

**Notes from meeting of MET Easement and Stewardship Committee
Wednesday 2-19-2020
1:00 pm**

Attending: R. Powell, C. Wells, J. Jitkoff
Staff: J. Chapman, A. G. Carlson,
OAG: T. Kovacs

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 1 pm

EASEMENT PROGRAM

Agenda Item 1

- The Conservation Easement Program Manager position is vacant because J. Turgeon is now the Director. This week, MET took the first step to fill the position by submitting a Hiring Freeze Exception request to the Department of Budget and Management. A.G. Carlson will continue in the role in an “Acting” capacity until the position is filled.
- A.G. Carlson presented project pipeline (33 active projects). We continue to receive inquiries from landowners about easements. She anticipates completing three conservation easement projects in the next six weeks.

Agenda Item 2a – 48.44 +/- ac in Harford County with Harford Land Trust

A.G. Carlson presented the proposed conservation easement project. J. Jitkoff moved to recommend approval of the project for the Consent Calendar. C. Wells seconded the motion.

The committee unanimously recommended approval of this project to the Board of Trustees on the Consent Calendar.

Agenda Item 2b – 70 +/- ac in Somerset County with Lower Shore Land Trust

A.G. Carlson presented the proposed conservation easement project. J. Jitkoff moved to recommend approval of the project for the Consent Calendar. C. Wells seconded the motion.

The committee unanimously recommended approval of this project to the Board of Trustees on the Consent Calendar.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Agenda Item 3a –

J. Chapman provided an update on monitoring accomplishments (249 reports processed to date 131 by staff, 107 by volunteers, 11 by land trusts), volunteer program status, contractual staffing, and land trust reporting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee will not meet on March 25, 2020. The Committee will next meet at 1 pm on April 22, 2020.

2020 Committee meeting dates:

April 22
May 20
September 2
September 23
October 21
November 23 (this is a Monday; the Monday of Thanksgiving week)