

Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts*

Board Meeting – December 2, 2024 (hybrid)

Mission: Natural Resource-Based Economic Development, Forest Conservation, & Municipal Sustainability

Date: December 2, 2024 **Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (5:15 p.m. dinner) **Location:** Heath Community Hall, 1 E Main St, Heath, MA
Members of the public are welcome in person or online. Email kconlin@newenglandforestry.org for the link at any time.

Attendees: Woodlands Partnership (WP) Board Members and Public

Project Staff: L. Hayden – Administrative Agent/NEFF; K. Conlin – Coord./NEFF

Guest(s): Stephen Foley, Collins Center project staff

Agenda Items	Estimated Time	Key Person(s)
1. Call to order and welcome	6:00 p.m.	D. Crane – Board Chair
2. Roll Call Attendance of Board & Guests	6:05 p.m.	K. Conlin – NEFF/Coord.
3. Review and approval of June 26, 2024 Board Minutes [^]	6:10 p.m.	A. Peteroy – Board Clerk
4. Board vote on vacant Treasurer position on Executive Committee [^]	6:15 p.m.	D. Crane – Board Chair
5. Municipal public safety study update, request for Board input regarding stakeholders, venues, and general outreach strategy	6:20 p.m.	S. Haupt – Peru L. Kidder – Leyden S. Foley – Collins Center
6. Update on National Heritage Area feasibility study	6:40 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent
7. Heritage Area Board and guest discussion regarding nationally significant characteristics and history of the region	6:45 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent K. Conlin – NEFF/Coord.
8. Agent Update: Catalyst Grant fundraising consultant; IRA landowner outreach grant pending; RCP conference recap; Regional Wood Bank Initiative; Board-led regional video project; Indigenous-led book club and future programming; NRBED Committee Chair vacancy	7:30 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent K. Conlin – NEFF/Coord.
9. Board Chair Update: Video series of Woodlands Partnership Region with Ethan Tapper; recent events (Savoy woods walk, Ethan Tapper reading)	7:40 p.m.	D. Crane – Board Chair Agent staff
10. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours	7:50 p.m.	D. Crane – Board Chair L. Hayden – NEFF/ Agent
11. Public Comment	7:55 p.m.	
12. Adjournment	8:00 p.m.	D. Crane – Board Chair

[^]- Action Required

Please contact the facilitator (978-952-6856 x131) with any requests for accessibility.

*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. As of March 26, 2024, the USFS has recognized the new name.