

# Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts\*

## Board Meeting – February 26, 2025 (remote)

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

**Date:** February 26, 2025 **Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Location:** Virtual, by Zoom

*Members of the public are welcome. Email [kconlin@newenglandforestry.org](mailto: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):** Stephanie Schilling – Fundraising Strategy Consultant; State Auditor’s Office and Division of Local Mandates

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 (introducing new) & Guests	6:05 p.m.	K. Conlin – NEFF/Coord.
3. Review and approval of December 2, 2024 Board Minutes <sup>^</sup>	6:10 p.m.	A. Peteroy – Board Clerk
4. <a href="#">Successful passage of name change legislation</a> —ongoing legislative outreach efforts regarding funding	6:15 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent D. Crane – Board Chair
5. Priority setting with Stephanie Schilling, newly hired Fundraising Strategy Consultant, to chart the course of the next 3 years and beyond	6:20 p.m.	S. Schilling Board Agent staff
6. Municipal public safety study update ( <a href="#">surveys and upcoming events</a> )	6:50 p.m.	S. Haupt – Peru L. Kidder – Leyden Agent staff
7. <a href="#">Pursuing Equitable State-Owned Land Reimbursements for Municipalities</a> : Vote to “support the promotion of the recently released report on PILOT reform.” <sup>^</sup>	7:00 p.m.	State Auditor’s Office/DLM D. Crane – Board Chair L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent K. Conlin – NEFF/Coord.
8. Agent Update: <a href="#">Deerfield Wild &amp; Scenic and potential joint efforts; Community Resilience Grant through Climate Smart Communities Initiative</a> ; Heritage Area feasibility study; consolidated Agent budget	7:30 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent K. Conlin – NEFF/Coord.
9. Board Chair Update: NRBED Committee Chair vacancy; <a href="#">North Adams Notch Reservoir</a> ; <a href="#">Legislative Breakfast</a> in Dalton March 7, 2025; <a href="#">DCR Pittsfield Complex RMP</a>	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

**<sup>^</sup>- Action Required**

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