



MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at **6:00** p.m.
(note meeting date and time change from norm)

This will be a **Virtual Meeting** as allowed by Ch. 20 of the Acts of 2021 suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20.

Information to join the meeting is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2490902351>
Meeting ID: 249 090 2351

Call in information: 312.626.6799, 646.558.8656, 301.715.8592, 346.248.7799, 669.900.9128

Meeting Material: All 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

- I. Opening (6:00-6:05)**
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Approval of Minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting
- II. Comments from the Public (6:05-6:10)**
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. Delegate and Alternate Issues (6:10-6:15)**
Delegates and Alternates may bring up any issue not on the agenda.
- IV. Executive Committee Action (6:15-6:20)**
Executive Committee actions taken on the Commission's behalf at its June 3, 2021 meeting are presented for discussion.
- V. Election of BRPC Officers for FY 2022 (6:20-6:25)**
BRPC Officers need to be elected for FY 22. The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers for FY 2022:
- Chair: John Duval, Adams Alternate
- Vice Chair: Malcolm Fick, Great Barrington Alternate
- Clerk: Sheila Irvin, Pittsfield Delegate
- Treasurer: Buck Donovan, Lee Delegate
Nominations will be taken from the floor.

VI. Endorsement of Committee Chairs and At-Large Executive Committee Member Appointment for FY 2022 (6:25-6:30)

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

- *Environmental Review Committee – Roger Bolton, Williamstown*
- *Commission Development Committee – Rene Wood, Sheffield*
- *Regional Issues Committee – CJ Hoss, Pittsfield*
- *Berkshire Brownfields Committee – Sheila Irvin, Pittsfield*
- *Berkshire Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee – Kyle Hanlon, North Adams*

The BRPC bylaws require the Commission to approve At-Large Executive Committee members as recommended by the BRPC Chair.

- *Kyle Hanlon, At-Large, North Adams*
- *Sam Haupt, At-Large, Peru (Knowledgeable about transportation issues)*

VII. Ratification of Commission Representatives to Related Groups (6:30-6:35)

The BRPC's Bylaws require the Commission to ratify the appointments of members to special or standing bodies not under that jurisdiction of BRPC. The following people need to be ratified for the identified committees.

- *Westfield River Wild and Scenic Advisory Committee – Representative: Marie Raftery (Stockbridge Non-Commission member)*
- *Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization –Alternate: Sam Haupt, Peru*

VIII. Authorization for Executive Committee to Act on Behalf of the Commission (6:35-6:40)

The BRPC bylaws require the Commission to vote annually to reconfirm the authorization of the Executive Committee to act in the name of and on behalf of the Commission. See attached memo.

IX. Recruitment to BRPC Committees (6:40 – 6:45)

The BRPC has several standing or special committees of the Commission. We will review the roles of those Committees and solicit new members to the Committees. See attached committee descriptions.

X. Kusik Award Nominations (6:45 - 6:50)

The Kusik Award recognizes projects, groups, or individuals who have made outstanding contributions to planning in Berkshire County. Please consider submitting a nomination using the attached form. A list of past award winners is included.

XI. Full Commission Meetings (6: 50 – 6:55)

Recently adopted legislation allows public bodies to continue to meet remotely until April 1, 2022, as well as in person. We seek input on meeting in person or remotely.

XII. Review of the BRPC Website (6:55 – 7:10)

Inasmuch as this first meeting of the fiscal year is largely an organizational meeting, staff will review the BRPC website, hopefully leading to a broader discussion of how BRPC can better meet the communities' needs.

XIII. Executive Director's Report

(7:10 – 7:15)

XIV. Adjournment

(7:15)

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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