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

MEETING NOTICE

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The **Education, Outreach, & Research Committee**
of the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts***
will meet on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Agenda

1. Call to order and welcome
2. Approval of December 18, 2024 minutes
3. Collins Center public safety study [upcoming listening sessions](#) – promotion
4. Promotion/event planning of Brian Donahue's [Slow Wood](#)
5. Review of H. Art's [Draft Forest Outreach Series](#) ([spreadsheet/calendar](#) of annual plan for events)
6. Cultural Mapping workshop planning
7. Review of Virtual Forest Center: <https://theforestcenter.org/>
8. Review of Woodlands Partnership website: <https://woodlandspartnership.org/>
9. Review of [Ten-Year Plan](#) for both direction and suggested updates
10. Agent update: Name change legislation success and next steps; Fundraising consultant; newsletter
11. Scheduling next Committee meetings March-June 2025
12. Adjourn

Education, Outreach, & Research Committee members: Hank Art — *Williamstown* (Chair); Hannah Poplawski — *Rowe* (notetaker); Greg Cox — *Hawley*; Rick Peltier — *UMass Amherst, Public Health & Health Sciences Faculty*; Rhonda Anderson — *Ohketeau Cultural Center*

*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 operating as the “Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts” and requested the state legislature and USDA Forest Service to officially establish and recognize the new name. The Forest Service recognized the new name in 2024. Gov. Healey signed the bill to officially change the name in January 2025.