MOHAWK TRAIL WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP
Forest-Based Economic Development and Conservation

MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the
FOREST CONSERVATION STANDING COMMITTEE
of the
Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership

on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

* This will be a **Virtual Meeting** as allowed by "An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency," signed into law by Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker on June 16, 2021 extending until April 1, 2022 remote meeting provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30 sec.20.

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Committee Members: Kate Lindroos Conlin, Larry Flaccus, Sheila Kelliher, Robert O'Connor, Alain Peteroy, Mark Phelps

Agenda

1. Approval of Committee minutes from May 19

2. Last call for formal recommendations to update 2015 MTWP plan. Review highlighted areas within committee purview: Comments welcome on these sections of the plan or other areas. What's missing? What needs improvement? What are the best ways of preserving our forests' productive capacity?
   http://www.mohawktrailwoodlandspartnership.org/uploads/1/1/7/5/117522940/2015_mtwp_plan_to_update_committees.pdf
   - Additions, deletions, and revisions that will bring the Plan up to date and into compliance with the MA enabling legislation – which can be found at this link: http://www.mohawktrailwoodlandspartnership.org/uploads/1/1/7/5/117522940/mtwp_final_legislation.pdf

3. Finalizing Committee mission statement
   - Proposed draft: **Conserve forestland in private ownership to protect the region's rural character, forest-based economy, and ecological services through funding and outreach.**

4. Discussion of different ways of conserving and protecting forests, for example: Productive capacity, invasive plants/pests, forest health maintenance, salvage, thinning. What type of rubric or system would we use to administer potential funds to support these practices? How would we seek applications? How to evaluate who gets awarded?

5. Potential guests to future meetings:

    - Student committee from Williams College regarding needs assessment for Forest Center. What should be on the students' radar?

    - Climate resilience pilot program – Mass Audubon, NEFF

    - Town initiatives to join carbon credit programs collectively

    - Who can we invite from the forest products industry to learn of diverse needs and concerns?

6. Updates on various spreadsheets

7. Any follow-up on Forest Legacy letters from towns? Is outreach to any towns with vacancies needed, or follow-up with DCR?

8. Delegating tasks and scheduling our next meeting.

9. Any items not known at drafting of agenda

10. Public comment

11. Adjournment