

**Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.**  
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Meeting for December 6, 2020 Canceled by President John Kellstrand due to several delegates not able to attend for various reasons.

Send your E-mail addresses to get the minutes electronically. [ShootingPete@comcast.net](mailto:ShootingPete@comcast.net) This will help us save in postage.

Roll Call – n/a

**President's Comments:** Noted wildlife artist and life-long Topsfield resident, Nancy Begin passed away on November 9 in Masconomet at the age of 95. She was the first woman appointed to the Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife Board, a position she held for 27 years.

Minutes email – would like to have most of them emailed to reduce cost of printing and mailing (paper, envelopes, and stamps), will also save hours folding, stuffing, and stamping. Need to look in to reducing the number we mail, reducing multiple mailing to the same club. Will be putting minutes on the new web site. Bylaw change is required, this will also eliminate mail requirement. - under New Business Jan 2021

There is going to be an R3 (Recruitment, Retention & Reactivation) zoom meeting on Dec 07 to preview the draft plan and to provide feedback. The invitee list has been limited. Peter 7 I have been invited and others in the room may also be included. The plan will be made public sometime in 2021.

**PLEASE PLEASE get us the E-Mail for your member clubs.**

**Communication:** 2021 fishing and hunting licenses are now on sale. Go to MASSFISHHUNT.

**GOAL and Comm2A** Join Forces to expand the federal court action against municipalities that are not complying with the State's licensing laws. For the second time in a decade, demand for ammunition has outstripped supply in the United States. The first ammunition bubble was from 2012 to 2017. The next started in 2020.

Ammunition manufacturers have increased their capacity. In the face of increased demand, it has not been enough. Ammunition plants are running 24/7 to make profits while demand is high. A major supplier, Vista Outdoor, has a backorder time of over a year for ammunition.

The **Civilian Marksmanship Program** decided not to publish new rulebooks for 2021. 2020 Rulebooks will continue to be used and Errata sheets are being provided for each rulebook.

November of 2020 continued the trend of record-breaking gun sales and record-breaking National Instant background Check System (NICS) checks. Sales for November 2020 brings the total sales for 2020 to about 18.76 million.

**Legislation:** There has been no further action on any of the sportsmen's bills. We need to thank our legislators when the next election comes around.

The updated Watchlist is on the web site. All bills will die on 01/05/2021 (end of session) Preparing for re-file of MSC Bills. Sen. Anne Gobi will be filing H3866 committee consolidation of several crossbow bills and S2501 committee consolidation of various sportsman related bills as new files

2021 Budget areas of interest to sportsmen of the Commonwealth:

Operation of the Office of Environmental Law Enforcement

\$ 12,337,788

Administration of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife	\$ 16,081,736
Office of the Commissioner of Fish and Game	\$ 1,049,242
Division of Ecological Restoration and the Riverways Program	\$ 2,600,000
Hunter Safety training program	\$ 504,730
Purchase of land containing wildlife habitats	\$ 1,500,000
Natural Heritage and Endangered Species program	\$ 500,000
Administration of the Office of Fishing and Boating Access	\$ 621,062
Operation of the Division of Marine Fisheries	\$ 6,845,501
Administration and operation of the Saltwater Fishing Permit program	\$ 1,746,763
Division of Marine Fisheries for a program to enhance and develop marine recreational fishing and related programs and activities	\$ 808,034

**Hunter Ed** – The three courses for the end of the year are showing Full on the education web page.

**Ware River / Quabbin Watershed Advisory** – The last meetings were in March.

**Marine Fisheries** – Only commercial stuff going on.

**Forrest and Parks** – Nothing to report.

**Fund Raising - Super Raffle 2021.** Raffle tickets are going to the printer. We will have them at the Jan 10, 2021 meeting. Details will be posted on our webpage.

**Shows** - Scheduled for 2021 have been canceled in Massachusetts.

**Bear Damage Report** – A few reports are coming in.

**New Business** - n/a

**Old Business** – Banquet for 2021 is tentative for April 10, 2021. There will be two awards for Scholarship this year. Would a Zoom Meeting help in attendance to monthly meetings? Tell us what you think. The Legislative / Regulation change from Barnstable will be moved forward for January 2021.

**Good of the Order** – A six prize raffle is being held at Lenox Sportsmen’s Club, tickets are online at their website.

**Adjournment** – n/a

**Next Meeting** – January 10th at Century Sportsman’s Club, Auburn