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MEETING NOTICE

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

Thursday, **July 14**, 2016, 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 19, 2016 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 2017 (5:50-6:00)**
- The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers for FY 2015:*
- Chair: Kyle Hanlon, North Adams Delegate*
 - Vice Chair: Sheila Irvin, Pittsfield 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 for FY 2017 (6:00-6:05)**

VI. Environmental Review Comments

(6:05-6:15)

A. Mill Street (Tel-Electric) Dam Removal and West Branch Housatonic River Restoration (Pittsfield)

The Environmental Review Committee is developing comments regarding an Expanded Environmental Notification Form for the removal of the Tel-Electric Dam on the West Branch of the Housatonic River and related river restoration in Pittsfield. Due to the deadline for submittal of comments, the Commission will be reviewing these after the fact but if there are changes requested by the Commission, we can submit revised comments after the Commission meeting.

B. Lenox Landfill Solar PV Project ENF

The project involves the installation of a 2,340-panel solar PV array on the Town of Lenox landfill in Lenox Dale. The project is approximately 5 acres in size and is proceeding through MEPA because it is located within the Upper Housatonic River ACEC. Due to the timing of the site visit, comments will be prior to the meeting.

VII. Local Regulation of Aviation

(6:15-6:40)

In a recent State Appeals Court decision involving the Town of Sheffield, the Court has ruled that municipalities cannot regulate any form of aviation without pre-approval of the regulation by the Aeronautics Division of MassDOT. This is true, even if the only regulation by the municipality is by silence, i.e., by not including the aviation use in the Schedule of Uses and thus prohibiting it. Local attorney Alexandra Glover, who represented the property owner in this case and who is also the BRPC Delegate from Alford, will educate the Commission on this ruling and its implications for all Berkshire municipalities.

VIII. Aging in Place Workbook and Video

(6:40-7:05)

Planner Eammon Coughlin will present the Aging in Place Workbook and YouTube video which has just been developed under the Age Friendly Berkshires program. With our aging population, this has serious implications for all of our communities (and many of us).

IX. Approval of Executive Committee Actions between May 19 and July 14, 2016

(7:05-7:10)

X. Executive Director's Report

(7:10-7:15)

- A. Resignation of Senior Planner Brian Domina
- B. 2017 District Local Technical Assistance Funding
- C. New Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Member Training – Thursday, July 21st, BRPC
- D. New Health Board Member Training – Monday, August 29th, BRPC
- E. 2016 MassWorks Applications Open - applications due no later than September 2nd
- F. Proposed Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2017-2021
- G. Approval of 5-Year Capital Investment Plan by the MassDOT Board
- H. Award of Sheffield/Great Barrington Community Development Block Grant by the Department of Housing & Community Development
- I. Award of DEP/EPA 604b Water Quality Management Planning project for Documenting Bacterial Improvements in the Hoosic and Housatonic Rivers
- J. Other

XI. Adjournment

(7:15)

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