



MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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How can the Creative Economy and Cultural Districts further Economic Development for the Montachusett Region and our communities?

Please Join Us for a Joint Meeting of...!

MONTACHUSETT REGION COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COMMITTEE (MRCEDS), THE MONTACHUSETT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (MEDD), AND THE SMALL TOWNS

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2012

4:30 PM

at

**MART 840 NORTH MAIN STREET CONFERENCE ROOM
LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM
MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MRPC) OFFICES
1427R WATER STREET,
FITCHBURG, MA 01420**

- 4:30 -4:35 PM • Introductions and Welcome: Victor Koivumaki, Chairman, MRPC
- 4:35- 5:45 PM **GUEST SPEAKERS & DISCUSSION PERIOD**
- **Helena Fruscio, Creative Economy Industry Director, Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development;** Helena will provide an overview of the efforts of the Commonwealth to promote the creative economy Statewide, and what this might mean for the Montachusett Region.
 - **Meri Jenkins, Adams Arts Program/MA Cultural Districts Initiative, Massachusetts Cultural Council;** Meri will provide an overview of the Massachusetts Cultural District Initiative, which was initiated in 2011 after Governor Deval Patrick signed a bill into law in 2010 that allows communities to create “state sponsored cultural districts” to stimulate new arts and cultural activity and attract creative businesses.
- 5:45 – 6:00 PM • Administrative Matters
- 6:00 PM • Adjournment

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