



# BRPC

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

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## **MEETING NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at **7:00** 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=QWZ1RUlpZ2NNWCtvd0tnVWNwMGZ3UT09>

**Meeting ID:** 392 612 8831      **Passcode:** 092420

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](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 the July 16, 2020 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. Delegate and Alternate Issues (7:10-7:15)**

*Delegates and Alternates may bring up any issue not on the agenda.*

**IV. Executive Committee Action (7:15-7:20)**

*The actions taken by the Executive Committee on the Commission's behalf at its July 16, 2020 and September 3, 2020 meetings are presented for discussion.*

- V. Resilient Lands Initiative Comments (7:20 – 7:30)**  
*The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has developed a Vision and Strategy for the Resilient Lands Initiative, described as "Expanding Nature Across the Commonwealth to Help People." The Regional Issues Committee prepared draft comments that need to be approved.*
- VI. Good Deeds Recognition (7:30 – 7:40)**  
*We will announce recipients for our Good Deeds thanks and recognition in response to the COVID-19 crisis.*
- VII. About BRPC -FY 20 (7:40-8:05)**  
*In lieu of an in-person Annual Meeting this year due to the COVID-19 crisis, staff will highlight some key projects and accomplishments over the last fiscal year.*
- VIII. Modifications to BRPC's Mission, Goals and Values Statement to Reinforce our Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Principles. (8:05-8:30)**  
*The recent protests in the wake of police shootings and the Black Lives Matter demonstrations has provided the opportunity to re-examine how we all may contribute to systemic racism and discrimination. We will discuss issues of diversity, equity and inclusion as relating to our Mission, Goals, and Values statements.*
- IX. Executive Director's Report (8:30 – 8:35)**
- A. Housing Choice Small Town FY 21 Capital Grant Program*
  - B. CPTC Training*
  - C. Mass Housing Partnership's MHP Western Mass Housing Conference*
  - D. FY 2021 State Budget Update - Status of District Local Technical Assistance and other important priorities*
  - E. Staff Update*
  - F. MassWorks Applications*
  - G. FY21 Community Compact Cabinet IT Grant Program*
  - H. 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.

City and Town Clerks: Please post this notice