

# WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

## Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

### MEETING NOTICE

The **Natural-Resource Based Economic Development Committee**  
of the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts**  
(established as Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership)\*  
will meet on August 26, 2024, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

This is a **virtual** meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend.  
Please RSVP at any time to Kate Conlin to request a Zoom link: [kconlin@newenglandforestry.org](mailto:kconlin@newenglandforestry.org)

### Agenda

1. Call to order and welcome
2. Review & approval of April 12, 2024 minutes
3. Discussion of committee Chair vacancy
4. Equity in Conservation USDA grant update (John Waite)
5. Agent update – USFS IRA grant submission; upcoming events, Heritage Area RPA and Collins Center involvement
6. Items not anticipated within 48 hours
7. Schedule next meeting
8. Public Comment
9. Adjourn

**Natural-Resource Based Economic Development Committee members:** Chris Skelly—*Buckland (notetaker)*; Jay Healy—*Charlemont*; John Waite—*Franklin County Community Development Corporation*; Andrew Fitch—*Lever, Inc.*; Russ Richardson —*Massachusetts Forest Alliance*

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\*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.