

WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

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

MEETING NOTICE

The **Municipal Financial Sustainability Committee**
of the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts**
will meet on Thursday, November 13, 2025, from 3-4:15 p.m. via Zoom

This is a **virtual** meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Please email Lisa Hayden to request a Zoom link at any time: lhayden@newenglandforestry.org

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Review & approval of July 22, 2025, minutes
3. Chair's report on Oct. 7 MA Joint Committee on Revenue hearing
4. Review proposed bills, major points, and draft testimony to submit on list of PILOT bills;
Rep. Blais bill: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H3032>;
State Auditor DiZoglio study: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/pursuing-equitable-state-owned-land-reimbursements-for-municipalities/download>;
5. Discuss potential to reach out to other rural regions
[Greg Cox recommendations](#)
6. Consideration of other municipal issues for Heritage Area feasibility study underway, or Partnership 10-Year Plan update
7. Schedule next Committee meeting
8. Items not anticipated within 48 hours
9. Public Comment
10. Adjourn

Municipal Financial Sustainability Committee members: Sam Haupt—*Peru (chair)*; Liz Kidder—*Leyden*; Mark Phelps—*New Ashford*; Art Schwenger—*Heath*
