## WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

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

## **MEETING NOTICE**

The Education, Outreach, & Research Committee of the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts (established as Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership)\* will meet on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 4:00-5:00 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 at any time: kconlin@newenglandforestry.org.

## **Agenda**

- 1. Call to order and welcome
- 2. Approval of April 2, 2024 minutes (July 16, 2024 meeting did not reach quorum)
- 3. Upcoming events: September 21, 10 a.m. <u>Savoy woods walk</u>; October 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Ethan Tapper's <u>How to Love a Forest</u> at Raven Used Books in Shelburne Falls
- 4. Committee Charter / review of Ten-Year Plan for both direction and suggested updates
- 5. Spreadsheet/calendar of annual plan for events
- 6. Status of newsletter sign-ups and plan to develop newsletter
- 7. Equipment proposal for recording low-budget videos (example) and professional videography pursual
- 8. Agent update: Submitted IRA USFS underserved landowner grant application; Catalyst Fund grant awarded, Collins Center municipal study update; North Adams Q&A on September 12
- 9. Scheduling next Committee meeting(s)
- 10. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
- 11. Public comment
- 12. Adjourn

**Education, Outreach, & Research Committee members:** Marybeth Chichester — Franklin Regional Council of Governments (chair); Hannah Poplawski — Rowe (notetaker); Hank Art — Williamstown; Greg Cox — Hawley; Alice Houghtaling — Monroe; Rick Peltier — UMass Amherst, Public Health & Health Sciences Faculty; Rhonda Anderson — Ohketeau Cultural Center

<sup>\*</sup>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.