

WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

MEETING NOTICE

The **Finance & Budgeting Committee** of the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts** (established as Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership)* will meet on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 2:00-3:30p.m.

This will be a **Hybrid Meeting** as allowed by “An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations,” signed into law by Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker on July 16, 2022 and recently extended by Governor Healey on March 29, 2023. The extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum physically present at a meeting location, and to provide “adequate, alternative” access to remote meetings. The extension runs through March 31, 2025.

This is a hybrid meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

In-person: Windsor Town Offices, 1890 MA-9, Windsor, MA

Virtually: please RSVP to Kate Conlin to request a Zoom link: kconlin@newenglandforestry.org

Agenda

1. Call to order, welcome, and introductions
2. Agent update: overview of the current status of the Agent contract budget and active grants
3. Keith Ross – overview of draft budget he and Whit Sanford prepared of forward-looking needs and priorities
4. Discussion of Committee goals and expectations
5. Approval of (draft) minutes from July 15, 2021
6. Scheduling next meeting(s)
7. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
8. Public comment
9. Adjourn

Finance & Budgeting Committee members: Joe Nowak – Adams (chair); Chris Cozzaglio – Berkshire Regional Planning Commission; Robert O’Connor – Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs; Keith Ross – Society of American Foresters, Massachusetts Chapter

*On Oct. 11, 2022, the Board of the public body created in 2018 voted unanimously to change its name from the “Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership” in its bylaws to Doing Business As the “Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts” and requested the state legislature and USDA Forest Service to officially establish and recognize the new name.