

MOHAWK TRAIL WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP
Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the
Executive Committee
of the
Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership
on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

This will be a **Virtual Meeting** as allowed by Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, signed into law by Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker on Feb. 15, 2022, extending until July 15, 2022, remote meeting provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20.

This remote meeting was posted prior to the anticipated expiration, Thursday, July 15th at midnight, of the pandemic-related Open Meeting Law relief. Although it was anticipated that the General Court would take action to resolve the current ambiguity in the application of the law and any further extensions, at this time no conclusion has been reached. This meeting, already posted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, will be held as scheduled to avoid interruption of vital government services the public has come to expect and to avoid excluding members of the public who planned to attend remotely.

Please note: If an extension to the remote meeting provision is not signed into law by the time of this meeting (July 19, 2022), the meeting will be held as a virtual working group meeting of the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership. The meeting will focus on item number two of the below Agenda: Discussion with Legislative Delegation Guests. The working group meeting will **not** be a meeting of the MTWP Executive Committee, and no votes will be taken during the meeting.

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, welcome & land acknowledgement
2. 4:05 – 4:55 pm (*Anticipated timeframe*)
Discussion of MTWP Board priorities with Legislative Delegation Guests: Staff from the Offices of U.S. Sens. Markey and Warren; U.S. Reps. Neal and McGovern and USFS
 - a. Challenge of sustainable funding mechanism
 - b. Partnership coordination with USFS, federal agencies
 - c. Current projects and issues of concern
3. Approval of Minutes for the May 24 Executive Committee meeting
4. 5:00 – 5:10 pm Discuss Tabled By-Law Revision Proposal, for October 11 Board Meeting – Board alternates
5. 5:10 – 5:20 pm Grant applications and requests for MTWP funding:
 - a. Pending \$100,000 USFS grant priorities
 - b. Tree-planting and climate stewardship grant project updates

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6. Reminder: MTWP 10-year Plan Listening Sessions Aug. 24: 4 pm; Sept. 14: 7 pm (event flyer); Plan posted for comment at:

<http://www.mohawktrailwoodlandpartnership.org/partnership-plan.html>

7. Update on remaining meetings to schedule with Select Boards

8. Item(s) not anticipated within 48-hour posting period

9. Public Comment

10. Adjournment

Executive Committee members: Henry Art – Williamstown (Board Chair); Rick Chandler – Ashfield (Board Vice Chair); Alain Peteroy – Franklin Land Trust (Clerk); Keith Ross – MA Society of American Foresters (Treasurer); Robert O’Connor – MA EOEEA; Kate Lindroos Conlin – MA Forest Alliance; vacant (USFS ex-officio)