

Conservation Partners Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 8, 2024 10:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Via Zoom. Advance registration is required <u>here</u>.

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 December Minutes (available along with other meeting materials here: <u>Meetings & Retreats | MassLand</u>)
- Next meeting: Friday, June 14 (hybrid, in-person location TBD)

10:20 LTA Report – Jen Plowden, New England Program Manager

Advancing Conservation Excellence, LTA Advocacy Days and other news

10:30 MLTC Staff Report -- Robb Johnson, MLTC Executive Director

- Conference & other Program updates
- Board of Trustees openings

10:45 Policy Update – Robb Johnson & Jack Clarke (MLTC Policy Chair)

 Updates on priority legislation, funding and administrative action (Quarterly Policy Update memo available here: Meetings & Retreats | MassLand)

10:55 State Agency Updates – 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

11:20 Committee and Working Group Updates

- Early Career Conservation Network (ECCN) Mariah Fogg (Berkshire Natural Resources Council) and Robin Austin (Lincoln Institute of Land Policy)
- Agriculture Kathy Orlando (Sheffield Land Trust)

11:35: Presentation and Q&A with Katie Theoharides, President and CEO of The Trustees

12:10 Other announcements

12:15: Adjourn