

MEETING NOTICE

Western Massachusetts Historical Commission Coalition

Quarterly Meeting

Topic: Community Preservation Act

Wednesday, July 16, 2014, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Berkshire Athenaeum, (413) 499-9480

1 Wendell Ave, Pittsfield, MA 01201

Hosted by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and Pittsfield Historical Commission

AGENDA

Coffee and pastries will be provided

1. Welcome and Introductions, (10:00 a.m.)
2. Presentation by Stuart Saginor, Executive Director, Community Preservation Coalition (10:10 a.m.), followed by Q&A
3. Local CPA Project Success Stories from the Berkshires, Franklin County, and the Pioneer Valley (11:00 a.m.)
4. Presentation on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (11:25 a.m.)
5. Presentation on Ongoing Berkshire Athenaeum Project (11:40 a.m.)
6. Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours – (11:50 a.m.)
7. Next Meeting Date and Future Meeting Topics/Other Business - (11:55 a.m.)
8. Adjourn – (12:00 p.m.)
9. Optional Tour of former Athenaeum Construction Project (Note: tours at 12:10 pm and 12:30 pm; maximum 10 people per tour; attendance first-come, first served)

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Directions to the Berkshire Athenaeum:

FROM SOUTH AND EAST: Take the Mass. Turnpike (Rte 90) west to Exit 2 in Lee. Take US Rte 20 W, traveling north. Rte 7 will merge with Rte 20 after a few miles in Lenox. Follow US 20 W/ US 7 N. Rte 20 will turn off to the left (west) just prior to getting into downtown Pittsfield. Stay on Rte 7 (South St), until the next major intersection, at Park Square. Take a right onto East Street. The Athenaeum is located between the first and second rights (Wendell and Bartlett Aves).

FROM THE EAST: From the Northampton area, take Rte 9 west. As you approach downtown Pittsfield, Rte 9 will become East St. Continue west on East St./ Rt. 9. Follow sign on the left that reads "Berkshire Athenaeum - Next Left", which will bring you to the Bartlett Avenue side of the Athenaeum building.

FROM THE NORTH: Take Rte 7 south from Williamstown. As you approach downtown Pittsfield (with the Berkshire Medical Center ahead on the right), follow Rte 7 as it bears left onto First Street. At the end of First Street is East Street. Take a left onto East St, then an immediate right onto Bartlett to arrive at the Athenaeum's Bartlett Ave. parking lot.



About our Project Site Tour

One block away from the Berkshire Athenaeum, where today's meeting is being held, stands the former Berkshire Athenaeum. Built in 1876, the building is a unique Victorian Gothic structure prominently featured on Pittsfield's historic Park Square. The building is in the middle of an extensive preservation effort, funded by the state.



Allegrone Construction, the project manager, has agreed to give two short tours of the site after the Coalition meeting, explaining their work to stabilize the stone work on the front facade. Given safety concerns and regulations, no more than 10 people can go on a tour, but there will be two back-to-back 15 minute tours. Space is limited, and on a first-come, first-served basis. Please let us know if you're interested when you sign into the meeting.