

Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.
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Meeting for Sept 11, 2022 at 9:06am held at the Century Sportsmen's Club, by President John Kellstrand

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Roll Call – quorum

President's Comments - Status reports need to be sent in. F&W Board Meeting, tomorrow – Sept 12. Steve Sears acting Chair, Ernie Foster is acting Secretary, Bob Durand acting Vice Chair.

Communication – Know the MA firearm laws when going to Kittery Trading Post, they confuse the AR/AK restrictions with other firearms. Sportsmen's Alliance membership will be renewed. Smith & Wesson stood up to Rep Carolyn Maloney (D,NY) wanting none public information in forming "common-sense gun safety reform". The firearms excise tax for the first quarter of 2022 totaled \$300.5Mm the highest first quarter in history. A Holyoke man faces years in prison and high fines for 38 counts of NFA violations and time for lying to the feds.

Legislation - none of the sportsmen's bills passed. The refund to the Inland Fish & Wildlife Fund passed for the free licenses. MCA lobbyist work did not help in getting bills passed. Currently the House and Senate meet for 10 to 12 minutes a day and work on vacation time, sick leave, and liquor licenses. Jeff Diehl cleared the primary vote for Governor. Four new members appointed to the Fisheries Wildlife Board. Noah McClanan Dir of Legislative Affairs for Fisheries and Wildlife.

Hunter Ed – Classes will fill up fast pre-hunting seasons.

Ware River Watershed – Next Meeting at Thursday, Sept 15, Rutland Public Library. Delegate Lori Pray attended the June meeting.

Quabbin Watershed Advisory – Next meeting Sept 19th at 6:30pm at the Visitor Center. Quabbin Dear Hunt was discussed at the last meeting. The road at Gate 43 is in poor shape. It is estimated at a \$200K repair.

Marine Fisheries – Recreational change for Bluefish. Cod fish and Haddock change. Many of the hearings and meetings were held via zoom using Atlantic States Marine Fisheries access.

Forrest and Parks – announced the Blue Hills Management Program.

Deer/Bear Damage Report – Don Graves has been keeping the Council updated on the damage with photos. F&W Board sub-committee was formed and meet the same day as the board meeting.

New Business - Banquet for 2023 will be Saturday April 15th at the Tuttle Post in Auburn.

2023 Shows are scheduled to be

Standish	TBD
Boxboro	January 27, 28, 29
West Springfield	February 24, 25, 26

We need to work on revitalizing Middlesex, Norfolk, Hampshire County Leagues.

Super Raffle 2023 – Please submit your organizations commitment for the raffle. We want to have the tickets ready for the December meeting.

Good of the Order – NWTF Gun a Week 2023 Calendars on sale now.
Somerset Sportsman’s Club in Bristol Co is having a 3 Gun Raffle in Dec.

Election of 2022-23 Officers -	President –	John Kellstrand
	Vice President –	(open)
	Treasurer –	John Kellstrand
	Secretary -	Peter Bernard

Adjournment – 11:11 am

Next Meeting - October 2nd