

WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

A Mission of Natural Resource Based Economic Development, Forest Conservation,
& Municipal Financial Sustainability

MEETING NOTICE

The **Executive Committee**
of the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts**
(*established as Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership*)*
will meet on Thursday August 1, 2024 at 12:00-1:30 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 at any time: kconlin@newenglandforestry.org.

Agenda

1. Call to order and welcome
2. Approval of December 11, 2023 minutes
3. Executive Committee Treasurer vacancy; vacant UMass Board seat (faculty member specializing in ecosystem functions, carbon cycling in terrestrial systems and climate change as it relates to forests)
4. National Heritage Area designation update and discussion
5. Hancock follow-up still needed, discussion as this relates to Heritage Area pursual
6. Agent update: Sen. Markey meeting regarding federal designation; IRA USFS underserved landowner/emerging markets grant application; pending grant submissions; allocation of DEIJ funds and reallocation of space needs study funds; woodlandspartnership.org; upcoming events
7. Ten-Year Plan yearly edits – suggestions for additions or changes are welcome – how well do the Goals listed on the site match up with our recent and envisioned direction?
8. Scheduling next Committee meeting(s)
9. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
10. Public comment
11. Adjourn

Executive Committee members: Dicken Crane – Windsor (Board Chair); Art Schwenger – Heath (Board Vice Chair); Alain Peteroy – Franklin Land Trust (Clerk); *vacant* (Treasurer); Rhonda Anderson – Ohketeau Cultural Center; Russ Richardson – Massachusetts Forest Alliance; Robert O'Connor – MA EOEEA; Constance Carpenter (USFS ex-officio)

*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 Doing Business As the "Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts" and requested the state legislature and USDA Forest Service to officially establish and recognize the new name.