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MEETING NOTICE

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

Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Offices
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Please Note: *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.*

Meeting Material: All written materials for the meeting are posted on BRPC's website: 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 January 15, 2015 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. Delegates' Issues (7:10-7:15)

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

IV. City of North Adams Vision 2030 (7:15-7:45)

Last May, the North Adams Planning Board adopted its first community master plan in over 40 years. The plan was the result of three years of community effort with significant public input. City Planner Mackenzie Greer (a BRPC alumnus) will present the plan, giving a brief overview of the process and then focusing on the plan's major recommendations and steps the city is taking to implement it.

V. 2015 Berkshire Regional Transportation Plan – Projects Submitted & Summary of Data Collected for Plan (7:45-8:15)

Over the past several weeks, communities and other interests have been recommending transportation projects and initiatives to be considered for inclusion in the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan. BRPC staff has also been compiling data and other information to help form the recommendations for the plan. We will summarize the projects which have been recommended as well as key data.

VI. Planning Education Topic – “Community Preservation Act” (8:15-8:45)

The Community Preservation Act has been in place for a number of years, with various changes in the law made over time. Five Berkshire towns have adopted the Act and are using it. Sustainable Berkshires suggested it was an underutilized tool in the Berkshires which has potential to provide additional locally controlled resources for historic preservation, affordable housing, and conservation and recreation in our region, matched with State funds generated from every community in the Commonwealth. Senior Planner Lauren Gaherty will present an update on the Act and highlight some of the innovative uses to which the funding has been put by local governments, within and outside the Berkshires.

VII. Approval of Executive Committee Actions between January 15 and March 19, 2015 (8:45-8:50)

VIII. Executive Director’s Report (8:50-8:55)

- A. Hiring of Eammon Coughlin as temporary Planner
- B. Status of District Local Technical Assistance Funding for 2015
- C. Young Adult Population Survey
- D. Age Friendly Community Survey
- E. Citizen Planner Training Collaborative Annual Conference – Saturday, March 21st, Holy Cross, Worcester
- F. Joint Symposium: Investing in Community: Housing/Economic Development in our rural Tri-Corner – Tuesday, March 31st, Chrissy Farms, Great Barrington
- G. Mass. Association of Conservation Commissioner’s Berkshire Certificate Training Program – Saturday, April 11th
- H. Other

IX. Adjournment (8:55)

Other interested citizens and officials are invited to attend.

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