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HOUSE . . . . . No. 86

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Cantwell

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to planning boards' approval of subdivision plans..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James M. Cantwell	*4th Plymouth*

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 86) of James M. Cantwell relative to the approval by planning boards of subdivision plans in cities and towns. Community Development and Small Businesses.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *193* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to planning boards' approval of subdivision plans..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 81U of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

In any city or town which has accepted the provisions of this paragraph, in the case of approval or disapproval of a definitive subdivision plan by action of the planning board, the planning board shall send notice of such approval to all persons that they were required to give the initial notice of the public hearing and shall inform all persons of their right to appeal and the time in which such appeal must be filed. The petitioner who seeks approval by reason of failure of the planning board to act within the time prescribed shall notify the city or town clerk in writing, within 14 days from the expiration of the approval period required in Section 81U or extended time, if applicable, of such approval. That notice shall be sent by mail to all persons that were required to receive the initial notice of the public hearing and it shall specify that appeals, if any, shall be filed within 20 days after the date the city or town clerk received such written notice from the petitioner that the board failed to act within the time prescribed.