

Planning Board Handbook – Helpful Online Links

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

www.berkshireplanning.org

Provides planning news relevant to Berkshire Communities, resources for local boards, information about current projects, calendar of upcoming meetings and events, and contact information

Citizen Planner Training Collaborative

www.umass.edu/masscptc

Collection of example bylaws, online training workshops, model decisions, other planning links

The General Laws of Massachusetts

www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl

Full text of all Massachusetts laws, including zoning enabling, subdivision control, and other laws relating to cities and towns

Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Municipal Law Unit

www.mass.gov/?pageID=cagosubtopic&L=3&L0=Home&L1=Government&L2=Municipal+Law+Unit&sid=Cago

Provides sample bylaws, sample forms for notices of hearings, bylaws amendment and others, frequently asked questions about hearings, and an overview of recent case law

Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association

www.massmunilaw.org/

Provides attorney general rulings on proposed local bylaw amendments, and various guidelines for local boards

American Planning Association

www.planning.org/

Organization of professional planners, lawyers, and elected officials. Provides information about recent developments in planning, offers training courses, books, sample bylaws and other resources. Offers free membership to municipal board members

Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association

www.massapa.org

Clearinghouse for planning news in Massachusetts. Contains listing of events, conferences and workshops across the state.

Massachusetts Municipal Association

www.mma.org

Information about local government in Massachusetts, updates on legislation relevant to communities, data about the state's 351 cities and towns