

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 Wednesday, December 18, 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 September 17, 2024 minutes
3. Review of September 21st [Savoy woods walk](#); October 11th Ethan Tapper's [How to Love a Forest](#) at Raven Used Books in Shelburne Falls; [Becoming Kin book club series](#) with Rhonda Anderson. Promotion/event planning of Brian Donahue's [Slow Wood](#).
4. [Spreadsheet/calendar](#) of annual plan for events – updates and discussion of future directions for EOR
5. Ethan Tapper video series; status of equipment proposal for recording low-budget videos ([example](#)) and professional videography pursuit
6. Committee Charter / review of [Ten-Year Plan](#) for both direction and suggested updates
7. Status of newsletter sign-ups and plan to develop newsletter
8. Agent update: Catalyst Fund fundraising strategy consultant search; Heritage Area outreach events; Collins Center public safety study outreach and listening sessions; Revvit EV charging stations
9. Scheduling next Committee meetings January through March, 2025
10. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
11. Public comment
12. Adjourn

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

*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. The Forest Service has since recognized the new name.