

## **Conservation Partners Meeting Agenda**

Friday, September 20, 2024 10:00 AM - 12:15 PM

## **Hybrid meeting:**

In person at MassWildlife Field Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA Or via Zoom. To participate via Zoom, advance registration is required: <a href="here">here</a>.

After registering, you'll receive a unique link that you'll need to join the meeting.

- 10:00 Welcome, call to order and chair report Kathy Orlando, Partner Engagement Chair
  - Meeting logistics and introductions
  - Review of June Minutes (available here: <u>Meetings & Retreats | MassLand</u>)
  - Next meeting: Friday, December 13 (via Zoom)
- 10:15 LTA Report Jen Plowden, New England Program Manager
- 10:25 MLTC Staff Report -- Robb Johnson, MLTC Executive Director
- **10:40** <u>State Agency Updates</u> Kurt Gaertner, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Policy, **Bob Wilber**, Director of Conservation Services and agency staff
  - EEA and agency news
  - Progress report on CR review process
  - Grant program news
  - APR and Farmland Action Plan updates
- Featured Topic: Implementation of M.G.L. c. 3, § 5A (also known as the Public Lands Preservation Act, or PLPA) Kurt Gaertner, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Policy, EEA; Mike Gendron, Public Lands Preservation Act Coordinator, Asst. Conservation Restriction Reviewer, EEA; Robb Johnson, MLTC Executive Director
- 11:40 Policy Update Emily Myron (MLTC Policy Chair)
  - Updates on priority legislation, funding and administrative action
     (Quarterly Policy Update memo available here after Sept 19: Meetings & Retreats | MassLand)
- 12:55 Committee and Working Group Updates
  - Early Career Conservation Network (ECCN) Mariah Fogg (Land Trust Alliance)
  - Agriculture Kathy Orlando (Sheffield Land Trust)
- 12:10 Other announcements
- 12:15: Adjourn