

Sincerely,



Daniel M. Knapik
Director, Green Communities Division

Cc: Mark Andrews, Town Administrator

Danielle Mucciarone, Energy and Environmental Planner, NMCOG

Kelly Brown, Green Communities Central Regional Coordinator