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

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Meeting for March 3, 2024 at 9:08am 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 –** Thank you to the volunteers at the Springfield Show (Duane, Laurie, Donald, Peter), Thank you to the Barnstable Co team at the Standish Show. President Kellstrand could not attend the Bio Diversity meeting in February.

**Communication –** 86 percent of gun owners and recreational target marksmen and women who don’t hunt support the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program. Over 100 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate [signed a letter](https://www2.nssf.org/e/127421/akeCityArmyAmmunitionPlant-pdf/4ynwj4/1019405937/h/1zGO6xJ4WAHRPJ3x8rjRNWgBOaZvotrQudYGX5jMwrI) warning against banning commercial utilization of the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant. The U.S. Treasury Department [admitted](https://www2.nssf.org/e/127421/vate-bank-transaction-searches/4ynwj7/1019405937/h/1zGO6xJ4WAHRPJ3x8rjRNWgBOaZvotrQudYGX5jMwrI) they illegally searched the private transactions, including those for firearm and ammunition purchases, of law-abiding citizens without legal justification.

Anti-Gun Groups Fabricating Mass-Shooting Data - There were 648 mass shootings in 2020, according to the Gun Violence Archive. Everytown claims there were 636, but the FBI says there were 50. The Violence Prevention Project says there was 7. Copied on Email regarding Cape Cod National Seashore to various people. Bow Hunters are having a Pig Roast on May 5 at Singletary Rod & Gun. Minutes from Barnstable Co meeting.

**Legislation -** The gun bill is in conference committee (Cream, Lovely, Carr, Day, Gonzales, Mckenna). The Budget is coming up next. Three MA House members not seeking re-election; all anti-gun.

**Hunter Ed / Fisheries & Wildlife –** Saturday March 16th Hunter Ed workshop. Wildlife magazine will have an article about John Fabrowski in the future issue. Learn to Hunt Turkey at Monument Beach (Adult) and Falmouth (Youth), NWTF Calling seminar coming up in Westboro.

**Ware River Watershed –** DCR updates some land was cleared in Rutland. Improved parking at Comet Pond.Discussion on swimming at Comet Pond for open water and long distance swimming. Trails Committee spoke about a bridge connecting trails – DCR are looking at this. April 11 is the next meeting at the Rutland Library.

**Quabbin Watershed Advisory –** No update, minutes not received yet.

**Marine Fisheries –**  Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period Proposals Affecting Recreational and Commercial Trap Fishing: Lobster Carapace Size, V-Notch, Escape Vents, and Trap Tag Rules Under Addendum XXVII; MA Lobster Tracer Buoy Line; and Housekeeping on March 22 in Hyannis. Other notices can be found on the Marine Fisheries web page, Mass.gov/DFW .

**Forrest and Parks –** Standard road and construction advisories are the only things being updated.

**New Business –** A Bristol Co. rabbit hunter was threaten with child endangerment while taking a second child hunting by a Sgt of the Environmental Police. Renewal of our membership to the Sportsman’s Alliance.  
Hunter’s for the Hungry donation of $500 approved.

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

**2024 Shows -** Worcester/Boxboro/Marlboro show locations are poor for raffle tickets but good for pins. Raffle tickets sell well at Standish. The painted pins are good sellers with the bigger selection we have.At the Big E, beer sells the best for $10 / $14 per cup. Marlboro is a nice location for the show and will return for the next couple years.

**MSC Banquet** – Canceled or delayed for 2024. We are having issues with a venue.

**Deer/Bear Damage Report –** No update. We invited Susan Murray from SEMAP from Bristol Co. but we did not hear back from her.

**Adjournment –** 12:10 pm

**Next Meeting –** April 7th.