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MEETING NOTICE

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

Thursday, May 21, 2015, 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. 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 March 19, 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. Consideration of Draft Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2016-2019 (7:15-7:30)

Each year the Berkshire MPO adopts a four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the use of federal transportation funds across the region. The Commission has a vote on the MPO regarding this item. The Commission has a vote on the MPO regarding the TIP, with the MPO scheduled to meet on May 26th to approve a draft TIP for public release and comment.

V. Consideration of Draft Transportation Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2016 (7:30-7:40)

Each year the Berkshire MPO establishes a transportation planning work program for the region. The Commission has a vote on the MPO regarding this item.

VI. 2015 Berkshire Regional Transportation Plan – Proposed Primary Recommendations (7:40-8:05)

Presentation of the draft primary recommendations of the 2016 Regional Transportation Plan, which is in late stages of development and will probably be released for public review and comment after the MPO meeting on May 26th.

VII. Berkshire Economic Development Sites Report (8:05-8:35)

Based on the experience gained in trying to compete for the MBTA railcar manufacturing facility in 2014, the City of Pittsfield, in collaboration with 1Berkshire, requested that BRPC update the industrial sites report which had been done a number of years previously. Using DLTA funding, a report has been completed which provides information on the relatively few vacant or underutilized sites available across the region to retain or attract even small or medium sized manufacturers. GIS, Data & IT Manager Mark Maloy will present the results of the study. It is our hope that the planning boards across the region, but particularly in communities with public water and sewer utilities, carefully consider this information as they go about their planning.

VIII. Consideration of BRPC Budget for FY 2016 (8:35-8:45)

IX. Report of the Nominating Committee – Slate of Officer Candidates for FY 2016 (8:45-8:50)

The Nominating Committee will report on its recommended slate of BRPC Officers for FY 2016. The election will be on the agenda for the to-be scheduled summer meeting; at that time additional nominations will be taken from the floor.

X. Approval of Executive Committee Actions between March 19 and May 21, 2015 (8:50-8:55)

XI. Executive Director’s Report (8:55-9:00)

- A. Status of District Local Technical Assistance Funding for 2016
- B. Young Adult Population Survey Results
- C. ABCs of Form-Based Codes – Tuesday, May 26th, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Springfield
- D. Age Friendly Community Summit – Monday, June 1, 10:00-noon, ITAM, Pittsfield
- E. Municipal Roles & Responsibilities in Permitting Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines – Wednesday, June 3rd, 6 p.m., Berkshire Community College
- F. Other

XII. Adjournment (9:00)

Other interested citizens and officials are invited to attend.

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