

WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

MEETING NOTICE

The **Forest Conservation Committee**
of the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts**
(established as Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership)*
will meet on February 20, 2024, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

This is a **virtual** meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend.
Please RSVP to Kate Conlin to request a Zoom link: kconlin@newenglandforestry.org

Agenda

1. Call to order, welcome, and introductions
2. Review & approval of February 11, 2022 minutes
3. Discussion of Committee goals and priorities – focusing on Ten-Year Plan for guidance
4. Forest Legacy Program updates and discussion
5. Discussion of Deerfield River Watershed Wild & Scenic Designation pursual and possible intersection with the Woodlands Partnership’s pursual of a Natural Heritage Area Designation
6. Agent update: Expected state funds for land conservation through Forests as Climate Solutions and Resilient Lands Initiative, potential to support Woodlands Partnership related land conservation efforts
7. Items not anticipated within 48 hours
8. Schedule next meeting
9. Public Comment
10. Adjourn

Forest Conservation Committee members: Alain Peteroy – *Franklin Land Trust (chair)*; Elyane Murphy – *Hoosic River Watershed Association (notetaker)*; Doug Brown – *Berkshire Natural Resources Council*; Deb Donaldson – *Conway*; Larry Flaccus – *Shelburne*; Sheila Kelliher – *Deerfield River Watershed Association*; Keith Nislow – *U.S. Forest Service Liaison, Northern Research Station at UMass Amherst*

*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 operating as the “Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts” and requested the state legislature and USDA Forest Service to officially establish and recognize the new name.