

## WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP of NORTHWEST MASSACHUSETTS

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

### MEETING NOTICE

The **Municipal Financial Sustainability Committee**  
of the **Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts**  
will meet on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 4 - 5 p.m.

This is a **virtual** meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Please email Lisa Hayden to request a Zoom link at any time: [lhayden@newenglandforestry.org](mailto:lhayden@newenglandforestry.org)

### Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Review & approval of June 13, 2025 minutes
3. Review of Collins Center survey findings and final report; discussion of any follow-up, action items or next steps related to tourism & municipal emergency services
  - Report posted on website: <https://woodlandspartnership.org/tourism-emergency-services-in-northwest-massachusetts/>
4. Consider idea of WP hosting a webinar focused on PILOT reform with focus on inviting other regions of MA to build consensus for legislative action, potential timing, participants  
Related resources: Rep. Blais bill: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H3032>;  
State Auditor DiZoglio study: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/pursuing-equitable-state-owned-land-reimbursements-for-municipalities/download>; [Greg Cox recommendations](#), [google form](#) for public feedback
5. Discuss elements of environmental bond bill related to PILOT, Ch. 61 and town finances
6. Items not anticipated within 48 hours
7. Schedule next meeting
8. Public Comment
9. Adjourn

**Municipal Financial Sustainability Committee members:** Sam Haupt—*Peru (chair)*; Liz Kidder—*Leyden*; Mark Phelps—*New Ashford*; Art Schwenger—*Heath*

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Kim Leach, Town Clerk