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**MEETING NOTICE**

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

Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**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](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 November 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. 2016 – Berkshire (County) Regional Planning Commission's 50<sup>th</sup> (Gold) Anniversary (7:15-7:25)**

*BRPC was created in 1966 and formally designated as an official regional planning agency in the Commonwealth. Over the course of the year, we will celebrate reaching our 50<sup>th</sup> at each Commission meeting. At this meeting, the founding of what was then the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission will be highlighted.*

**V. MassDOT Complete Streets Program (7:25-7:55)**

*MassDOT has launched a new Complete Streets Program which can provide economic, health, and safety benefits within each Berkshire community's needs and context. BRPC staff will provide an overview of the Complete Streets concept and how the program might be utilized in a*

variety of community contexts. BRPC staff will also provide information on the tiered MassDOT program that provides funding for the development of a Complete Streets Policy and Prioritization Plan as well as implementation of Complete Streets projects.

**VI. District Local Technical Assistance Requests for 2016 (7:55-8:10)**

*Staff will brief the Commission on requests received for District Local Technical Assistance projects. While some decisions have been made, others are in various stages of finalization as they often also involve decisions about Community Compact commitments and resources. We received the most applications for DLTA assistance this year that we have ever received and are working closely with the appropriate state agency to see if additional resources can be found from their sources for many projects.*

**VII. Consideration of Community Assessments for FY 2017 (8:10-8:20)**

*The Finance Committee has proposed a 2.5% increase in community assessments for FY 2017. By law, the municipalities must be notified of their assessments no later than February each year so that they may be included in city/town budgets.*

**VIII. Approval of Executive Committee Actions between November 19, 2015 and January 21, 2016 (8:20-8:25)**

**IX. Executive Director's Report (8:25-8:30)**

- A. Final Audit for FY 2015
- B. MassDOT Public Meeting on Western Turnpike State of Good Repair and Tolls
- C. Current Status of Tennessee Gas Pipeline's Northeast Energy Direct FERC Permitting
- D. Update of Great Barrington Parcel Maps
- E. Other

**X. Adjournment (8:35)**

Other interested citizens and officials are invited to attend.

All times listed are estimates of when specific agenda items may be discussed.

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