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## **MEETING NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the  
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
on Thursday, May 20, 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](http://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 March 18, 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 April 1, 2021 and May 6 2021 meetings are presented for discussion.*
- V. U.S. Census Differential Privacy Policy (7:20-7:50)**

*Susan Strate, the Senior Program Manager of the Population Estimates Program with the UMass Donahue Institute will describe the U.S. Census's Differential Privacy Policy. With the differential privacy policy, except for at the state level, the Census Bureau will intentionally distort actual counts of some population groups at congressional district, township and census blocks*

levels to protect the privacy of small number population groups. This is commonly referred to as injection "noise" into the count.

- VI. Juneteenth Holiday (7: 50 – 7:55)**  
*Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>) was adopted by the state legislature as a state holiday in 2020. As a state holiday, the BRPC office must be closed. At its May 6, 2021 meeting, the Executive Committee voted to recommend that the Full Commission vote to add Juneteenth/June 19 as an additional BRPC floating holiday in recognition of this date as the end to one of the last vestiges of slavery.*
- VII. Proposed Transportation Improvement Program for FFY 2022-2026 (7:55 - 8:10)**  
*The updated Transportation Improvement Program for the Berkshires establishes which projects will receive the limited federal transportation funds in the region. It will be before the Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization at its meeting on May 25, 2021 for adoption. Your discussion and decision instructs the BRPC Chair on how to vote at the MPO meeting.*
- VIII. Proposed Transportation Unified Planning Work Program for FFY 2022 (8:10 - 8:25)**  
*The proposed Unified Planning Work Program for FFY 2022, which establishes the transportation planning work BRPC staff will be involved in for the coming year, will be presented. Your discussion and input will instruct the BRPC Chair for the MPO meeting.*
- IX. Adoption of the BRPC FY 2022 Budget (8:25 – 8:30)**  
*In accordance with the BRPC bylaws, BRPC must adopt an annual budget for the coming fiscal year. The Finance Committee recommended the attached draft.*
- X. Report of the BRPC Nominating Committee – Officers for FY 2020 (8:30 - 8:35)**  
*The Nominating Committee will present its proposed slate of BRPC officers for FY 2022 to be voted on at the first BRPC Full Commission meeting after July 1<sup>st</sup>.*
- XI. Roundtable Discussion – Trials, Tribulations and Successes of Zoning Amendments at Town Meetings (8:35-8:55)**  
*As time allows, Delegates and Alternates will be asked to share their experiences in trying to get zoning amendments passed at town meetings.*
- XII. Executive Director’s Report (8:55 – 9:00)**
- XIII. 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