

WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

MEETING NOTICE

The **Finance & Budgeting Committee** of the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts** (established as Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership)* will meet on Friday April 26, 2024 at 4:00-5:30 p.m.

This is a **hybrid** meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

In-person: Windsor Town Offices, 1890 MA-9, Windsor, MA

Virtually: 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 January 12, 2024
3. Follow up on April 16, 2024 joint Executive Committee/Committee Chairs meeting
4. Discussion of funding overarching priorities: over next 18 months, how best to bridge transition through end of Agent contract with targeted grants or additional staff capacity
5. Strategy to operationalize the Partnership Fund and Trust Fund
6. Legislative strategy development regarding sustainable funding, follow up with Joe Nowak's communication with Neal's Office
7. Agent updates: Annual Summer Meeting in June; EOEEA Woodlands Partnership Implementation Grants; Agent bid task update
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; Robert O'Connor – Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs; Keith Ross – Society of American Foresters, Massachusetts Chapter

*On Oct. 11, 2022, the Board of the public body created in 2018 voted unanimously to change its name from the "Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership" in its bylaws to operating as the "Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts" and requested the state legislature and USDA Forest Service to officially establish and recognize the new name.