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Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

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## **MEETING NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the  
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at **7:00** p.m.

This will be a **Virtual** meeting 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](http://www.berkshireplanning.org).** Click on the Calendar of Events for the meeting and available materials will be listed.

### **Agenda (Revised 3:00 pm 3/14/23)**

**(All times estimated)**

- I. Opening (7:00-7:05)**
  - A. *Call to Order*
  - B. *Roll Call*
  - C. *Approval of Minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting*
- II. Comments from the Public (7:05-7:10)**

*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 (7:10-7:15)**

*Delegates and Alternates may bring up any issue not on the agenda for discussion.*
- IV. Senator Mark Presentation (7:15-7:45)**

*Senator Mark will discuss his legislative priorities.*
- V. Executive Committee Actions (7:45-7:50)**

*Executive Committee actions taken on the Commission's behalf at its February and March 2023 meetings are presented for discussion.*
- VI. Approval of Grant Applications (7:50 - 7:55)**
  - a. *Authorization is requested for the Executive Director to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice's Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-based Program RFR. BRPC's Berkshire Overdose Addiction Prevention Collaborative (BOAPC) will use this to extend and expand the Berkshire Post Overdose Program (BPOP), a new initiative that provides EMS and Behavioral Health co-response to those who have recently experienced an overdose or are otherwise at higher risk for overdose. This \$1,300,000 three-year grant will be a collaborative*

project between BRPC, Northern Berkshire EMS, County Ambulance, Southern Berkshire Ambulance Squad, The Brien Center, Berkshire Harm Reduction, Rural Recovery Resources, and other involved community partners. There is no match required. Staff lead is Andy Ottoson, aottoson@berkshireplanning.org, ex. 37.

- b. Authorization is requested for the Executive Director to submit a grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Program. This application, for up to \$2 million would be to re-capitalize the Berkshire Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund. There is no match required. Staff Lead is Melissa Provencher, [mprovencher@berkshireplanning.org](mailto:mprovencher@berkshireplanning.org), ex 22.

**VII. Ratification of Environmental Review Committee Comments (7:55-8:10)**

*Due to the submission deadline of March 10<sup>th</sup>, the BRPC Environmental Review Committee, as authorized by the Executive Committee, submitted comments (included) on behalf of BRPC to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) program on the New England Power (NEP) Company's Expanded Environmental Notification Form related to desired efforts to upgrade existing electrical utility infrastructure and construct improved roadways by which the transmission line can be accessed in Adams, North Adams, Florida and Monroe. These comments need to be ratified.*

**VIII. Urban Area Boundary Maps (8:10-8:20)**

*GIS, Data and IT Manager Mark Maloy, the BRPC will review the Census' Urban Area maps and changes from 2010 and 2020. See, [2020 Census Urban Areas FAQs](#) for more information.*

**IX. Executive Director's Report (8:20 – 8:30)**

**X. 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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