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To the residents of the Town of Abington:

I would like to thank the members of the Abington Planning Board and particularly Chairman Wayne P. Smith and Planning Board Secretary Elizabeth Shea for their complete support and involvement in helping to make the Abington Master Plan Update 2009 possible. The other Planning Board members Vice Chairman Timothy P. Barry, Jeffrey Rangel, Bruce G. Hughes and Robert Soper also deserve special recognition for their service and in their efforts in helping to make the Plan Update meaningful and relevant to the needs and opportunities facing the Town of Abington presently and in the future.

The Master Plan Update 2009 is a thorough review and assessment of the changes that have taken place over the ten years since the 1999 edition of the Master Plan was completed. The Plan Update also reassesses the goals and policies set forth in the earlier document and revises these to take into consideration changing conditions within the town and to assist in guiding the future development of the Town of Abington for the next twenty years. The Master Plan Update was prepared under the aegis of the Abington Planning Board, Town Manager and Board of Selectmen and with the cooperation of the Town Department heads and the boards and commissions of the Town. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to Phillip L. Warren, Jr. Town Manager and to Dori Jamieson, Assistant Town Manager for their support and that of the members of the Abington Board of Selectmen for their vision in supporting this and the continuing planning effort of the Town. The members of the Board of Selectmen are: Robert E. Wing, Chairman; Gerald F. Corcoran, Vice Chairman; Thomas J. Corbett; Richard Cunningham; and, Kathleen W. Lavin.

It should be noted that the Old Colony Planning Council has contributed greatly to the continuing planning program of the Town of Abington through the preparation of the 1999 edition of the Abington Master Plan; in preparing the Abington Community Development Plan in 2004; and, in providing support for this Plan Update. A special note of thanks is reserved for Susan McGrath of Old Colony Planning Council who prepared all of the maps for this Update and without whose help this would not have been possible

I take full responsibility for any oversights, errors, omissions or misstatements of fact.

Respectfully,

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