

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 in 2018 state law)**
Will meet on **Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 3 – 4:30 p.m. via Zoom**

This will be a **Virtual Meeting** as allowed by law signed on March 29, 2023, by Governor Healey, extending until March 31, 2025 for public bodies in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to hold public meetings remotely or in a hybrid fashion.

Members of the public are welcome. Please RSVP to Lisa Hayden to request a Zoom link to attend by emailing:
lhayden@newenglandforestry.org

Agenda

1. Call to order, welcome, and Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of minutes from March 23, 2023, Executive Committee meeting
3. Introduction of Guest: Rhonda Anderson from Ohketeau Cultural Center in Ashfield and Committee discussion of proposal to include Indigenous Peoples representation on the Woodlands Partnership Board
4. Determine agenda and potential guest speakers for annual meeting; update on date based on Board member scheduling poll (6-8 pm May 31, June 6, 13 or 20)
5. Status of Board Officers and Committee Chairs recruitment
6. Review and approval of any bylaws changes needed for the annual meeting
7. Next steps regarding draft name change legislative language
8. Update on municipalities considering joining Partnership
9. Report on Earth Day tree planting & identification of at least 2 more riparian sites for USFS grant
10. Agent report & updates
11. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
12. Public comment
13. Adjournment

Executive Committee members: Henry Art – Williamstown (Board Chair); Rick Chandler – Ashfield (Board Vice Chair); Alain Peteroy – Franklin Land Trust (Clerk); Keith Ross – MA Society of American Foresters (Treasurer); Robert O'Connor – MAEOEEA; Kate Lindroos Conlin – MA Forest Alliance; Connie Carpenter (USFS acting 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" to operate the "Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts" and requested the state legislature and USDA Forest Service to officially establish and recognize the new name.