## Notice of Public Meeting

The Planning Board will hold a meeting on July 28, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Ashby Town Hall, Land Use Room

## Agenda

ANR.

Accept minutes from July 14, 2010

Agricultural Use bylaw boundary.

Montachusett Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Consortium, do we wish to participate? See below.

Open Space Plan, ready for filing?

Need help writing Land Use Agent advert.

## Montachusett Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Consortium

MRPC is in the process of applying for a grant from United States Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities to develop a regional plan for sustainable development for the Montachusett Region. The federal government is setting aside a total of \$100 million for this grant program and as a mid-sized region we have the opportunity to apply for grant funds from \$200,000 to \$2 million. The amount will depend on the work that needs to be accomplished for the plan and the in-kind matches obtained. MRPC as the lead applicant needs to build a consortium made up of the region's traditional principal city or cities (Fitchburg and Leominster) and other municipalities that totals over 50% of the region's population (approx. 228,000) as well as nonprofit organizations that will engage a diverse representation of the general population.

MRPC is hoping that a representative from Ashby will participate as a consortium member. MRPC requests a letter of commitment from the Town of Ashby to send a member of the Montachusett Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Consortium. As a member of the consortium, a representative from the Town of Ashby is committing to attending consortium meetings. MRPC will be responsible for the writing and administration of this grant and plan.