

Conservation Partners Meeting Agenda

Friday, September 22, 2023 10:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Hybrid: In-person at Barnstable Land Trust, 1540 Main Street, West Barnstable For call-in option 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 Welcome, call to order and chair report - Kathy Orlando, Partner Engagement Chair

- Welcome and introducing new Vice-Chair
- Meeting logistics and introductions
- Review of June Minutes (available here: Meetings & Retreats | MassLand)
- Next meeting: Friday, December 8, via Zoom

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

• Program updates

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

10:35 Increased Land Conservation Funding available to Land Trusts

- Federal funding: **Brent Keith,** Federal Land Policy Team Lead, The Nature Conservancy
- State Funding: **Kurt Gaertner**, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Policy; **Bob Wilber**, Director of Conservation Services

11:05 State Agency Updates -

- Agency news- Kurt Gaertner and Bob Wilber, EEA
- Progress report on CR review process
- Updates from other state agency staff, including grant program news

11:50 Policy Update – Robb Johnson (MLTC)

 Updates on priority legislation, funding, administrative action and MLTC Policy Committee (Quarterly policy update memo available here: <u>Meetings & Retreats | MassLand</u>)

12:00 Committee and Working Group Updates

- Early Career Conservation Network (ECCN) Kelly Barber (Barnstable Land Trust)
- Agriculture **Kathy Orlando** (Sheffield Land Trust)
- Amicus **Buzz Constable** (LLCT/MLTC Board)
- Other announcements?

12:15 Adjourn