

Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.
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Meeting for December 3, 2023 at 9:25am held in-person at Century Sportsman's Club,
by President John Kellstrand

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Quorum – Not present

President's Comments – State House News pricing, we are still playing phone tag. Forest meeting was attended via ZOOM. The Budget for 2024 was made but cannot be voted on without a quorum. Delegate Don Graves requested to be Asst Treasurer but there is nothing in our bylaws to have this position. Continue watching the Joint Base Cape Cod low income housing issue. Budget extension bill was stopped the last few days because of a lack of a quorum.

Communication – Comments from Jake McGuigan at the MCA Meeting read. Notes regarding the changes . Environmental Police had one candidate drop out from the training class. The new class still has 3 potential officers. December 5th Virtual Deer Hunting mentoring session.

Legislation - Gun bill and Selling of Fur bill hearings held this past week. An updated gun bill requires background checks on ammunition sales. Susan Collins and Angus King from Maine submitted anti-gun bills.

Hunter Ed – no updates

Ware River Watershed – Meeting January 11th in Rutland.

Quabbin Watershed Advisory – Last meeting was in September. Next meeting on December 18th at 6:30pm at the Visitor Center. Gate 8 ropes for buoys and fishermen are catching them possibly have State Police Dive Team try to remove them.

Marine Fisheries – Hearing this week at Mass Maritime regarding Amendment 7 Fishing Mortality.

Forrest and Parks – road closures and you can skate here announcements.

New Business – Help for the 2024 shows will be needed. Please consider coming in for a few hours. EPO's are reporting there have been a lot of stupid accidents during this year's hunting. Please be careful. Mandatory meeting for Hunters that want to hunt on Sandy Neck Beach Park in Centerville, Dember 6th at 7pm.

Super Raffle Prizes – Tickets are now available. The delegates were given tickets. Twelve Prizes this year.

2024 Shows - NE Fishing Expo @ Royal Plaza Trade Center in Marlboro. \$15 admission. February 2-4.

Standish. \$10 Admission. February 10, 11

Big E. \$15 admission. February 23-25.

MSC Banquet – The banquet for 2024 will be April 13th at the Tuttle Post in Auburn. We are still waiting on the confirmation from the venue, they don't have a calendar for 2024 yet. Nominations for Awards are needed. Prizes are being excepted for the 2024 Banquet. Ask shops in your area.

Deer/Bear Damage Report – Article in DartmouthWeekToday.com regarding the deer problem in the Southeast that farmers are having.

Adjournment – 11:00 am

Next Meeting – January 7th with a location TBD.