

Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts*

Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 24, 2025 - Hybrid

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

Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 **Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Location:** Greylock Glen Outdoor Center, 135 Gould Rd., Adams, MA
 Light dinner 5 p.m. (RSVP for meal by June 17); *Members of the public are welcome.* With Zoom remote option:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83121236201?pwd=yJaNIasnFdhD6W3tkLCLcTWO4YnBis.1> Meeting ID: 831 2123 6201; Passcode: 556893

Attendees: Woodlands Partnership (WP) Board Members and Public; Email lhayden@newenglandforestry.org for link.

Project Staff: L. Hayden – Administrative Agent/New England Forestry Foundation; **Guest(s):** Stephanie Schilling – Fundraising Strategy Consultant; Collins Center Emergency Services Study Consultants: Stephanie Lessing, Stephen Foley, Shawn Fenn; Franklin Regional Planning Commission; Berkshire Regional Planning Commission; Andi Colnes, NEFF Dep. Dir.

Agenda Items	Estimated Time	Key Person(s)
1. Call to order and welcome to Greylock Glen Outdoor Center	6:00 p.m.	D. Crane – Board Chair
2. Roll Call Attendance of Board (introducing new members) & Guests	6:05 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent
3. Review and approval of February 26, 2025 Board Minutes [^]	6:15 p.m.	A. Peteroy – Board Clerk
4. Reading of Latest Draft Version of Land Acknowledgement from Building Relationships with Indigenous Peoples Working Group	6:20 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent S. Keliher, D. Donaldson D. Crane – Board Chair
5. Agent Update: Contract extension & updates; state & federal funding	6:25 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent
6. Presentation of draft 3-year Fundraising Plan & grant prospect opportunities by Fundraising Strategy Consultant; Board feedback & discussion; Exploring financial structure options	6:30 p.m.	S. Schilling – consultant Board & Agent
7. Grant-funded municipal public safety & regional emergency services survey & report presentation by Collins Center team – Board discussion: option to authorize Ex. Com. to determine how the study can help improve services, address PILOT formula reform proposals [^]	7:00 p.m.	S. Lessing, S. Foley, S. Fenn - Collins Center; S. Haupt – Peru, L. Kidder – Leyden
8. Mapping presentation, update & feedback on Heritage Area study components; Indigenous-focused asset inventory interviews underway; potential collaboration with Deerfield Wild & Scenic River Initiative	7:30 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent Regional Planning Agencies
9. Board Chair Update: Canopy & DCR “Connected by the Land” video; Board & Committee Chair vacancies	7:45 p.m.	D. Crane – Board Chair
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

[^]- Action Required

Please contact the facilitator (978-952-6856 x121) with any requests for accessibility.

*On Oct. 11, 2022, the Board of the public body created in 2018 voted unanimously to change its name from “Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership” in its bylaws to operating as the “Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts,” the name now recognized in law by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and by the USDA Forest Service.