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**MEETING NOTICE**

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

Thursday, July 11, 2013 at **5:00 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.

**AGENDA**

- I. Opening (5:00-5:05)**
- A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2013 Meeting
- II. Comments from the Public (5:05-5:10)**
- 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. Delegates' Issues (5:10-5:15)**
- Delegates and Alternates may bring up any issue not on the agenda.*
- IV. Election of BRPC Officers for FY 2014 (5:15-5:25)**
- The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers for FY 2014:*
- Chair: Sheila Irvin, Pittsfield Delegate*
  - Vice Chair: Kyle Hanlon, North Adams Delegate*
  - Clerk: Gail LaBelle, Becket Delegate*
  - Treasurer: Charles Ogden, Egremont Alternate*
- Nominations will be taken from the floor.*
- V. Endorsement of Committee Chair and At-Large Executive Committee Member Appointments (5:25-5:30)**

**VI. Consideration of Draft Comments on Environmental Remediation Of 100 Bridge Street (former New England Log Homes Site) (Great Barrington) Environmental Notification Form (5:30-5:40)**

*An ENF has been filed for remediation of the contamination in the soil at the New England Log Homes site in Great Barrington. The Clearinghouse Review Committee met on July 1<sup>st</sup> and endorsed proposed comments on this innovative approach to cleaning up a severely contaminated site. Commission consideration of the comments is requested.*

**VII. Consideration of Comments on H.1859 – An Act Promoting the Planning and Development of Sustainable Communities (5:40-6:40)**

*Every few years there is a renewed effort to get comprehensive zoning, subdivision and comprehensive planning legislation passed. H.1859 is the latest version of this and appears to be receiving considerable discussion in the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, with some expectation that a bill will be reported out favorably. The BRPC Regional Issues Committee has spent its last three meetings thoroughly reviewing the bill and has drafted a proposed letter to be shared with our legislative delegation, the House and Senate Committee Chairs, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President. A copy of the draft letter is attached and further information is available on the BRPC website with Commission meeting materials.*

**VIII. Approval of Executive Committee Actions between March 21 and May 16, 2013 (6:40-6:45)**

**IX. Executive Director's Report (6:45-6:50)**

- A. Resignation of Planner Mackenzie Greer (BRPC's loss is North Adam's gain)
- B. Transition of Berkshire Health Alliance/Berkshire County Boards of Health Association Staff to BRPC Employees
- C. 2014 District Local Technical Assistance & Community Innovation Challenge Grant Funding
- D. Nominations for 2013 Charles Kusik Award for Outstanding Contributions to Planning in Berkshire County
- E. Passenger Rail Stations Public Meeting – Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, Monument Mountain Regional High School
- F. Launch of Western Massachusetts Scenic Byways Marketing Campaign and Website
- G. Launch of "Economic Resiliency in the Northern Tier" Project in Partnership with Franklin County Community Development Corporation and Franklin Regional Council of Governments
- H. Initiation of Cheshire Road Management Assessment
- I. Other

**X. Adjournment (6:50)**

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