

MOHAWK TRAIL WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP
Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of the
Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership
on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 4 p.m.

This will be a **Virtual Meeting** as allowed by “An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency,” signed into law by Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker on June 16, 2021 extending until April 1, 2022 remote meeting provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20.

Members of the public are welcome. Please RSVP to Lisa Hayden to request a Zoom link to attend by emailing: lhayden@newenglandforestry.org

Agenda

1. Approve Minutes of Oct. 13 and Oct. 21, 2021 Ex. Committee meetings
2. Welcome to legislative guest State Sen. Joanne Comerford (Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester District) – Discussion of current MTWP issues of interest including:
 - a. Payment in Lieu of Taxes formula
 - b. Commonwealth Shared Stewardship Agreement with USDA Forest Service
 - c. “SECTION 92. 89. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Fund, hereafter referred to as the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Fund. The fund shall be administered by the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Board as established pursuant to section 94. There shall be credited into the fund revenues or other financing sources directed to the fund by appropriation, bond revenues or other monies authorized by the general court...”
 - d. Planning for a MTWP Forest Center
 - e. MTWP goals for tourism, forest conservation & resilience, natural resource-based economic development
3. Update on Williams College student project for Forest Center
4. Schedule next Executive Committee meeting(s)
5. Other Items not anticipated 48 hours in advance
6. Public comment
7. Adjournment

Committee members: Board Chair Henry Art, Joe Nowak, Robert O'Connor, Whit Sanford, Mark Buccowich (ex-officio)