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**MEETING NOTICE**

A meeting of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission  
will be held on:

Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Offices  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

**Meeting Material:** All written materials for the meeting are posted on BRPC's website:  
[www.berkshireplanning.org](http://www.berkshireplanning.org). Click on the calendar date for the meeting and materials available  
will be listed.

**In Case of Inclement Weather:** *In the case of inclement weather on the day of the meeting, please call  
BRPC (413-442-1521, ext 15) to confirm if the meeting will still be held.*

**AGENDA**

**I. Opening (7:00-7:05)**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2013 Meeting

**II. Comments from the Public (7:05-7:10)**

*Members of the public may offer comments regarding topics which are on the agenda or  
other matters which they wish to bring to the Commission's attention. Comments are limited  
to no more than three minutes and are to be directed to the Commission.*

**III. A "Primer" on Affordable Housing (7:10-7:40)**

*As a follow-up to the Housing discussion at January's meeting and as part of this Winter/Spring's focus  
on Housing and Neighborhoods in the Sustainable Berkshires Plan, Dave Christopolis, Executive  
Director of the Hilltown Community Development Corporation will provide an overview on affordable  
housing – focusing on "work-force" housing, senior housing, and some of the other common terminology  
and programs that permeate the housing world.*

**IV. Delegates' Issues (7:40-7:45)**

*Delegates and Alternates may bring up any issue not on the agenda.*

**V. Climate Energy Game (7:45-8:30)**

Staff recently held two public forums to gather input for the new regional energy plan. Attendees were  
asked to play a climate action game whereby they determine what mix of efficiency and renewable

(over)

energy options they prefer to achieve the state's goal of 25% reductions of CO2 by 2020 in Berkshire County. Now it's your time to play! Staff will introduce the game, including some of the energy baseline inventory information.

**VI. Siting of Medical Marijuana Facilities (8:30-8:50)**

*The BRPC Regional Issues Committee has developed comments for consideration by the full Commission to be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding the development of regulations regarding the siting of medical marijuana growing, processing and distribution facilities. Essentially the Committee would like DPH to leave those aspects which pertain to land use primarily to local governments and for DPH to primarily to focus on the medical and applicant qualification issues which this topic raises.*

**VII. Approval of Executive Committee Actions between January 17 and March 21, 2013 (8:50-8:55)**

**VIII. Executive Director's Report (8:55-9:00)**

- A. Award of Community Innovation Challenge Grant to Expand the Berkshire Public Health Nursing Program
- B. Improving Stream Crossings Workshops –March 19 (Pittsfield) or March 26 (Greenfield)
- C. 2013 Massachusetts Trails Conference – May 4<sup>th</sup>, Devens
- D. DHCD Planning & Community Development Conference – May 7<sup>th</sup>, Devens
- E. 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday Planning & Zoning Board Dinner – May 30<sup>th</sup>
- F. Other

**IX. Adjournment (9:00)**

Other interested citizens and officials are invited to attend.

City and Town Clerks: Please post this notice pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B