

WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

MEETING NOTICE

The **Finance & Budgeting Committee** of the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts** (established as Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership)* will meet on Friday, January 12, 2024 at 4:00-5:30 p.m.

This is a **hybrid** meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

In-person: Windsor Town Offices, 1890 MA-9, Windsor, MA

Virtually: please RSVP to Kate Conlin to request a Zoom link: kconlin@newenglandforestry.org

Agenda

1. Call to order and welcome
2. Approval of minutes from November 3, 2023 and July 15, 2021 (*review of legal advice from the MA Assistant Attorney General regarding approval of past minutes*)
3. Update on the Natural Heritage Area endorsement by the Executive Committee and next steps (Agent staff & Committee discussion)
4. Discussion of proposed March joint Executive Committee/Committee Chairs meeting and long-term capital expenditure budget drafting or other desired outcomes
5. Agent updates: Federal Funds and Infrastructure Office (FFIO); EPA Climate Justice Grant; Friends of Conte; Environmental Bond Bill; outreach one-pager; February full board meeting
6. Continuation of Circuit Rider conversation or other ideas for next year's WP Implementation Grant through EOEEA (usually proposals due spring or early summer)
7. Scheduling next meeting(s)
8. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
9. Public comment
10. Adjourn

Finance & Budgeting Committee members: Joe Nowak – Adams (chair); Dicken Crane – Windsor (board chair); Chris Cozzaglio – Berkshire Regional Planning Commission; Robert O'Connor – Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs; Keith Ross – Society of American Foresters, Massachusetts Chapter

*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.