

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 Monday, July 24, 2023 at 12:30 – 2:00 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. Approval of minutes from April 25, 2023, Executive Committee meeting
3. Filling vacant Regional Representative seat on the Executive Committee
4. Standing Committees restructuring – Memo & interest form sent to Board members due Aug. 1
5. Stockbridge-Munsee outreach and communication
6. Legislative name change update
7. Agent update: EEA grant application, Auditor’s PILOT meeting, filling town vacancies, Hancock potential interest in joining, scheduling next meeting(s)
8. Plan for November Full Board Meeting – potential focus on rural municipalities
9. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
10. Public comment
11. 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.