

WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the
Natural Resource Based Economic Development Committee of the
Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts
(formerly Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership)*
on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 5:00 – 6:15 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, which extends the expiration of the provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec. 20, to March 31, 2023.

Members of the public are welcome. Please RSVP to Sophie Argetsinger to request a Zoom link to attend by emailing: sargetsinger@newenglandforestry.org

Agenda

1. Call to order and welcome
2. Review and approval of minutes from October 19, 2022 NRBED Committee meeting
3. Review and discussion of relevant baseline statistics to reflect economic activity: Committee discussion of what northwest Massachusetts economic metrics should be tracked for the coming decade and potential funding sources for tracking
4. Update from Agent on Committee/Board reps to serve on stakeholder group reviewing the Virtual Forest Center
5. Update on Hall Tavern Farm project: recent open house
6. Important upcoming dates: Board meeting likely January 17 or 31; Education, Outreach, and Research Committee hosting webinars in January and February
7. Scheduling next Committee meeting in 2023
8. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
9. Public comment

Natural Resource Based Economic Development Committee Members: Jeffrey Thomas, Lever, Inc. (chair); Jay Healy, Charlemont; Zachary Feury, North Adams; Amy Shapiro, Franklin County Community Development Corporation; Colin Mettey, Conway.

*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.