**Massachusetts Sportsmen’s Council, Inc.**

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Meeting for April 7, 2024 at 9:04am held in-person at Century Sportsman’s Club,

by President John Kellstrand

Minutes are posted on the MSC website.

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

**President’s Comments –** email from Darrell Turley trying to set up a pod cast to explain hunting to the non-hunting public.

# Communication – No response from emails for SEMAP organization. We invited them to attend the meeting for past two months. former Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard attitudes changed after being on the campaign trail mounting longshot effort to gain the Democrat nomination. It is not the kind of narrative her former anti-gun Democrat colleague want anyone to hear. RFK Jr. Would Put Gun Banner-Supporting VP Pick . The Washington Post analyzed, and was forced to concede, that the often-repeated gun control lie that “Gun violence is the leading cause of death for children” was indeed false. President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, official statements from The White House, countless gun control politicians and gun control activist groups – including Brown – have all repeated the claim. Never mind that it is completely false. MBA mentioned at the Worcester Co League Banquet that they would donate to the MCA raffle. The Conference Committee on the firearms bill had their 3rd meeting. The Police Chief board made the decision to favor the last gun bill without polling the local Chiefs. Colonel of the Environmental Police is retiring.

**Legislation -** We have a list of Politian’s not running for re-election. Budget work is starting. The sportsmen’s bills are not going anywhere. Expenses for migrants are out of control.

**Hunter Ed / Fisheries & Wildlife –** The instructor training review days were held. A Volunteer Coordinator has been hired. F&W webpages are in multiple languages now. The Learn to Hunt program is expanding along with the paper work for instructors.

**Ware River Watershed –** Meeting is April 11th at Rutland Library. Some items that are being discussed Ruebin Walker Road, Covered Bridge Road, Prison Camp Road and swimming at Comet Pond.

**Quabbin Watershed Advisory –** No update.

**Marine Fisheries –**  Reduced limits on commercial for Fluke and Scup. Recreational anglers may now take one Striped Bass per day in the new slot limit of 28" to less than 31". These rules will stay in place until further notice, through the end of 2023 at least.

**Forrest and Parks –** Email from Quabbin Visitor Center will list of hikes coming up. Signup is required.

**New Business –** The Bristol Co Banquet is next week, April 19th. Rep Xiarhus were are a right to shelter state and he filed a bill to fix and the House is not interested. There is a petition to sign at …… Barnstable County sent a Letter to the F&W Board requesting that Chukar be added to the Special Winter Hunt. Currently Bobwhite and Pheasant can be hunted. The Council will support this.

**Old Business** – no updated information regarding Cape Code Seashore stocking.

**Super Raffle Prizes –** Tickets are still on sale. The Drawing in June 2nd.

**MSC Banquet** – Canceled for this spring.

**Scholarship** – Two applicants approved to received.

**Deer/Bear Damage Report –** No update.

**Good of the order –** winner of the Fur Bears Unlimited shotgun from the Conway will be to a special shoot.

The 2024 gun is the Beretta A300 and might be available to purchase.

**Adjournment –** 11:15 am

**Next Meeting –** May 5th via ZOOM.