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MEETING NOTICE

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

Thursday, July 16, 2015, at **5:30** 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 (5:30-5:35)**
- A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2015 Meeting
- II. Comments from the Public (5:35—5:45)**
- 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 (5:45-5:50)**
- Delegates and Alternates may bring up any issue not on the agenda.*
- IV. Election of BRPC Officers for FY 2016 (5:50-6:00)**
- The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers for FY 2015:*
- Chair: Sheila Irvin, Pittsfield Delegate*
 - Vice Chair: Kyle Hanlon, North Adams Delegate*
 - Clerk: Marie Raftery, Stockbridge Alternate*
 - Treasurer: Charles Ogden, Egremont Alternate*
- Nominations will be taken from the floor.*
- V. Endorsement of Committee Chair and At-Large Executive Committee Member Appointments (6:00-6:05)**

VI. Tennessee Gas Pipeline's Northeast Energy Direct Project (6:05-6:45)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has issued a Notice of Intent to develop the scope for the Environmental Impact Statement for the large interstate natural gas pipeline which will cross the Berkshires. A FERC public hearing on the scope will be held on Tuesday, July 28th, 7 p.m. (sign-up to speak starting at 6 p.m.) at Taconic High School in Pittsfield. Deadline for comments to FERC on the scope is August 31st. Staff will present information on the process, initial thoughts on key areas of concern, and the alternatives which involve about half the communities in the region.

VII. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the BRPC Bylaws (6:45-6:50)

VIII. Approval of Executive Committee Actions between May 21 and July 16, 2015 (6:50-6:55)

IX. Executive Director's Report (6:55-7:00)

- A. Resignation of Senior Transportation Planner Doug Plachcinski
- B. Resignation of Administrative Assistant Judy Wagner
- C. 2016 District Local Technical Assistance & Community Innovation Challenge Grant Funding
- D. Nominations for 2015 Charles Kusik Award for Outstanding Contributions to Planning in Berkshire County
- E. Public Hearing on Scope of Environmental Impact Statement for Tennessee Gas Pipeline's Northeast Energy Direct Project – Tuesday, July 28th, 7 p.m., Taconic High School Pittsfield; Deadline for written comments – Monday, August 31st
- F. New Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Member Training – Thursday, July 30th, BRPC
- G. 2015 MassWorks Applications Open
- H. State Regulatory Review Feedback Portal
- I. Assistance to Lee in Developing Open Space & Recreation Plan
- J. Assistance to Dalton in Developing Updated Master Plan
- K. Tufts Foundation Award to Berkshires Tomorrow for Age Friendly Community Program
- L. EPA Section 604b Grant Announcement for Stormwater Permit Assistance Project
- M. Other

X. Adjournment (7:00)

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