

# Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Board 2022

## A Natural Resource Based Economic Development and Forest Conservation Project

**Meeting:** Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Board

**Date** Tuesday, March 15, 2022

**Location:** Virtual.  
Members of public are welcome!  
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**Facilitator(s)** H. Art, Chair MTWP Board  
Lisa Hayden,  
Admin. Agent, New  
England Forestry  
Foundation (NEFF)

**Time** 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Room:** N/A

**ATTENDEES:** Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership (MTWP) Board Members, Guests and Public

**GUEST PRESENTER(S):** Conway School Student Team: C. Baglien, H. Rylko, K. Tassinari

**REGRETS:**

**STAFF:** L. Hayden – NEFF, B. O'Connor – EOEEA, M. Buccowich & K. Nislow – USFS Liaisons, S. Argetsinger – NEFF

Agenda items	Estimated Time	Key Person(s)
<b>1. Roll call – Brief Board member round-robin introductions; New Board members Jennifer Morse (Cheshire), Elayne Murphy (Hoosic River Watershed Assoc.); Other appt. transitions</b>	6:00 p.m.	<b>H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board; L. Hayden, Agent</b>
<b>2. Review and Approval of Nov. 9, 2021 MTWP Board Minutes ^</b>	6:10 p.m.	<b>H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board</b>
<b>3. Board Vote on proposal by Exec. Committee to replace Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association (no longer in existence) with Franklin County Community Development Corporation as an appointing entity for the Board ^</b>	6:15-6:20 p.m.	<b>H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board</b>
<b>4. Reminders to all Board members: appointment anniversaries; annual ethics acknowledgement &amp; open meeting law requirements</b>	6:20-6:25 p.m.	<b>H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board; L. Hayden, Agent</b>
<b>5. Guest speakers: Conway School Student Team: Claire Baglien, Haly Rylko, Karen Tassinari – Presentation on Riparian Buffer Study - Deerfield River, for the “Rivers Run Through It” USFS grant</b>	6:25-6:40 p.m.	<b>Conway School Team</b>
	6:40-6:45	<b>Questions</b>

<b>6. Overview of Draft Revision of next 10-year Woodlands Partnership Plan</b>  <b>a. Opportunity for Board Members to give comments / feedback</b>	6:45- 6:55 p.m.  6:55- 7:25 p.m.	<b>L. Hayden, Agent; H. Art – Board Chair</b>
<b>7. Plan for outreach to towns to receive feedback on Partnership Plan; Finalizing brochure</b>	7:25- 7:30 p.m.	<b>L. Hayden, S. Argetsinger</b>
<b>8. Brief reports from Committee Chairs (3 minutes each)</b>  <b>a. Municipal Financial Sustainability</b> <b>b. Forest Conservation</b> <b>c. Education, Outreach &amp; Research</b> <b>d. Finance &amp; Budgeting</b> <b>e. Natural Resource-based Economic Development</b>	7:30 – 7:45 p.m.	<b>E. Munch K. Conlin</b>  <b>B. Girshman K. Ross</b>  <b>TBA</b>
<b>9. Board Chair Report</b> <b>a. Outreach to USFS and MA EOEEA as follow-up to Shared Stewardship Framework</b> <b>b. Ex. Com. initial meetings with state lawmakers (Rep. Blais/Sen. Comerford); 1-page funding proposal to Sen. Hinds; discussion with Congressman Neal’s office</b> <b>c. Summer student study on wood waste</b> <b>d. Region MVP proposal - Virtual Forest Center</b>	7:45 – 7:50 pm.	<b>H. Art, Chair - MTWP Board</b>      <b>B. O’Connor - EOEEA</b>
<b>10. Public Comment</b>	7:50 – 8:00 p.m.	
<b>11. Adjournment</b>		

**▲- Action Required**

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