

# WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

## Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

### MEETING NOTICE

The **Municipal Financial Sustainability Committee**  
of the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts**  
(established as Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership)\*  
will meet on February 13, 2024, 3:00-4:00 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](mailto:kconlin@newenglandforestry.org)

### Agenda

1. Call to order, welcome, and introductions
2. Discussion with State Senator Paul Mark about legislative efforts to achieve PILOT (Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes) reform & WP name change & related issues
3. Follow-up on Office of the State Auditor presentation on PILOT reform – review of content from Oct 12, 2023 meeting minutes and next steps
4. Discussion of other pathways for PILOT reform – Resilient Lands Initiative, 2025/2030 Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan, Forests as Climate Solutions
5. Review & approval of September 13, 2021 minutes
6. Discussion of Committee goals and priorities – focusing on Ten-Year Plan for guidance
7. Items not anticipated within 48 hours
8. Schedule next meeting
9. Public Comment
10. Adjourn

**Municipal Financial Sustainability Committee members:** Sam Haupt—*Peru (chair)*; Ron Bosley—*Florida*; Alice Houghtaling—*Monroe*; Liz Kidder—*Leyden*; Mark Phelps—*New Ashford*; Art Schwenger—*Heath*

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\*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.