



Steering Committee Agenda

Friday September 17, 2021 10:00 AM – 12:15 PM

via Zoom

(*[advance registration](#) is required)

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

- Welcome, zoom housekeeping
- Introductions
- Review of Minutes (available to members at <http://massland.org/steering-committee>)
- Next meeting: Friday, December 10 (location TBD)
- Following meetings: Fridays March 11 and June 10th, 2022

10:15 Staff Reports

- LTA updates - **Jen Plowden**
- MLTC updates: **Robb Johnson**
 - New Conservation Advisory Council
 - Strategic Planning
 - Stronger Together: Networking and Learning Collaboratives
 - Mass. Land Conservation Conference
- Land Trust/State Agency Retreat planning (Cynthia Henshaw, East Quabbin Land Trust)

10:45 Committee and Working Group Updates

- Young Land Professionals (YLP) – Stephen O’Grady (Orleans Conservation Trust)
- Agriculture – Kathy Orlando (Sheffield Land Trust)

10:55 State Agency Updates –Melissa Cryan and John Gioia (EEA/Division of Conservation Services)

- Grants and other agency news, RLI status, staffing updates

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

11:40 Featured Discussion: Valuing Nature’s Services –Christa Collins (Sudbury Valley Trustees)

Christa will update us on the work of an MLTC committee focused on tools to communicate the economic impact of land conservation to municipal decision-makers

12:10 Announcements

12:15 Adjourn