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**MEETING NOTICE**

A meeting of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission  
will be held on:

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the BRPC Office  
1 Fenn Street, Ste. 201  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

**Orientation for New Delegates & Alternates:** There will be an orientation for new delegates and alternates from 6:00-6:50 p.m. While this is geared for new delegates and alternates, all are welcome to attend.

**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.

**Please Note:** *In the case of inclement weather on the day of the meeting, please call BRPC (413-442-1521, ext. 5) after 1:00 pm to confirm if the meeting will still be held.*

**AGENDA**

**I. Opening (7:00-7:05)**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of Minutes September 19, 2019 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. Delegates and Alternate Issues (7:10-7:15)**

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

**IV. Executive Committee Actions – October 3, 2019 & November 7, 2019 (7:15-7:20)**

*The actions taken by the Executive Committee on the Commission's behalf are presented for discussion.*

**V. Re-appointment to the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority's Volunteer Board of Commissioners (7:20-7:25)**

*BRPC is the appointing authority for local members to the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority's volunteer Board of Commissioners. We have been requested by the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority to appoint Richard Grillon of Washington to Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority's volunteer Board of Commissioners for a 3-year term.*

**VI. 2019 Annual Update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (7:25-7:45)**

*The Economic Development Administration (EDA) requires BRPC to annually submit an updated performance report on its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep it certified. The report discusses existing regional conditions and trends, provides updates on the region's progress towards reaching its goals and objectives, provides information relevant to the performance measures set forth in the 2017 - 2022 Berkshire County CEDS, and includes updates for the economic development projects listed on the Priority Project List. A draft copy is attached. Senior Planner Laura Brennan will update the Commission. Action is needed by the Commission to approve the submittal of the 2019 Annual Update to the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to the Economic Development Administration.*

**VII. Update on Marijuana Establishments and Marijuana Cafes (7:45-8:20)**

*Since the legalization of marijuana in Massachusetts, 196 establishments have been licensed by the Cannabis Control Commission to commence operations in the state; 18 in Berkshire County. Soon, possibly social consumption, so-called marijuana cafes, may be allowed. Staff will provide a brief update.*

**VIII. Presentation of the Massachusetts Rural Plan (8:20-8:55)**

*The MA Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC) released its Rural Policy Plan for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Plan identifies, highlights and offers policy recommendations related to the unique issues and challenges faced by rural Massachusetts. The goal of the Plan is to provide a thorough but succinct outline of each Focus Area that identifies the issues and highlights sub-regional differences, describes current related state policies and a best practices from Massachusetts or other parts of the country or the world, and provides prioritized recommendations. There will be a presentation about the plan.*

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

- A. Orientation for New Delegates and Alternates*
- B. Staffing Update*
- C. Regional Nonpoint Source Coordinator Award*
- D. CPTC Training – December 5, 2019*
- E. Other*

**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.

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