

Steering Committee Agenda

Friday, March 10, 2023 10:00 AM - 12:15 PM

via Zoom. 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, Zoom logistics & introductions
- Review of Minutes (available to members at https://massland.org/steering-committee-meeting-materials)
- Next meeting: Friday, June 9th at MassWildlife Headquarters in Westborough, with call-in via Zoom

10:15 Presentation of Slate and Election, FY24 MLTC Board of Directors – Kathy Orlando

- Eligible attendees vote via Zoom poll
- Thank you to Board Members with terms ending June 30th
- Nominations open for Steering Committee Vice Chair contact Kathy

10:25 MLTC Staff Report -- Robb Johnson, Executive Director

• Updates: 2023 Land Conservation Conference and other programs

10:35 LTA Report – Jen Plowden, New England Program Manager

10:40 <u>State Agency Updates</u> –Kurt Gaertner, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Policy and Bob Wilber, Director of Conservation Services (EEA)

- Staffing and agency news
- Progress report on CR review process
- Updates from other state agency staff, including grant program news

11:05 APR Program Updates - David Viale, Agricultural Lands Programs Supervisor, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources.

11:35 Policy Update & MLTC Policy Committee Update – Kristen Sykes (AMC) & Robb Johnson (MLTC)

• Updates on priority legislation, funding and administrative action (Quarterly policy update memo has been emailed in advance to those who by Wednesday)

11:55 Committee and Working Group Updates

- Early Career Conservation Network (ECCN) **Stephen O'Grady** (Orleans Conservation Trust)
- Agriculture Kathy Orlando (Sheffield Land Trust)

12:10 Announcements

12:15 Adjourn