

WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

MEETING NOTICE

The **Executive Committee** of the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts**
(established as Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership)*
will meet on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

This will be a **Virtual 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.

Members of the public are welcome. Please RSVP to Kate Conlin to request a Zoom link to attend by emailing: kconlin@newenglandforestry.org

Agenda

1. Call to order, welcome, and Land Acknowledgement
2. Guest Speaker: State Auditor Diana DiZoglio – PILOT audit and reform, joined by members of the Woodlands Partnership Municipal Financial Sustainability Committee
3. Approval of minutes from July 24, 2023 and September 12, 2023 Executive Committee meetings
4. Vacant Regional Representative seat on Executive Committee – review Board member poll, discuss logistics re: potential term change, voting process, & recommend Board action
5. Approval of new Committee slate to recommend for full Board vote at Nov. 15 meeting
6. Agent update: (a) website redesign, review logos (b) latest bylaws (c) business from last meeting: Stockbridge-Munsee outreach letter, language for meeting participation, Hancock/towns beyond designated region joining (d) review Nov. 15 Board agenda plan e) schedule next meeting(s)
7. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
8. Public comment
9. Adjourn

Executive Committee members: Dicken Crane – Windsor (Board Chair); Art Schwenger – Heath (Board Vice Chair); Alain Peteroy – Franklin Land Trust (Clerk); Jeffrey Thomas – Lever, Inc. (Treasurer); Robert O’Connor – MA EOEEA; Constance Carpenter (USFS ex-officio)

*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.