

# Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts\*

## Board Meeting – December 2, 2024 (hybrid)

**Mission: Natural Resource-Based Economic Development, Forest Conservation, & Municipal Sustainability**

**Date:** December 2, 2024 **Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (5:15 p.m. dinner) **Location:** Heath Community Hall, 1 E Main St, Heath, MA

Members of the public are welcome in person or online. Email [kconlin@newenglandforestry.org](mailto:kconlin@newenglandforestry.org) for the link at any time.

**Attendees:** Woodlands Partnership (WP) Board Members and Public

**Project Staff:** L. Hayden – Administrative Agent/NEFF; K. Conlin – Coord./NEFF

**Guest(s):** Stephen Foley, Collins Center project staff

Agenda Items	Estimated Time	Key Person(s)
1. Call to order and welcome	6:00 p.m.	D. Crane – Board Chair
2. Roll Call Attendance of Board & Guests	6:05 p.m.	K. Conlin – NEFF/Coord.
3. Review and approval of June 26, 2024 Board Minutes <sup>^</sup>	6:10 p.m.	A. Peteroy – Board Clerk
4. Board vote on vacant Treasurer position on Executive Committee <sup>^</sup>	6:15 p.m.	D. Crane – Board Chair
5. Municipal public safety study update, request for Board input regarding stakeholders, venues, and general outreach strategy	6:20 p.m.	S. Haupt – Peru L. Kidder – Leyden S. Foley – Collins Center
6. Update on National Heritage Area feasibility study	6:40 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent
7. Heritage Area Board and guest discussion regarding nationally significant characteristics and history of the region	6:45 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent K. Conlin – NEFF/Coord.
8. Agent Update: Catalyst Grant fundraising consultant; IRA landowner outreach grant pending; RCP conference recap; Regional Wood Bank Initiative; Board-led regional video project; Indigenous-led book club and future programming; NRBED Committee Chair vacancy	7:30 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent K. Conlin – NEFF/Coord.
9. Board Chair Update: Video series of Woodlands Partnership Region with Ethan Tapper; recent events (Savoy woods walk, Ethan Tapper reading)	7:40 p.m.	D. Crane – Board Chair Agent staff
10. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours	7:50 p.m.	D. Crane – Board Chair L. Hayden – NEFF/ Agent
11. Public Comment	7:55 p.m.	
12. Adjournment	8:00 p.m.	D. Crane – Board Chair

**<sup>^</sup>- Action Required**

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