



BRPC

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

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MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at **7:00 p.m.**

This will be a virtual meeting as allowed by Ch. 2 of the Acts of 2023 extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20 until March 31, 2025.

To participate virtually join Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3926128831>
Meeting ID: 392 612 8831, Phone: 646.558.8656, 301.715.8592, 312.626.6799

Meeting Materials are posted at www.berkshireplanning.org. Click on the meeting in the Events Calendar to open them.

Agenda

(All times approximate)

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

- A. *Call to Order and Open Meeting Law Statement*
- B. *Roll Call of Commission Members Attending the Meeting*
- C. *Vote to Approve Minutes of the July 20, 2023 Full Commission Meeting*

II. Comments from and Discussion with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Delegates and Alternates Issues (7:05-7:10)

Delegates and Alternates may bring up any issue not on the agenda for discussion. Any possible action will be referred to a future meeting.

III. Comments from the Public (7:10-7:15)

Members of the public may offer comments regarding topics on the agenda or other matters they wish to bring to the Commission's attention. Comments are to be directed to the Commission. Commenters must state their names and the city or town they are from.

IV. Presentation of Executive Committee Actions (7:15-7:20)

Executive Committee actions taken on the Commission's behalf at its July 20, 2023 and September 7, 2023 meetings are presented for discussion.

V. Presentation on the Amendments to Housing Regulations that were Adopted Earlier this Year. (7:20-7:40)

BRPC Senior Planner Sandra Martin and Senior Housing Specialist Trainer Katherine Dagle with the Department of Public Health will present on Amendments to the State Sanitary Code Related to Housing and the Important Role Local Boards of Health have in Providing Safe Housing.

VI. Vote to Endorse Committee Chairs for FY 2024 (7:40-7:45)

The BRPC bylaws require the Commission to approve the Committee Chairs as recommended by the BRPC Chair.

- *Commission Development Committee Chair – Doug McNally, Windsor*
- *Berkshire Brownfield Committee Chair – Sheila Irvin, Pittsfield*

- VII. Vote to Ratify Appointment of Representatives to Related Groups Not Under the Jurisdiction of the Commission (7:45-7:50)**
The BRPC bylaws require the Commission to ratify the appointment to related groups not under the jurisdiction of the Commission made by the Executive Committee.
- Westfield River Wild and Scenic Advisory Committee - Doug McNally, Windsor
- VIII. Vote to Appoint Representatives to Related Groups Not Under the Jurisdiction of the Commission (7:50 – 7:55)**
The BRPC bylaws require the Commission to appoint representatives to related groups not under the jurisdiction of the Commission
- Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts- Christopher Cozzaglio
- IX. Presentation on 2020 Census Results (7:55-8:15)**
BRPC GIS, Data and IT Manager Mark Maloy will provide a brief overview of the 2020 decennial census results.
- X. Review of BRPC Website (www.Berkshireplanning.org) (8:15-8:25)**
BRPC uses its website to post meeting notices and material, information about projects and initiatives and other informational resource material. We will give a brief overview.
- XI. Executive Director's Report (8:25–8:30)**
The Executive Director is available to discuss items in his report
- XII. Adjournment (8:30)**

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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