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MEETING NOTICE

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

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

Please Note: *In the case of inclement weather on the day of the meeting, please call BRPC (413-442-1521, ext. 15) after 2:00 pm to confirm if the meeting will still be held.*

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 (7:00-7:05)

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of Minutes January 17, 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. Regional Transportation Plan (7:15-7:40)

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is required to be updated every 4 years to enable Berkshire County to continue to access federal transportation funds. In addition, the RTP sets the ground work for all short – and long-range transportation projects that address the needs of Berkshire County's transportation network. The RTP identifies transportation goals, objectives, policy recommendations, and recommended project areas that align with improving the County's transportation system while also maintaining consistency with federal and state transportation goals. BRPC transportation planning staff will update the Commission on items included in the RTP in advance of its adoption later this year.

V. Berkshire Blueprint 2.0 Presentation (7:40 – 8:10)

1 Berkshire is Berkshire County's Regional Economic Development Organization and Regional Tourism Council. Several months ago, Jonathan Butler, the 1Berkshire's President and CEO explained the work of 1Berkshire and previewed a new economic plan was under development. The Berkshire Blueprint 2.0 as unveiled a few weeks ago. Jonathan will highlight key items in the plan.

VIII. Roundtable Discussion about Proposed Zoning Changes at Upcoming Town Meetings (8:10 – 8:50)

Accessory apartments, changes to zoning districts, marijuana establishments, items related to Green Community designation, and short-term rentals are just some of the items our communities will be voting on at this year's town meetings. Delegates and Alternates will be asked to describe zoning amendments their town is pursuing at upcoming town meetings.

IX. Ratification of Executive Committee Actions – February 7, March 7, 2019 Meetings (8:50 - 8:55)

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

- A. Staff Update
- B. Short Term Rental Legislation
- C. Census Complete Count Committee
- D. Other

XI. 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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