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Conservation Partners Meeting

June 14, 2024

Hybrid: Doyle Center, Leominster and via Zoom

**Thank you to Board Members
with term ending June 30th, 2024**

Paul Catanzaro (2019 – 2024)

Karen Grey (2011 – 2024)

Cynthia Henshaw (2011 – 2024)

Rich Hubbard (2011 – 2024)

**We're grateful for your many years of service to MLTC
and the conservation community!**

Board of Trustees Elections

Zoom participants will use a Zoom Poll to vote on the proposed slate, with the options “In favor” “Opposed” and “Abstain”. We’ll do a show of hands for those in person.

Per our bylaws, only **land trust members** of MLTC are eligible to vote.

If multiple representatives of your organization are present, please message each other to agree which of you will vote.

If not voting, please ignore the poll.

FY24 MLTC Members Eligible to Vote (A – L)

**Acton Conservation Trust
Alford Land Trust
American Farmland Trust
Andover Village Improvement Society
Arlington Land Trust
Ashby Land Trust
Attleboro Land Trust**

**Barnstable Land Trust
Belmont Land Trust
Berkshire Natural Resources Council
Bolton Conservation Trust
Boxborough Conservation Trust
BTA/BOLT
Brewster Conservation Trust
Broad Brook Coalition
Buzzards Bay Coalition**

**Chelmsford Land Conservation Trust
Carlisle Conservation Foundation
Chatham Conservation Foundation
Chelmsford Land Conservation Trust
Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust
Cohasset Conservation Trust
Common Ground Land Trust
Concord Land Conservation Trust**

**Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust
Dennis Conservation Trust
Dover Land Conservation Trust
Dracut Land Trust
Dudley Conservation Land Trust
Dunstable Rural Land Trust**

**East Quabbin Land Trust
Eastham Conservation Foundation
Essex County Greenbelt**

**Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust
Franklin Land Trust**

**Grafton Land Trust
Grafton Land Trust
Great Barrington Land Conservancy
Greater Worcester Land Trust
Groton Conservation Trust
Groundwork Lawrence**

**Harvard Conservation Trust
Harwich Conservation Trust
Hilltown Land Trust
Hingham Land Conservation Trust
Hudson Land Trust**

Kestrel Land Trust

**Lancaster Land Trust
Land Preservation Society of Norton Inc
Lenox Land Trust
Lincoln Land Conservation Trust
Littleton Conservation Trust
Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust**

FY24 MLTC Members Eligible to Vote (M-W)

**Manchester-Essex Conservation Trust
Marblehead Conservancy
Mass Audubon
Massachusetts Forest Trust
Mattapoisett Land Trust
Medford-Brooks Estate Land Trust
Metacomet Land Trust
Minnechaug Land Trust
Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust**

**Nantucket Conservation Foundation
Nantucket Land Bank
Nantucket Land Council
Nashoba Conservation Trust
Native Land Conservancy
Needham Land Trust
New England Forestry Foundation
Newton Conservators
North County Land Trust
Northeast Wilderness Trust**

**Opacum Land Trust
Orenda Wildlife Land Trust
Orleans Conservation Trust**

**Pascommuck Conservation Trust
Paxton Land Trust
Princeton Land Trust
Provincetown Conservation Trust**

**Rattlesnake Gutter Trust
Reading Open Land Trust
Rehoboth Land Trust
Richmond Land Trust
Rochester Land Trust
Rural Land Foundation of Lincoln
Sandwich Conservation Trust
Seekonk Land Conservation Trust
Sheffield Land Trust
Sherborn Rural Land Foundation
Sippican Lands Trust
Sheriffs Meadow Foundation
Southborough Open Land Foundation
Stockbridge Land Trust
Stow Conservation Trust
Sudbury Valley Trustees**

**The 300 Committee
The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts
The Nature Conservancy
The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts
The Trust for Public Land
The Trustees of Reservations
Tyngsboro Land Trust

Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust**

**Walden Woods Project
Waltham Land Trust
Wareham Land Trust
Wellesley Conservation Land Trust
Wellfleet Conservation Trust
Westborough Community Land Trust
Westford Conservation Trust
Weston Forest & Trial Association
Westport Land Conservation Trust
Westwood Land Trust
Wildlands Trust
Williamstown Rural Lands**

Candidates for Re-Election

for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2024

Jack Clarke has served on the MLTC Board since 2021. He retired after twenty-six years as Mass Audubon's Director of Public Policy. Previously he worked for the National Park Service at the Cape Cod National Seashore, and was Assistant Director of the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Office. Jack is a gubernatorial appointee to the Mass. Ocean Advisory Committee, and is on the CPA Coalition Steering Committee. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Boston College. He lives in Gloucester.

Christa Collins has served on the MLTC Board since 2021 and is currently Treasurer. She started her conservation career at the Nashua River Watershed Association, and in 2002 joined Sudbury Valley Trustees, where she ended her tenure in 2022 as Director of Land Protection. She holds a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and a master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Michigan. She lives in Concord.

Vidya Tikku has served on the MLTC Board since 2021. She is the Vice President, Urban Outdoors at The Trustees. She has been with the Trustees since 2005, and held previous positions at Boston Natural Areas Network, the Neighborhood Parks Council in San Francisco and as a practicing architect in India. She holds a Master's degree in Architecture & Urban Design from Washington University and a Certificate in Environmental Policy and International Development from Harvard Extension School. She lives in Lexington.

