

Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts*

Board Meeting – February 26, 2025 (remote)

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

Date: February 26, 2025 **Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Location:** Virtual, by Zoom

Members of the public are welcome. Email 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): Stephanie Schilling – Fundraising Strategy Consultant; State Auditor’s Office and Division of Local Mandates

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 (introducing new) & Guests	6:05 p.m.	K. Conlin – NEFF/Coord.
3. Review and approval of December 2, 2024 Board Minutes ^	6:10 p.m.	A. Peteroy – Board Clerk
4. <u>Successful passage of name change legislation</u> —ongoing legislative outreach efforts regarding funding	6:15 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent D. Crane – Board Chair
5. Priority setting with Stephanie Schilling, newly hired Fundraising Strategy Consultant, to chart the course of the next 3 years and beyond	6:20 p.m.	S. Schilling Board Agent staff
6. Municipal public safety study update (<u>surveys and upcoming events</u>)	6:50 p.m.	S. Haupt – Peru L. Kidder – Leyden Agent staff
7. <u>Pursuing Equitable State-Owned Land Reimbursements for Municipalities: Vote to “support the promotion of the recently released report on PILOT reform.”</u> ^	7:00 p.m.	State Auditor’s Office/DLM D. Crane – Board Chair L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent K. Conlin – NEFF/Coord.
8. Agent Update: <u>Deerfield Wild & Scenic and potential joint efforts; Community Resilience Grant through Climate Smart Communities Initiative; Heritage Area feasibility study; consolidated Agent budget</u>	7:30 p.m.	L. Hayden – NEFF/Agent K. Conlin – NEFF/Coord.
9. Board Chair Update: NRBED Committee Chair vacancy; <u>North Adams Notch Reservoir; Legislative Breakfast in Dalton March 7, 2025; DCR Pittsfield Complex RMP</u>	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

^– Action Required

Please contact the facilitator (978-952-6856 x131) with any requests for accessibility.

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Kim A Leach Town Clerk