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Meeting for February 11, 2024 at 9:10am held in-person at Century Sportsman's Club,
by President John Kellstrand

Minutes are posted on the MSC website.

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President's Comments – F&W is working on an article for the news talking about the county league's and other stuff conservation items that sportsmen's work on. Correction on last month's minutes regarding F&W website should have been Fish & Game website.

Communication – More than 2,600 companies displayed products and services in booths covering more than 821,000 net square feet and attracting 55,400 industry professionals from 117 countries and all 50 states. A New York woman slap a mounted officers horse and the horse kicked the woman, so a reminder don't touch Police animals. Reported by NSSF that Rhode Island has a bill to ban hunting. Director Tisa sent a letter to Cape Cod National Seashore about stocking quail. Feb 15th will have the Fisheries and Wildlife Board Meeting in Westborough.

Legislation - A letter opposing S.2572 sent to 40 Senators. Responses received from 20 Senators. The two bills are expecting to go to a conference committee. Other discussion about elections and candidates. Check out the Senate Bill review done by GOAL.

Hunter Ed – Saturday February 24th and March 16th Hunter Ed workshops; register now. Bow course at Monument Beach at the end of February.

Ware River Watershed – Checking out swimming at Comet Pond in Worcester, trail committee looking a bridge construction and more signs installed. The next meeting in Rutland will be February 29th

Quabbin Watershed Advisory – Couldn't attend the meeting. Minutes from the meeting have not arrived yet.

Marine Fisheries – Striper size 28 inch to less than 31 inch passed and must be in affect by May 2024. Public Input Sought (through 5PM on March 7, 2024) on Recreational Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Options and Modifying the For-hire Vessel At-sea Filleting Allowance for Striped Bass. Reduce the state's commercial striped bass quota by 7%.

Forrest and Parks – February school vacation free-friendly programs announced.

New Business – Two shows down and one to go. Come visit our booth at the Big E. Bristol Aggie High School wanted more information on our scholarship.

Super Raffle Prizes – Tickets are now available. Twelve Prizes this year. Buy two tickets – get two free.

2024 Shows - The last show is at the Big E. \$15 admission. February 23-25. Booth 536.

MSC Banquet – The banquet at the Tuttle Post in Auburn is not working out. The Post Commander was contacted. The hours 11-4 or 6-11 are the options on times. Marie's Catering has retired. Finding other locations is not working out. We might have to cancel or move to a fall event.

Deer/Bear Damage Report – Nothing being done by F&W. Do we have to wait until damage hits in more eastern parts of the Commonwealth ?

Adjournment – 11:40 am

Next Meeting – March 3rd.