

Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Board 2022

A Natural Resource Based Economic Development and Forest Conservation Project

Meeting: Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Board

Date Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Location: Franklin Land Trust, Shelburne Falls / Virtual option
Members of public are welcome!
RSVP by emailing sargetsinger@newenglandforestry.org to request a Zoom link & dial-in option.

Facilitator(s) H. Art, Chair MTWP Board
Lisa Hayden, Admin. Agent, New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF)

Time 6:00-8:00 p.m.




Room: Conference Room

ATTENDEES: Mohawk Trails Woodlands Partnership (MTWP) Board Members and Public

GUEST PRESENTER(S):

REGRETS:

PROJECT STAFF: L. Hayden – NEFF, B. O'Connor – EOEEA, K. Nislow – USFS Liaison, S. Argetsinger – NEFF

Agenda items	Estimated Time	Key Person(s)
1. Roll Call and Land Acknowledgement; Introduction of new Board members	6:00 p.m.	H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board
2. Review and Approval of June 7, 2022 MTWP Board Minutes 	6:10 p.m.	A. Peteroy, Clerk - MTWP Board
3. Discussion of final draft of Partnership Plan; Board vote to approve final draft 	6:15-6:35 p.m.	L. Hayden, NEFF/ Agent
4. Discussion of MTWP name change; Board vote to approve name change 	6:35-6:55 p.m.	H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board
<p>Motion:</p> <p>"The Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership", a public body established by Massachusetts House Bill No. 4835 filed on 26 July 2018 and signed into law on 31 October 2018, will conduct its work known as "The Woodlands Partnership of Western Massachusetts," and change its bylaws to reflect said change in name.</p> <p>We furthermore request that the legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the U.S Department of Agriculture - U.S. Forest Service officially establish and recognize the name of the public body formerly known as "The Mohawk</p>		

Trail Woodlands Partnership" as being henceforth "The Woodlands Partnership of Western Massachusetts."

5. Discussion of bylaws change to allow for Board alternates; Board vote to approved bylaws change  6:55- 7:05 p.m. **H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board**

6. Brief updates from Committee Chairs (5 min. each) 7:05- 7:30 p.m.

a. Natural Resource Based Economic Development (J. Thomas)

i. Lever Challenge update

b. Education, Outreach, Research (K. Conlin)

i. Upcoming programs

ii. Web site & Virtual Forest Center

c. Finance & Budgeting (K. Ross)

i. Focusing support roles

d. Forest Land Conservation (A. Peteroy)

i. Forest Legacy update

e. Municipal Financial Sustainability

i. Recruit new chair

7. Funding updates: active and upcoming grants; discussions with legislators re: Partnership funding 7:30- 7:45 p.m. **L. Hayden, NEFF/ Agent; H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board**

8. 2023 Partnership leadership role elections 7:45- 7:50 p.m. **H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board**

8. Public Comment 7:50 – 8:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment 8:00 p.m.

 Action Required

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