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Meeting for November 7, 2021 at 9:05am held via Zoom by President John Kellstrand

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Roll Call – quorum

President's Comments - The conservation alliance should be meeting tomorrow night. H.2057 will not be supported by the MCA after discussion. Pheasant / Quail Regulations that were approved is not 2022. Tomorrow the Annual Report will be filed with the Commonwealth. A delegate for Middlesex County League is needed since the death of Larry Roy. We will reach out to Frank McKenna to see if he is interested. Suggested a flier be put up at the shows to solicit people. At the Beach Buggy meeting we saw Mike Moss.

Communication – WI discovered 4000 voters over 120 years old on the voting rolls. Another report showed hundreds of voters with the same phone number. Failed nominee of BATFE, David Chapman, tells CBS News that it is “easier to buy a gun than a beer” in America. Dept of Justice has to pay \$88M is a settlement where the NICS check failed to stop a gun sale to a person not allowed to have a gun under Federal Law. Henry Repeating Arms is expanding in a new 84K sqft building in Wisconsin near its existing 140K sqft building in Rice Lake. This will give Henry 350K sqft of manufacturing space and employ more than 600 employees. A Freedom of Information Request to the BATFE on the number of “rogue gun dealers” alleged by President Biden has yet to be answered after 6 months. A study by American University shows Massachusetts gun laws achieved “no effect” to reducing violent crime even though state legislators promised they would. The study looked at bills signed into law by Governor Deval Patrick. ‘After six years since the strong gun controls package was implemented, Asst Professor Janice Iwama says she “found no consistent effect of the new legislation on reducing four types of violent crime” ‘.

Legislation - Not much happening.

Hunter Ed – For MA Wildlife the New MassFishHunt site. REMINDER: Shotgun Deer Hunters must report at a physical check station during the first week of shotgun.

Ware River Watershed – No meeting.

Quabbin Watershed Advisory – Next mtg at Quabbin Visitor Ctr on December 13th at 7PM. Last meeting didn't have a quorum.

Marine Fisheries – Discharge into the CC Canal near Mass Maritime secondary/Tertiary treated water increase to 3-7 million gallons daily. We need to watch this.

Forrest and Parks – Blue Hill Deer Management Program registration closed on October 18th. We didn't hear that the registration was even open.

New Business -

Shows for 2022: Boxboro	January 28, 29, 30
Standish	February 5, 6
Big E	February 25, 26, 27

Super Raffle Prizes – Organization donations still need to be provided. Berkshire, Norfolk, Essex

MSC Banquet 2022 – work/planning is starting. Do you want to help? Do you have nominations for awards? Contact Secretary Bernard (shootingpete@comcast.net or 508-930-4124)

Deer/Bear Damage Report – No change to the report.

Good of the Order – Bristol Co League Banquet at the end of April, Gun raffle next weekend in Bristol Co. One NWTF calendar is still available from Secretary Bernard.

At the SE BioReserve in Fall River / Freetown you can register your vehicle and get a key to open the gates with restrictions and only to retrieve your harvest. This is a Pilot Program to try for 2021. Commissioner Amidon and Senator Rodrigues were a HUGE help in getting this done.

Adjournment – 10:55 am

Next Meeting – December 5th at Century Sportsmen's Club in Auburn.