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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, March 18, 2021 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 provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20.

Information to join the meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3926128831> Meeting ID: 392 612 8831

Call in information: 312.626.6799, 646.558.8656, 301.715.8592, 346.248.7799, 669.900.9128

Meeting Material: All written materials for the meeting are posted on BRPC's website: www.berkshireplanning.org. Click on the Calendar of Events for the meeting and available materials will be listed.

Agenda

- I. Opening (7:00-7:05)**
 - A. *Call to Order*
 - B. *Roll Call*
 - C. *Approval of Minutes of the January 21, 2021 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)**

Executive Committee actions taken on the Commission's behalf at its February 4, 2021 and March 4, 2021 meetings are presented for discussion.
- V. Legislative and Budgetary Update (7:20-7:50)**

State Senator Adam Hinds will discuss his legislative and budgetary priorities as well as other key issues currently facing the state legislature.
- VI. Interim Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2030 (7:50 - 8:20)**

Two reports, the Massachusetts 2050 Decarbonization Road Map (download at

mass.gov) and Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2030 (download at mass.gov) were released by the Baker Administration in December. The Roadmap Study was intended to provide a comprehensive understanding of the necessary strategies and transitions in the near- and long-term to achieve Net Zero by 2050 using best-available science and research methodology. The 2030 Clean Energy and Climate Plan establishes a blueprint for achieving this limit equitably and affordably, with major new initiatives advancing decarbonization of the Commonwealth's buildings, transportation, and electricity sectors. The Regional Issues Committee has prepared draft Comments. Staff will review the Plan and comments.

VII. Community and Economic Development Priorities (8:20 – 8:50)

The new Community One Stop for Growth Program offers grant assistance to communities along the development continuum, from planning to site design and preparation to development funding. We would like to engage in an open discussion about community and economic development priorities, especially in relation to this new program. Are communities using this program? What priorities are communities pursuing? What are some challenges and how is your community addressing them? What are your community's unmet community and economic development needs?

VIII. Full Commission Meeting Time (8:50 – 8:55)

We will follow-up on a request at the last meeting to change the meeting time for full Commission meetings.

IX. Executive Director's Report (8:55 – 9:00)

X. Adjournment (9:00)

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