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MEETING NOTICE

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

Thursday, September 27, 2018 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. All delegates and alternates are welcome to attend. We will have sandwiches and wraps – please let us know if you are planning on attending by emailing or calling Susan Nawazelski at 413-442-1521, ext. 10, or officeassistant@berkshireplanning.org so that we can order enough food.

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. Welcome to new Delegates and Alternates
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Approval of Minutes July 12, 2018 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. Presentation of the Berkshire County Regional Skills Workforce Blueprint (7:15-7:45)

Land, labor and capital - according to some economists these are three basic resources or factors of production and are important elements of a strong economy. At the last meeting we learned about the recent or planned investments in the region. For this meeting Heather P. Boulger, Executive Director of the Berkshire County Regional Employment Board, Inc., will emphasize the labor element and update the Commission about the recently prepared Berkshire County Regional Skill Workforce Blueprint.

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V. Open Discussion about Important Issues Facing your Community (7:45-8:15)

Senator Hinds has indicated he would like to attend the November Commission meeting to discuss legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session. At this meeting we would like to have an open discussion about important issues facing your community that might need a legislative fix so that we can present those items to the Senator prior to the November meeting.

VI. Massachusetts Rural Plan being Created by the Massachusetts Rural Policy Advisory Commission (8:15-8:40)

The Massachusetts Rural Policy Advisory Commission was created by legislation in 2015. It held its first meeting in June 2016. Earlier this year the Advisory Commission decided to prepare a Massachusetts Rural Plan. In your meeting material is a summary of the proposed items to be included in the plan. Please review these items to identify topics that might be missing and to state what areas of emphasis these topics should stress. A more extensive outreach effort will be conducted in the coming months, but we wanted to provide input to the Advisory Commission as soon as possible.

VII. The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Recommendation to the Rural Policy Advisory Commission (8:40 – 8:45)

The legislation creating the Massachusetts Rural Policy Advisory Commission, MGL 23A Section 66, states that one member shall be from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. The previous BRPC Executive Director Nathaniel Karns was the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission member. We are seeking the approval of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to recommend to Governor Baker that Thomas Matuszko, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Executive Director be appointed as the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission representative to the Rural Policy Advisory Commission as established by MGL 23A Section 66.

VIII. Ratification of Executive Committee Actions – July 12 & September 6, 2018 Meetings (8:45 - 8:50)

IX. Executive Director's Report (8:50 – 9:00)

- A. Staff update
- B. CPTC (Citizen Planner Training Collaborative) Trainings
- C. 2018 Charles Kusik Award Winner
- D. BRPC Annual Meeting
- E. 2018 Moving Together Conference
- F. Massachusetts Pedestrian Transportation Plan
- G. Community Compact – Year 4
- H. Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund
- I. Berkshire County Boards of Health Association (BCBOHA) Annual Dinner
- J. Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Communities Opioid Response Planning Award

XII. 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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