WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

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

MEETING NOTICE

The Finance & Budgeting Committee of the Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts will meet on Thursday February 6, 2025 at 3:30-5:00 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: kconlin@newenglandforestry.org

Agenda

- 1. Call to order and welcome
- 2. Approval of minutes from July 18, 2024
- 3. Consolidated Agent contract and grants budget
- 4. Successful passage of name change legislation—ongoing legislative efforts needed to address funding
- 5. Community Resilience Grant through Climate Smart Communities Initiative
- 6. Federal Congressionally Directed Spending—priorities for future requests
- 7. Agent updates: Fundraising consultant position; Deerfield Wild & Scenic and potential joint efforts; Collins Center study (surveys and upcoming events) on emergency services; Heritage Area feasibility study
- 8. Scheduling next meeting(s)
- 9. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
- 10. Public comment
- 11. Adjourn

Finance & Budgeting Committee members: Joe Nowak – Adams (chair); Dicken Crane – Windsor (board chair); Chris Cozzaglio – Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (board treasurer); Robert O'Connor – Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs; Keith Ross – Society of American Foresters, Massachusetts Chapter