

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 Friday, June 6, 2025 from 3:00 - 4:30 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
2. Approval of May 9, 2025 minutes
3. Vote to enter Executive Session for preliminary screening of candidates to interview for Indigenous-focused Natural & Cultural Inventory as part of National Heritage Area feasibility study (M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(a))
4. Return to public session: Initial discussion of 3-year fundraising plan from consultant Stephanie Schilling who will attend Annual Meeting – feedback due to Lisa & Stephanie by June 10; discuss meetings to schedule during her visit June 24 & 25
5. June 24 Board & Annual Meeting: 5 pm dinner, 6-8 p.m. at Greylock Glen Outdoor Center, Adams – review agenda: Fundraising & public safety study consultant presentations, other priority updates
6. Overview of EOEEA regional grant application “Voices for the Forest” submitted for May 15 deadline focused on education, outreach & telling region’s story; 2 existing state grants closing June 30
7. Agent report: EOEEA-NEFF contract update; Heritage Area feasibility study – RPAs components underway & outreach/reporting drafting portion TBD; USFS liaison update; Upcoming June Events:
 - June 12, Noon: **How Do Forests Grow** Zoom webinar; first of EOR Com.’s educational series
 - To register for the webinar, click: <https://tinyurl.com/d573y6nz>
 - June 13, 3 p.m. Municipal Finance Com. via Zoom to review draft Collins Center public safety study
 - June 19, 6-8 p.m. Russ Richardson – Forest Below Our Knees; Shelburne-Buckland Community Center
 - June 24-25: Fundraising consultant Stephanie Schilling’s visit to WP region
8. Scheduling next Committee meeting(s)
9. Any item(s) not anticipated within 48 hours
10. Public comment
11. 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