

2017 Spring Member/Steering Committee Meeting Agenda - Draft

Friday, May 12, 2017 ~ 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

At Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge Conference Room
73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA (**NOTE: Not Assabet River NWR**)

*MLTC Members and Friends and all Massachusetts land trusts are encouraged to attend and participate.
Bring your lunch – we'll provide beverages and snacks.*

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

Introductions and approve minutes of last meeting. Minutes available at:
www.massland.org/files/MLTC_SC_%20Minutes_24Feb2017.pdf

10:15 AM - Drawing Down Carbon & Restoring Ecosystems & Working Land – Sharon McGregor, Biodiversity for a Livable Climate; Jack Kittredge, NOFA MA

Discussion on specific ways land trusts can increase their effectiveness in prioritizing lands for protection and ecological restoration.

10:55 AM - EOEEA Update – Bob O'Connor, EEA Land and Forest Policy Director

Update on funding and programs.

11:10 AM - Land Protection Certificate Program - Paul Catanzaro, UMass

What is the potential? What core knowledge and experience should be included?

11:45 AM - LTA Update – Rebecca Washburn, Northeast Director, Land Trust Alliance

Program updates from the Land Trust Alliance.

12:00 noon - Legislative Update – Steve Long, The Nature Conservancy

Update on current policy issues.

12:20 PM - Legal Update – Kathleen O'Donnell, Mass Land Trust Coalition

SJC case Smith v Town of Westfield, etc.

12:35 PM - MLTC Reports

Current financial report – John Page, Treasurer

Director's report – Marylynn Gentry, Executive Director

Report on Young Land Professionals Group – Kara Campbell, Outreach Coordinator

1:00 PM - Adjourn

Check out our 2 minute video!: <http://www.worthwild.com/initiatives/66>

Directions to

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge Conference Room

73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA 01776

From Route 2, take Route 126 South towards Lincoln. Go Straight through lights at junction with Route 117 in Lincoln, following Route 126 3.7 miles. Turn right on Sherman’s Bridge Road. Follow Sherman’s Bridge Road for 1.3 miles, then turn right onto Weir Hill Road.

From Route 20 at Wayland Center, take Route 27/126 north. At first lights then turn right onto Route 126. Follow Rte 126 north for 2.4 miles, then turn left onto Sherman’s Bridge Road. Follow Sherman’s Bridge Road for 1.3 miles, then turn right onto Weir Hill Road.