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**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE**

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

Thursday, September 11, 2014, 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.

**AGENDA**

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

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2014 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. Delegate & Alternate Roles & Responsibilities (7:10-7:25)**

**IV. FY2015 Commission Organization (7:25-7:35)**

- A. Endorsement of At-Large Executive Committee Member Appointments
- B. Meeting Schedule for FY 2015 – time of meetings?
- C. State Ethics Forms & Certificate

**V. Delegates' Issues (7:35-7:45)**

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

**VI. Final Proposed Housatonic Rail Passenger Station Locations (7:45-8:05)**

*The Commission was briefed last January on the work that was being done studying possible passenger rail station locations along the Housatonic Railroad line. The Study is out for final public comment and Senior Planner Brian Domina will present the recommendations to the Commission.*

**VII. Consideration of Comments Regarding Proposed Remedy for Clean-up/Capping of PCB's from Rest of Housatonic River (8:05-8:50)**

*The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released its proposed "Remedy" for removing and capping the PCB contamination in the Housatonic River in June. The public comment period on the Remedy ends on October 1, 2014. Senior Planner Lauren Gaherty will present a brief overview of the EPA proposal and a draft set of lengthy comments on the proposal. This is a major clean-up with many ramifications for the clean-up period (approximately 15 years) and for several generations to come. BRPC staff and the six directly affected municipalities have been focused on this for the past 2+ years. By submitting written comments on the issues which are important to us, we maintain legal standing to be involved in the future final permitting process.*

**VIII. Approval of Executive Committee Actions between July 11 and September 11, 2014 (8:50-8:55)**

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

- A. BRPC Meeting – Thursday, September 18, 2014, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Berkshire Community College – Proposed Northeast Expansion Natural Gas Pipeline – Kinder Morgan and Conservation Law Foundation
- B. Regional Community Forum on Housing – Saturday, September 13, 10:30-12:30 p.m., Goshen Town Hall
- C. EPA Comment Period for Proposed Clean-up of PCB's from Housatonic River & Notice of Public Hearing
- D. MassDevelopment Resources for Economic Development Workshop – Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Westover AFB
- E. Community Innovation Challenge Grant Applications due October 10<sup>th</sup>
- F. BRPC Annual Dinner – Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Pittsfield Country Club
- G. Fifth Thursday Dinner for Planning & Zoning Boards – October 30<sup>th</sup>
- H. Filing for Intervenor Status with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Regarding Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's Connecticut Expansion Project
- I. Other

**X. 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