

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 Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

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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 July 24, 2023 Executive Committee meeting
3. Regional Organization vacancy on Exec. Committee – discuss if this should be a rotating seat?
4. Consider adding Policy focus to Finance & Budgeting Committee – Agent update on Committees formation status and filling town vacancies
5. Discussion of opening Board membership to additional towns – interest from Hancock
6. Agent update: Legislative Meeting with Sen. Mark and Rep. Blais, grant updates (CDS, USFS, "Virtual Forest Center" naming) website redesign, latest bylaws, Stockbridge-Munsee, scheduling next meeting(s)
7. Nov. full Board meeting – guest speaker Anne Gobi confirmed
8. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
9. Public comment
10. 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.