

2017 Fall Member/Steering Committee Meeting Agenda - Draft

Friday, September 15, 2017 ~ 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

At U.S. Fish and Wildlife Center

300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA

MLTC Members and Friends and all Massachusetts land trusts are encouraged to attend and participate. Come early for coffee and conversation. 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_Minutes_12May2017_Unaccepted_Final_o.pdf

10:15 AM - APR Program Update – Kathy Orlando, MLTC Steering Committee Chair

Discuss decrease in federal funds and possible alternatives.

10:30 AM - Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership, Bob O'Connor, EEA Land and Forest Policy Director

21 towns, Franklin Land Trust and two regional planning agencies, this project creates a new “forestry designation” with goals of forest conservation and stewardship, enhanced sustainable forestry, economic development based on forestry and tourism and financially and socially viable small communities.

11:00 AM - Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program – Kurt Gaertner, EEA

Discussion of this new program and opportunities for land trusts to get involved in their community planning processes to promote nature-based solutions.

11:20 AM - EOEEA Update – Bob O'Connor, EEA Land and Forest Policy Director

Update on funding and programs, CR Review discussion.

11:45 AM - PILOTs Action Plan - Jen Ryan, The Trustees

Status of legislation filed to allow municipalities to collect payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) on land trust owned properties, and the Coalition's fight to prevent passage of this legislation.

12:05 AM - LTA Update – Rebecca Washburn, Northeast Director, Land Trust Alliance

Program updates and local events from the Land Trust Alliance.

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

MA SJC case Smith v Town of Westfield, etc.

12:30 PM- Proposal for MA Stewardship Network – Laura Mattei, Sudbury Valley Trustees

12:45 PM - MLTC Reports

Current financial report – John Page, Treasurer

Director's report – Kara Campbell, Outreach Coordinator, for Marylynn Gentry, Executive Director

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

1:00 PM - Adjourn

**Directions to
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Center
300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA**

Note: You must use the front entrance to the building. Upon entering, sign in and provide photo identification to the security guard Please rsvp so you will be on the security list!

From Boston or other points east of Hadley via I-90 (Mass Pike):

Take Exit 8 (Palmer-Amherst), head south on 32 (right turn), west onto 20 (right turn), north on 181 (right turn thru Belchertown). West on 9 (left turn and heading west for about 9 miles to Amherst). Continue thru Amherst to Hadley. At the intersection of Routes 9 and 116 North (not South) you will see Staples and Applebees on your left.

Take a left at the light and travel about 200 yards and past the Federal UMass Credit Union to the Regional Office.

Alternate from Boston or other points east of Hadley via Rte 2 West:

From Rte 2 west, take exit 16 to merge onto US-202 S/Daniel Shays Hwy toward Amherst/Belchertown for approximately 15 miles. Turn right onto Amherst Rd, follow for 4.2 mi. Continue onto W. Pelham Rd for 1.2 mi. Continue onto Main St for 1 mi. Turn left onto S Pleasant St. Take the 2nd right onto MA-116 N/MA-9 W/Northampton Rd, follow for 1.4 mi. Take a left at the light and travel about 200 yards and past the Federal UMass Credit Union to the Regional Office.

From I-91 Northbound / points west:

Take I-91 Exit 19, turn right (east) onto Route 9. Proceed over the Calvin Coolidge Bridge over the Connecticut River. After approximately 4 miles on Route 9, take a right at the intersection of Routes 9 and 116 North. You will see Staples and Applebees on your right. Take a right at the light and travel about 200 yards and past the Federal UMass Credit Union to the Regional Office.

From I-91 Southbound:

Take I-91 Exit 24 Deerfield (approximately one half hour south of the Vermont/Massachusetts state line). Turn left and follow signs to 116 South, which will travel through South Deerfield, across Connecticut River, through Sunderland, and into Hadley. Route 116 intersects with Route 9 at a traffic light. Proceed straight through the intersection - the Regional Office is located about 200 yards past Staples and Applebees and behind the Federal UMass Credit Union.