
MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at **6:30** p.m.

This will be a **Hybrid** Meeting. Participants may attend in person in the BRPC 2nd Floor Conference Room at 1 Fenn Street, Pittsfield MA or may attend virtually as allowed by Ch. 107 of the Acts of 2022 extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20 until March 31, 2023.

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, 669.900.9128

Meeting Material: Written materials for the meeting are posted on BRPC's website: www.berkshireplanning.org. Click on the Calendar of Events for the meeting and available materials will be listed.

Agenda

(All times estimated)

I. Opening

(6:30-6:35)

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2022 meeting

II. Comments from the Public

(6:35-6:40)

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 limited to no more than three minutes and are to be directed to the Commission. Commenters must state their names.

III. Delegate and Alternate Issues

(6:40-6:45)

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

IV. Executive Committee Actions

(6:45-6:50)

Executive Committee actions taken on the Commission's behalf at its July, September, October, and November 2022 meetings are presented for discussion.

V. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

(6:50-7:20)

BRPC needs to approve the five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to submit to the Economic Development Administration. Economic Development Program Manager Laura Brennan will present the plan. More information about CEDS can be found at [Berkshire Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy \(CEDS\) - Berkshire Regional Planning Commission \(berkshireplanning.org\)](http://BerkshireComprehensiveEconomicDevelopmentStrategy(CEDS)-BerkshireRegionalPlanningCommission(berkshireplanning.org))

VI. Survey Results – Recent Movers and Second Homeowners (7:20-7:40)

With housing being such an important need we've tried to better understand second homeowners, and recent movers to the county. GIS, Data, and IT

Manager Mark Maloy will present the result of surveys we conducted earlier this year. The reports are available at [Survey-of-Recent-Movers-Results-220825.pdf](#) ([berkshireplanning.org](#)), and [Survey-of-Second-Homeowners-Results-220825.pdf](#) ([berkshireplanning.org](#)).

VII. Berkshire Funding Focus (7:40-8:00)

Berkshire Funding Focus was established to support Berkshire County entities seeking federal and state funds for pandemic-related recovery and rebuilding and building organizational and sector capacity for the long term. BRPC serves as the fiscal host and as one of the partners. Recovery Grant Specialist Karen Pelto will describe this initiative, Berkshire Funding Focus.

VIII. Open Discussion about Priorities for Berkshire County (8:00 – 8:20)

With a new Administration and new State Senator coming into office in January as well a new legislative session, if time allows, we would like to have an open discussion about the most pressing issues facing the County from your perspective. Please be prepared to provide a brief succinct statement about your opinion on the most pressing issue facing the County.

IX. Executive Director's Report (8:20 – 8:25)

X. Adjournment (8:25)

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