

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 Tuesday September 24, 2024 at 4:00-5:30 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 (August 1, 2024 meeting postponed due to quorum)
3. Establishment of a public comment protocol (see DCR Stewardship Council for an example) and consideration of hosting listening sessions
4. How do we address misconceptions and inaccuracies in anti-forestry petitions as they pertain to the Partnership?
5. 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)
6. National Heritage Area designation—FRCOG and BRPC proposal
7. Committee-proposed work: Farmers' market pilot program with Woodcraft Collaborative (NRBED); videography and content creation (EOR)
8. Agent update: Sen. Markey meeting regarding federal designation; IRA USFS underserved landowner/emerging markets grant application; Catalyst Fund awarded; Collins Center municipal services study (EEA grant); Notch Reservoir; upcoming and recent events; venue search for November Board meeting; how to address update to Ten-Year Plan
9. Scheduling next Committee meeting(s)
10. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
11. Public comment
12. 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.