



Steering Committee Agenda (draft)

Friday, September 23, 2022 10:00 AM – 12:15 PM

In-Person: In the Auditorium at Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, 127 Combs Road, Easthampton, MA.
(GPS sometimes misleads, so use these [directions](#).)

Note: Masks are currently optional indoors at Arcadia.

THIS IS A HYBRID MEETING: Call in option available but *advance registration is required* [here](#).

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

10:00 Call to Order & Chair Report -- Kathy Orlando, Steering Committee Chair

- Welcome and hybrid meeting logistics
- Introductions
- Review of Minutes (available to members at <https://massland.org/steering-committee-meeting-materials>)
- Next meeting: Friday, December 9th via Zoom

10:15 MLTC Staff Report -- Robb Johnson, Executive Director

- Updates: Land Trust/State Agency Retreat, 2023 Land Conservation Conference and other programs

10:25 LTA Report – Jen Plowden, New England Program Manager

10:35 State Agency Updates –Kurt Gaertner, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Policy and Bob Wilber, Director of Conservation Services (EEA)

- Staffing updates; grants; agency news
- Update on delays in CR review process
- Updates from other state agency staff

11:00 Committee and Working Group Updates

- Amicus Committee: Update on BNRC Trails case in Richmond – **Buzz Constable** (MLTC)
- Young Land Professionals (YLP) – **Stephen O'Grady** (Orleans Conservation Trust)
- Agriculture – **Kathy Orlando** (Sheffield Land Trust)

11:15 Policy Update & MLTC Policy Committee Update – Emily Myron (TNC), Kristen Sykes (AMC)

- Updates on priority legislation and funding bills; (*Quarterly policy update memo will be sent in advance to registered attendees.*)
- Setting policy priorities for the next legislative session and incoming administration: Process, partners, and invitation for input

12:10 Announcements

12:15 Adjourn