

WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

MEETING NOTICE

The **Natural-Resource Based Economic Development Committee**
of the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts**
(established as Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership)*
will meet on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 5:00-6:30 p.m.

This will be a **Virtual Meeting** as allowed by "An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations," signed into law by Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker on July 16, 2022 and recently extended by Governor Healey on March 29, 2023. The extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum physically present at a meeting location, and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings. The extension runs through March 31, 2025.

This is a virtual meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend.
Please RSVP to Kate Conlin to request a Zoom link: kconlin@newenglandforestry.org

Agenda

1. Welcome & introductions of Committee members
2. Review & approval of last minutes (January 11, 2023)
3. Review of draft Committee charter, past metrics discussion, and goals in Partnership 10-year Plan; brief discussion & focus for next time - Amy & Lisa (Admin. Agent)
4. Partial funding of Franklin County CDC-led 'Equity in Conservation' grant with WP partners – Amy
5. Discussion of proposed regional wood bank based at Hall Tavern Farm – Jay Healy
6. Update on Woodcraft Collaborative project
7. Agent update on relevant grant projects – WP web site & Virtual Forest Center, Congressionally Directed Spending project on climate resilience, state Forests as Climate Solutions initiative
8. Items not anticipated within 48 hours
9. Schedule next meeting
10. Public Comment
11. Adjourn

Natural-Resource Based Economic Development Committee members: Amy Shapiro — *Franklin County Community Development Corporation (chair)*; Chris Skelly — *Buckland (notetaker)*; Paul Catanzaro — *UMass Amherst, Forest Ecosystems, Carbon Cycling in Terrestrial Systems & Climate Change Faculty*; Jay Healy — *Charlemont*; Russ Richardson — *Massachusetts Forest Alliance*

*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 Doing Business As the "Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts" and requested the state legislature and USDA Forest Service to officially establish and recognize the new name.