WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

MEETING NOTICE

The Forest Conservation Committee of the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts (established as Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership)* will meet on June 11, 2024, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

This is a **virtual** meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Kate Conlin to request a Zoom link: <u>kconlin@newenglandforestry.org</u>

Agenda

- 1. Call to order and welcome
- 2. Review & approval of February 20, 2024 minutes
- 3. Presentation of Woodlands Partnership website and discussion of how land conservation should be featured on the site
- 4. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) discussion of interest in/feasibility of program to promote conservation <u>easements</u>
- 5. Agent update: June 26 Board Meeting at the Rowe Center; Natural Heritage Area Designation and potential involvement of regional planning agencies, federal legislative outreach; Discussion of committee organization and opportunities for cross pollination
- 6. Items not anticipated within 48 hours
- 7. Schedule next meeting
- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Adjourn

Forest Conservation Committee members: Alain Peteroy – *Franklin Land Trust (chair)*; Elyane Murphy – *Hoosic River Watershed Association (notetaker)*; Doug Brown – *Berkshire Natural Resources Council*; Deb Donaldson – *Conway*; Larry Flaccus – *Shelburne*; Sheila Kelliher – *Deerfield River Watershed Association*; Keith Nislow – *U.S. Forest Service Liaison, Northern Research Station at UMass Amherst*

*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.