Candidate for the MLTC Board of Trustees

for a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2024



Rachel Bruce is Chief of Staff at Wildlands Trust, the regional land trust for Southeastern Massachusetts. Rachel has built her conservation career interacting with and educating people in a variety of outdoor settings in Massachusetts, Oregon and Minnesota. She started at Wildlands Trust as a TerraCorps member in 2014 before moving into positions as programming coordinator & educator, outreach & education manager, director of special projects, and now chief of staff. She oversees the D.W. Field Park Initiative in Brockton and the outreach team at Wildlands, working to improve access to nature in environmental justice communities and increase the organizational capacity and regional impact of Wildlands Trust. She holds a degree in environmental science from UMass Amherst.

Rachel is honored by the nomination to serve on the Board of Directors at MLTC and would look forward to bringing her affinity for planning and logistics and passion for fairness and inclusion to this role.

Candidate for the **MLTC Board of Trustees** for a 2-year term beginning July 1, 2024



Mary Griffin has had a distinguished and varied career in conservation, including past service as Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Southeast Regional Director of Mass Audubon, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition, General Counsel of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and Chief of Legal Services and Land Protection at the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

She is currently a part-time hearing officer for the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game and a part-time Ranger for the Trustees of Reservations. She is a graduate of Davidson College and Cornell Law School. She lives in Orleans and is a Board Member and Vice President of Orleans Conservation Trust.

Candidate for the MLTC Board of Trustees

for a 1-year term beginning July 1, 2024



Emily Myron is the Senior Policy Manager for The Nature Conservancy in Massachusetts. Since joining the team in 2018, she has worked with state and federal legislators, agencies, and partners to advance land and water conservation and climate funding and policy. Prior to TNC, Emily led international and local-level conservation work in roles at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and the Chesapeake Conservancy.

She holds a Master of Environmental Management degree in Ecosystem Science and Conservation from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment, a degree in Biology from St. Mary's College of Maryland, and executive education in conservation finance.

MLTC Staff Report

Upcoming Meetings

Conservation Partners Meeting

Friday September 20, **10:00 am – 12:15 pm**

(hybrid: MassWildlife Headquarters in Westborough and Zoom)

Massachusetts State Dinner at LTA Rally

Friday September 27, **7:00 – 9:00 pm** (Trinity Brewhouse, Providence)

Land Trust / State Agency Retreat

Wednesday October 16 (full day in person at Harvard Forest) to

Thursday, October 17 (half day, hybrid at HF and Zoom)

Conservation Partners Meeting

Friday December 13, 10:00 am – 12:15 pm (via Zoom)



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Program Updates

JUN
20

Thu, Jun 20 2024, 12 - 1pm

Farmland Protection Tools in Massachusetts

Zoom DATE CHANGE - was June 19, now June 20.

Massachusetts is losing farmland faster than we can save it. Land trusts can play a part in ensuring land remains available for future generations of farmers! There are many programs (and lots of funding) available to help protect farmland. This session will show you how.

[Register >>](#)

JUL
9

Tue, Jul 9 2024, 1 - 2pm

Small Staffed Land Trusts: Capacity Building and Staffing Challenges

Zoom

Discussion of this topic may include: what does Capacity Building actually mean? Only in Operations, or also Stewardship, Land Acquisition, other? How are you solving the problem? Insights and suggestions from attending Zoomers. Conversation in these calls has been fluid, so other topics of mutual interest may also be discussed. Part of MLTC's Stronger Together networking series for staff and Board members. This call will not be recorded. [Register](#).

JUL
24

Wed, Jul 24 2024, 3 - 4:30pm

Early Conservation Career Network Cold Brook Preserve Tour

Robert F. Smith Cold Brook Preserve Harwich Port

Join the Early Conservation Career Network to tour a complex cranberry bog wetland system eco-restoration underway at the 66-acre Robert F. Smith Cold Brook Preserve in Harwich Port. The project will also provide enhanced visitor access, including a half-mile wheelchair accessible trail loop.

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More [multi-session trainings](#) in the coming year



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2024 Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference



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2025 Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference

- **Returning to UMass Amherst next March**
- **Planning Committee hard at work**
- **Call for proposals coming this summer**
- **If you got an email offer to sell you an attendee list.....**
- **What if it was Friday rather than Saturday?**



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Article linked here.

[2020 MLTC Land Trust Survey](#)

In the fall of 2019, the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition (MLTC) sent surveys to land trusts and other private nonprofit organizations engaged in the protection or management of conservation land in...

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Challenges: BIPOC-led coalitions, movements, organizations, and other under-resourced groups often struggle to build human and financial capital due to systemic racism. Under-resourced nonprofit group...

[A Board Member's Guide to Mergers](#)

This booklet is designed as a practical guide to help nonprofit board members, executives and funders think through a merger. Over the next pages, you'll take a quick trip through a merger's terrain a...



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'Hope I'm going to live that long': Land conservation program leaves applicants in limbo

May 24, 2024 By [Martha Bebinger](#) [f](#) [✉](#)



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FY25 State Capital Plan, released June 13

Municipal Grants (PARC, LAND, DWSP, GWC Parks)	\$21.00 M
EEA Agency Land Protection	\$12.20 M
Conservation Partnership/Landscape Partnership	\$2.75 M
MassTrails Grants to municipalities	\$10.00 M
ResilientMass Implementation	\$25.00 M
MVP Grants	\$25.20 M
DCR facilities	\$150.00 M



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