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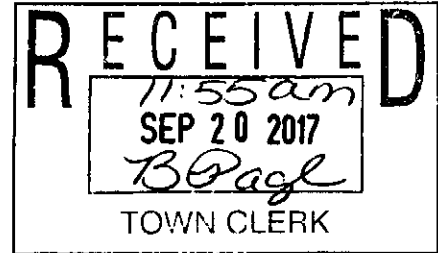
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MEETING NOTICE

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

Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the BRPC Office
1 Fenn Street, Ste. 201
Pittsfield, MA 01201



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 July 27, 2017 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' Issues (7:10-7:15)

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

**IV. Endorsement of Committee Chair and At-Large Executive Committee Member
Appointments for FY 2018 (7:15-7:20)**

V. Massachusetts Rural Policy Advisory Commission

(7:20-8:05)

The Massachusetts Rural Policy Advisory Commission was created by legislation in 2015 and held its first meeting in June 2016. Over the past year, it has analyzed a lot of data to better understand the nature of "rural" communities in Massachusetts in order to start to build a work program for the future. The data will be presented at the BRPC meeting and we encourage the Commission members to provide their thoughts and reactions to it. This will inform the Berkshire's representative to the RPAC (Executive Director Nat Karns) as he continues to work with the other RPAC members over the coming year.

VI. Community Compact

(8:00-8:25)

The Community Compact was one of the first initiatives of the Baker Administration and is entering its third year. The first round of Community Compacts has resulted in noticeable improvements in municipal practices across a range of activities. Thirty cities and towns in Berkshire County are eligible to enter into new Community Compacts this fall. Assistant Director Tom Matuszko will present information on the updated program and the status of our cities and towns. Communities are limited to two commitments for the coming year and the program provides support across a wide range of options.

VII. Land Use Planning Technical Assistance Grants

(8:25-8:35)

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has just released a solicitation for applications to its Land Use Technical Assistance Program, with applications due October 23rd. We believe this is a great opportunity for our communities to address deficiencies and desires they have to modernize their land use regulations. Information about the program can be found at: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/eea/land/fy-17-planning-assistance-rfr-iii>. We will have a brief discussion about the program and invite each delegate and alternate to come to the table with ideas their community might like to pursue.

VIII. Approval of Executive Committee Actions between July 27 and September 28, 2017

IX. Executive Director's Report

(8:40-8:45)

- A. New Staff at BRPC
- B. Passage of 40R Smart Growth Overlay District in Great Barrington
- C. BRPC Regional Issues Committee – Short Term Rental Legislation
- D. 2017 Moving Together Conference – September 28th, Boston Park Plaza Hotel
- E. BRPC Annual Meeting – Thursday, October 19th, Pittsfield Country Club
- F. Citizen Planner Training Collaborative Berkshire Workshops – Thursday, November 2nd and Thursday November 9th, BRPC
- G. Municipal ADA Grant Program
- H. DHCD Community Scale Housing Initiative
- I. Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Programs for Municipalities
- J. Congratulations to Sheffield and Washington on Division of Ecological Restoration Grants for Culvert Replacement Designs
- K. Other

X. Adjournment

(8:45)

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 pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B