

**Steering Committee Agenda** *DRAFT*

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020 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 and poll
* Introductions
* Review of Minutes (available to members at http://massland.org/steering-committee)
* Next meeting: Friday Dec 11, 10 AM (via Zoom)
* Setting dates for 2021 (typically March, June, September, December)

**10:20 Staff Report MLTC Update – Robb Johnson**

* Membership renewal – reminder and thanks!
* Program update: *Record-Keeping Initiative* and *Stronger Together* Series
* 2021 Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference – plans taking shape!
* Coming soon: New Job Board on MLTC website
* LTA updates
* Insurance programs for land trusts

**10:35 State Agency Updates – Bob O’Connor**

* Grants and other agency news, CR reviews, RLI status

**10:50 Subcommittee and Working Group Updates**

* Conservation Restriction Working Group – Rob Warren
* Valuing Nature’s Services Working Group - Christa Collins
* Amicus Committee -Buzz Constable
* Agricultural Subcommittee – Kathy Orlando
* YLP – Nick Rossi
* Policy Committee – Kristen Sykes

**11:10 5 min Break**

**11:15: Featured Discussion: Linda Orel, with Special Guest Rep. Joan Meschino (D- 3th Plymouth)**

* Status of legislation, budget and policy matters in this extended state legislative session
* Details on the 2050 Roadmap bill sponsored by Rep. Meschino, including key amendments on natural and working lands, environmental justice and solar siting. Now in Conference Committee, this bill establishes a framework for the Commonwealth’s response to the climate crisis by adopting the science-based goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by mid-century.

**12:10 Announcements - Kathy Orlando**

**12:15 Adjourn**