

## **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts**

### **Board Meeting – Monday, June 15, 2026, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (in person at the “Swing Space at Mass MoCA in North Adams)**

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

Note – pizza, salad, drinks and dessert will be available at 2:30

1. Call to Order – Board Chair Dicken Crane
2. Roll call of Board members – Bob O’Connor
3. Introduction of guests – Bob O’Connor
4. Review & approval of minutes (March 24 and other meetings) – Alain Peteroy, Board Clerk
5. Introduction of new WP Program Director by Dicken Crane
6. Update on MA Energy and Environmental Affairs Programs related to the Woodland Partnership – Lisa Primiano, Director, Division of Conservation Services
7. Officer Elections – for another term: Dicken Crane, Chair, Art Schwenger, Vice Chair, Alain Peteroy, Clerk. For Treasurer we may have an open seat if a Board member is interested, let Bob O’Connor know
6. Committee updates (anything new and future plans from Chair or members of the six committees: Executive Committee, Municipal Financial Sustainability, Education and Outreach, Forest Conservation, Natural Resource Based Economic Development, Finance and Budgeting
7. Board discussion of National Heritage Area draft Assessment and Study
  - a. Summary of comments received before the meeting – Bob O’Connor
  - b. Open discussion - general comments - what you like; what you would like to see improved
  - c. Board discussion of the public outreach phase after incorporating Board comments– what type of meetings (zoom and/or in-person), where (at Select Boards?) and how many and who would be a good facilitator
8. Guest Speaker: Elise Leduc-Fleming, Williams College Hopkins Memorial Forest Manager (and Williamstown WP Board member)
9. Update on the Woodcraft Collaborative project – Avril Levesque, Lever, Inc.
10. Updates from the WP Agent:- updates on various projects: (hiring of an attorney to help create a WP non-profit branch, on-going grants: tree planting, stewardship, “voices of the forest”, climate forest practices etc.
11. Any item not anticipated in 48 hours
12. Public comment
13. Adjourn