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Meeting for June 4, 2023 at 9:35am held via Zoom, by President John Kellstrand

Minutes are posted on the MSC website and no longer mailed.

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**President’s Comments -** Anne Gobi has resigned as a State Senator. She is changing to the Director of Rural Affairs for the Healy Administration. Peter Durant will be running for Anne’s senate seat. The new Council banner is being displayed today. President, VP, Secretary attended the R3.

**Minutes –** updates/corrections needed.

**Communication –** Maine. Thursday at F&W, The Board has at 10:30am is the Governance Mtg., 1:30pm regular monthly mtg, 4:00 DCR Stewardship meeting. M/S/P to renew our membership with the Sportsmen’s Alliance – Patron membership. Request from NWTF for membership renewal, M/S/P.

**Legislation -** House Budget completed and is available online, Senate Budget completed and is not online yet. Some F&W lines had line totals added and subtracted dollars. The next stop is the conference committee. Both budgets have the renaming of the Inland Fish and Game Fund and the reimbursement or license fees. The Sportsmen’s Caucus now has 36 members the list will be posted to the MSC website soon. The updated Watch List showing which bills had hearings will be posted to the MSC website.

**Hunter Ed –** Reported at the R3 Meeting on June 3rd that Hunter Ed is not part of the R3 Initiative.The Board’s Sub committee for Hunter Ed has yet to meet.

**Ware River Watershed –** The lastmeeting was held on May 18th, next meeting will be July 27th at the Rutland Library.

**Quabbin Watershed Advisory –** The next meeting is on June 5th. Credit card only at the gate. Gate 8 still has problem with the roadway. Gate 43 has an $300K allotment for the roadway Letter sent about the change on logging restrictions.

**Marine Fisheries –**  The new Striper Regs has taken affect. The abstract is still not out. Black Sea Bass and Scup limits for 2023 limits were set.

Access Board is meeting on June 8th at F&W HQ at 10am. The Free Saltwater Fishing weekend is June 10th/11th .

**Forrest and Parks –** No report available.

**New Business**

**Super Raffle Prizes –** 1. Mossberg 940 Pro, Brian Bordner – Northfield

 2. Henry Golden Boy, Bill Gallagher - Berkey

 3. CVA Wolf V2, Lucas Insclis - Conway

 4. Armelegant 12ga, Michael Ripa - Westfield

 5. Cabela’s $150 Gift Card Randy Chichester -

 6. Bass Pro $200 Gift Card Tim McCury - ?

 7. 10ft Surf Rod Moulton – Plymouth

 8. Storm Rifle Case Somerset Sportsman - Swansea

 9. Turkey Hunt Art Brasill – Bridgewater

 10. Baraska Spotting Scope Friberg - Easton

 Seller’s Prize Somerset Sportsman’s Club

**MSC Banquet** – The banquet for 2023 will be April 15th at the Tuttle Post in Auburn.

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

**Nominating Committee for 2023 –** Laurie Pray, Bob Sagan, Mike Velosa

**Good of the Order –** MBBA learn to fish on June 10th. Douglas Farm- Ryan Fatman having a rally today.

**Adjournment –** 12:05 pm

**Next Meeting –** Sept 10th with a location TBD.