



Models of Land Trust Collaboration

Learning Collaborative, May & June 2021

Agenda (working draft)

Monday May 10, 10:00 am – noon

- Learning collaborative overview, ground rules and expectations
- Introductions: Organization, role, and what drew you to this topic
- Focus: Ongoing formalized collaboration, rather than networks or project collaboration
- Discussing thresholds: When does collegial advice and technical assistance, project-by-project collaboration or regional networking and capacity building reach the point where formalized collaboration should be considered (e.g. fee for service, dues, etc).
- Discussion (referencing self-assessment):
 - What motivates collaboration? What are its potential upsides?
 - What inhibits it? What are its potential downsides?
- Overview and discussion of principles:
- Overview of resources and tools

Monday May 17, 10:00 am – noon

- Speaker Panel: Collaboration examples, with discussion about lessons learned
 - Mike Lach, Harwich Conservation Trust (shared staffing, services from umbrella organization)
 - Sally Loomis, Hilltown Land Trust (affiliated subsidiary with autonomy)
 - Ted Wendell, Milton Land Trust (dissolution, merger)
 - Karen Grey, Wildlands Trust (fee for staff services, merger/acquisition)
 - Ken Whittaker, Hamilton Wenham Open Land Trust (dissolution, merger)
 - Kate Bowditch, Essex County Greenbelt (fiscal agency; fee for staff services/office space, merger/acquisition)
 - Lisa Vernegaard, Sudbury Valley Trustees (fee for staff services/ office space)
- Homework: Discuss any ideas or materials that resonate with colleagues in your organization

Monday June 14, 10:00 am – noon

- Welcome back: What, if any, of the content from weeks 1 and 2 have you been thinking about since we last met? Have you discussed it with colleagues?
- *Hold: Potential additional speaker based on group-identified needs/interests*
- Updated reflections on needs/upsides/downsides
- What kind of collaboration, if any, may make sense for your organization?
- What are meaningful next steps? (specific, achievable, time-bound)