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Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

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MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at **6:00** p.m.

This will be a **Virtual Meeting** as allowed by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker's Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 suspending certain provision of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20.

Information to join the meeting is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3926128831?pwd=a0hYRGw0WEJqM2dFSTJoSHJtcVZUZz09>

Meeting ID: 392 612 8831 **Password:** 0716

Call in information: 312.626.6799, 646.558.8656, 301.715.8592, 346.248.7799,
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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 (6:00-6:05)**
 - A. *Call to Order*
 - B. *Roll Call*
 - C. *Approval of Minutes of the May 21, 2020 meeting*
- II. Comments from the Public (6:05-6:10)**

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. Delegate and Alternate Issues (6:10-6:15)**

Delegates and Alternates may bring up any issue not on the agenda.
- IV. Executive Committee Action (6:15-6:20)**

The actions taken by the Executive Committee on the Commission's behalf at its June 4, 2020 meeting are presented for discussion.

V. Election of BRPC Officers for FY 2021 (6:20-6:25)

The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers for FY 2021:

- *Chair: Kyle Hanlon, North Adams Delegate*
- *Vice Chair: John Duval, Adams Alternate*
- *Clerk: Sheila Irvin, Pittsfield Delegate*
- *Treasurer: Malcolm Fick, Great Barrington Alternate*

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

VI. Endorsement of Committee Chairs and At-Large Executive Committee Member Appointment for FY 2021 (6:25-6:30)

The BRPC bylaws require the Commission to approve the Committee Chairs as recommended by the BRPC Chair.

- *Environmental Review Committee – Roger Bolton, Williamstown*
- *Commission Development Committee – TBD*
- *Regional Issues Committee – CJ Hoss, Pittsfield*
- *Berkshire Brownfields Committee – Sheila Irvin, Pittsfield*
- *Berkshire Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee – Kyle Hanlon*

The BRPC bylaws require the Commission to approve At-Large Executive Committee members as recommended by the BRPC Chair

- *Sam Haupt, At-Large, Peru (Transportation Expert)*
- *At-Large – TBD*

VII. Ratification of Commission Representatives to Related Groups (6:30-6:35)

The BRPC's Bylaws require the Commission to ratify the appointments of members to special or standing bodies not under that jurisdiction of BRPC. The following people need to be ratified for the identified committees.

- *Westfield River Wild and Scenic Advisory Committee – Representative: Marie Raftery (Stockbridge Non-Commission member)*
- *Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization – Representative: Chair Kyle Hanlon (North Adams); Alternate: Sam Haupt (Peru)*

VIII. Authorization for Executive Committee to Act on Behalf of the Commission (6:35-6:40)

The BRPC bylaws require the Commission to vote annually to reconfirm the authorization of the Executive Committee to act in the name of and on behalf of the Commission. See attached memo.

- IX. Recruitment to BRPC Committees (6:40 – 6:45)**
The BRPC has several standing or special committees of the Commission. We will review the roles of those Committees and solicit new members to the Committees. See attached committee descriptions.
- X. Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) review of the Expanded Environmental Notification Form and Waiver from the Mandatory Environmental Impact Report for the Becker Pond Dam Removal (6:45-6:50)**
The Nature Conservancy has presented an Expanded Environmental Impact Report and has requested a waiver from the mandatory Environmental Impact Report for the Becker Pond Dam Removal in Mount Washington. Comments have been prepared by the Environmental Review Committee for consideration by the Commission.
- XI. Update - Berkshire County Education Task Force (6:50-7:20)**
The Berkshire County Education Task Force (BCETF) is a group of committed educators, school and civic leaders, and community members dedicated to strengthening public education in Berkshire County. The BCETF Project Manager, Jake Eberwein will provide an update of the Task Force's work.
- XII. Executive Director's Report (7:20 – 7:25)**
A. *State Ethics Form*
B. *FY 2021 State Budget Update - Status of District Local Technical Assistance and other important priorities*
C. *Other*
- XIII. Adjournment (7:30)**

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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