

**Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership
Education, Outreach, and Research Committee Minutes
Monday, September 20, 2021**

Committee Present: Beth Girshman (chair), Kate Conlin, Hannah Poplawski, Joe Nowak

Guests: Hank Art, Board Chair, Lisa Hayden, Admin. Agent; Whit Sanford, Robert O'Connor

1. 5:03 p.m. Call to order
2. **Approval of minutes from Education, Outreach, and Research Committee on July 12, 2021**
 - A motion to approve the minutes by Kate Conlin, seconded Joe Nowak, passed with one abstention (Hannah).
3. **Discussion of Oaks Webinar event to take place in December:**
 - Need to contact Stockbridge-Munsee foresters - Incorporating traditional values and knowledge into modern forestry (possible topic);
 - Robert will contact CT oak resiliency program
 - Next year have an event about indigenous relationship to managing the land - Hank suggests Robin Wall Kimmerer, who wrote Braiding Sweetgrass
 - Kate will talk to Alain Peteroy about FLT creating a Facebook event, and volunteer who had created Facebook page
 - Lisa will check with Desiree Narango, UMass researcher as speaker
 - 10-12 is the preferred time for the event
 - Stipend for speakers - \$150-200?
4. **Mission and Partnership Plan:**
 - Whit Sanford sent out draft of updates to the Partnership Plan
 - Standing Summary Sheet (mission) sent out – A small group may meet to discuss (Committee quorum is a simple majority)
 - Perhaps certain sections of the Partnership Plan (such as PILOT or public outreach) could be put into an appendix
5. **Public Listening Sessions:**
 - New Partnership Plan may be done in December, post listening sessions before
 - Do a survey as well?
6. **Website:**
 - Executive Committee will discuss process for hiring a website designer

- Lisa and Kate will discuss ways to improve website

7. Grants:

- Co-sponsoring future walks focused on towns' new climate plans, tree planting, etc.
- It was noted that EOEEA grants included 10 town grants and 2 to regional organizations; the annual applications are usually posted in March with a late May deadline.

8. Adjournment:

- Joe motioned to adjourn; Kate seconded. All in favor.

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