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Commission Development Committee of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission  
January 18, 2018

Minutes

Attendees: CJ Hoss, Kyle Hanlon, Carole Owens, Sarah Hudson  
Staff: Tom Matuszko, Marianne Sniezek

1. The minutes from the November 16, 2017 meeting were moved, seconded and accepted with the addition of the names of the attendees
2. 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday dinners – FY 2017
  - November 30, 2017 – Overall it was generally agreed the dinner was very good. Tom read comments that Kate had provided.
  - March 29, 2018 – It was reiterated that the topic would be culvert replacement and stream crossing standards with Emily Stockman as the preferred speaker. The preferred location was Mazzeo's.
  - May 31, 2018- The following topics were suggested: (preferred topic) Religion, Land Use, Planning, and Courts (possibly with Dan Dubendorf as the speaker or Karla Jaffe if Don is not available) Signage, Age Friendly Action Items. The location would be Cork N' Hearth.
3. Training Topics for Commission Meetings
  - January 18, 2018 – It was reiterated that this topic would be the communities' response to the recreational marijuana law
  - March 15, 2018 – The preferred topic would be tiny houses depending on whether the Building Code had been updated. The next highest priority was the latest development related to telecommunications and upcoming 5 G service. CJ was to follow-up with Anthony Lapore (sp??) to see if he would present. Other suggested possible training topics include a DLTA update, mall redevelopment, trends from the latest ACS data (any positive trends), and lake management (possibly with Jim McGrath.)
  - May 17, 2018 – discussion deferred
4. Role of the TAC and BRPC involvement in Transportation – Tom briefed the members about BRPC's former Transportation Committee and the current Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Discussion was deferred to the next meeting when Kate Fletcher, who raised the topic at the last meeting, might be present. Tom was to invite the BRPC Program Manager, Clete Kus.
5. Initial planning for the Annual Meeting – October 25, 2018 was the preferred date with October 18, 2018 as the second choice. Tom will send out an email when the date is confirmed. Tom was to try to confer with the

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Selectman's Association to try to determine when their meeting would be. The Pittsfield Country Club was the preferred location. Carole was to try to secure James Howard Kunstler. Committee members were asked to think about other possible speakers.

6. Other Items – no other items.
7. Next Meeting – March 15, 2018 at 6:00. It was suggested that one of the topics for the next meeting was to determine the CPTC training topics. There was interest in one about exempt uses.
8. Adjournment

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