

Spring 2018 Member & Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 11, 2018 ~ 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge Conference Room
680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA

MassLand Members, Friends, and all Massachusetts land trusts are encouraged to attend and participate.
Bring your lunch – we will provide beverages and snacks.

10:00 AM - Call to Order and Welcome – Kathy Orlando, MassLand Steering Committee Chair

Introductions and approval of minutes of last meeting. Minutes available at:
http://www.massland.org/files/MLTC_SC_Minutes_23Feb2018_Unaccepted.pdf

10:15 AM - MassLand Reports

Introducing Executive Director, Carolyn Sedgwick – Buzz Constable
Director's report – Carolyn Sedgwick, Executive Director, Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition
Young Land Professionals report – Matt Cannon, Executive Director, Chatham Conservation Foundation
Dog Issues Resource – Kathy McGrath, Coordinator, Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition

10:40 AM - Legislative Update – Emily Myron, Government Relations Specialist, The Nature Conservancy & Karen Heymann, Legislative Director, Mass Audubon

Update on the Conservation Land Tax Credit (Emily), the 2018 Environmental Bond (Karen), and other current policy initiatives.

11:05 AM - State Update – Bob O'Connor, Land and Forest Policy Director, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Update on funding and programs.

11:25 AM - LTA Update – Kevin Case, Northeast Director, Land Trust Alliance

Program updates from the Land Trust Alliance.

11:45 AM - Value of Open Space – Bob Wilber, Director of Land Conservation, Mass Audubon

Bob will lead a discussion about methods for evaluating the value of open space to communities and about potential next steps for pursuing state-wide or single town studies in the future.

12:35 PM - Conservation Restriction Model Update – Buzz Constable, MassLand Board President

Discussion of the conservation restriction model review effort.

1:00 PM - Adjourn

Directions to

**Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA 01776**

Visitor Center (main entrance) – **From Route 2**, take Exit 42 (Route 27) south towards Acton and through Maynard. Go straight through lights at junction with Route 117 in Maynard, following Route 27 south until you see Fairbank Road on the right. Take Fairbank Road to the end. Turn right off of Fairbank Road onto Hudson Road. Follow Hudson Road for about one mile, main refuge entrance is on right. This route is approximately 8 miles.
From Hudson/Stow area, follow Route 62 East to Main St. in Hudson, onto State Road in Stow, which turns into Hudson Road, Sudbury. Main Refuge Entrance is on left near Department of Fire Services Headquarters.