

# 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!  
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**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 – EOEAA, K. Nislow – USFS Liaison, S. Argetsinger – NEFF

Agenda items	Estimated Time	Key Person(s)
<b>1. Roll Call and Land Acknowledgement; Introduction of new Board members</b>	6:00 p.m.	<b>H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board</b>
<b>2. Public Comment (2 minutes each)</b>	6:10 p.m.	
<b>3. Discussion of MTWP name change; Board vote to approve name change </b> <i>Motion:</i> "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.  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 Trail Woodlands Partnership" as being henceforth "The Woodlands Partnership of Western Massachusetts."	6:25- 6:35 p.m.	<b>H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board</b>
<b>4. Discussion of final draft of Partnership Plan; Board vote to approve 10-year plan—with annual review </b> Draft Plan posted for comment: <a href="http://www.mohawktrailwoodlandpartnership.org/partnership-plan.html">http://www.mohawktrailwoodlandpartnership.org/partnership-plan.html</a>	6:35- 7:00 p.m.	<b>L. Hayden, NEFF/ Agent</b>

<b>5. Discussion of bylaws change to allow for Board alternates; Board vote to approved bylaws change <sup>^</sup></b>	7:00- 7:10 p.m.	<b>H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board</b>
<b>6. Brief updates from Committee Chairs (5 min. each)</b>  <b>a. Natural Resource Based Economic Development</b> <b>i. Challenge update</b> <b>b. Education, Outreach, Research</b> <b>i. Upcoming programs</b> <b>ii. Web site &amp; Virtual Forest Center</b> <b>c. Finance &amp; Budgeting</b> <b>i. Focusing support roles</b> <b>d. Forest Land Conservation</b> <b>i. Forest Legacy update</b> <b>e. Municipal Financial Sustainability</b> <b>i. Recruit new chair</b>	7:10- 7:35 p.m.	<b>J. Thomas</b>  <b>K. Conlin</b>  <b>K. Ross</b>  <b>A. Peteroy</b>
<b>7. Funding updates: active and upcoming grants; discussions with legislators re: Partnership funding</b>	7:35- 7:45 p.m.	<b>L. Hayden, NEFF/ Agent; H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board</b>
<b>8. 2023 Partnership leadership role elections</b>	7:45- 7:55 p.m.	<b>H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board</b>
<b>9. Review and Approval of June 7, 2022 MTWP Board Minutes <sup>^</sup></b>	7:55 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>A. Peteroy, Clerk - MTWP Board</b>
<b>10. Adjournment</b>	8:00 p.m.	
<b><sup>^</sup>- Action Required</b>		
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