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**MEETING NOTICE**

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

**Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Offices  
 Pittsfield, Massachusetts

***Please Note: This is a "Third Thursday" evening in downtown Pittsfield. So arrive early to get something to eat and to find a parking space.***

**AGENDA**

- I. **Opening** (7:00-7:05)
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2010 Meeting

- II. **Comments from the Public** (7:05-7:15)
 

*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' Issues** (7:15-7:20)
 

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

- IV. **Clearinghouse Reviews** (7:20-7:40)
  - A. Big Y Supermarket Expanded Environmental Notification Form (Lee)
  - B. Other

- V. **The Stretch Building Code** (7:40-8:05)
 

*Senior Planners Lauren Gaherty and Amy Kacala will make a presentation on the Stretch Building Code, which allows communities to adopt a set of more energy efficient requirements under the State Building Code. Three Berkshire municipalities have approved the Stretch Code, either by city council or town meeting action, and two others have on town meeting warrants. Adopting the Code is one of the*

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requirements to be designated a Green Community and therefore to be eligible for funding under the Green Communities Act.

**VI. Mohawk Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Feasibility and Investment Study (8:05 -8:25)**

*A study has just been completed to determine the most feasible routes and the general costs for constructing a multi-use path between North Adams and Williamstown, as part of the overall vision of establishing a Vermont to Connecticut path. Senior Planner Lauren Geherty will present the study to the Commission.*

**VII. Consideration of FY 2011 Budget (8:25-8:40)**

*The Finance Committee has met and endorsed a proposed budget for FY 2011. Commission action is needed at the May meeting.*

**VIII. Report from the Nominating Committee – Slate of Officers for FY 2011 (8:40-8:45)**

*The Nominating Committee will present its recommended slate of officers for the next fiscal year. Elections will occur at the first Commission meeting after July 1 and other nominations may be made at that time.*

**IX. Approval of Executive Committee Actions between March 18 and May 20, 2010 (8:45-8:50)**

**X. Executive Director's Report (8:50-8:55)**

- A. Regional Transportation Plan Public Meetings – May 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>
- B. District Local Technical Assistance Funding & FY 2011 State Budget
- C. Open Meeting Law Changes Effective July 1
- D. Western Massachusetts Broadband Planning Project Initiation
- E. BRPC Summer Traffic Counting Program
- F. Other

**XI. Other (8:55-9:00)**

**XII. Adjournment (9:00)**

Other interested citizens and officials are invited to attend.

City and Town Clerks: Please post this notice pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B