

WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

A Mission of Natural Resource-Based Economic Development, Forest Conservation, & Municipal Financial Sustainability

MEETING NOTICE

The **Executive Committee**
of the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts**
will meet on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

This is a virtual meeting via Zoom. Members of the public are welcome to attend.
Please email Agent Lisa Hayden to request a Zoom link at any time: lhayden@newenglandforestry.org

Agenda

1. Call to order and welcome – reading of latest version of Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of June 6, 2025 minutes
3. Discussion of finalist candidate interviews and decision to hire consultant to complete an Indigenous-focused Natural & Cultural Inventory as part of National Heritage Area feasibility study
4. Review of 3-year fundraising plan and prospect list with consultant Stephanie Schilling (10 min); Committee discussion (5 min each) of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats re: prioritizing future grant proposals; Final feedback on report due to Agent & consultant by Aug. 7 for Aug. 15 plan deadline
5. Chair report: Outreach to Rural Affairs & legislative offices
6. Agent report: feedback on NEFF Agent proposal to EOEEA; testimony on Mass Ready Act; Collins Center printed public safety study posted online & printed copies available
Events:
 - Friday, Sept. 19, 4 pm: Brian Donahue reading of Slow Wood, Williams College, Williamstown
 - Fall multi-region webinar on PILOT reform proposals scheduling TBD
 - EOR to schedule next speakers for ongoing educational series
 - June Webinar video for “[How Do Forests Grow?](#)” - Passcode: s4d+A\$Og
7. Scheduling Sept. Committee meeting & Fall Board meeting
8. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
9. Public comment
10. Adjourn

Executive Committee members: Dicken Crane – Windsor (Board Chair); Art Schwenger – Heath (Board Vice Chair); Alain Peteroy – Franklin Land Trust (Clerk); Chris Cozzaglio – Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (Treasurer); Rhonda Anderson – Ohketeau Cultural Center; Russ Richardson – Massachusetts Forest Alliance; Robert O’Connor – MA EOEEA