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Meeting for November 5, 2023 at 9:00am held via Zoom, by President John Kellstrand

As transcribed from ZOOM recording

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| <u>Attendance:</u> | 1 – Bristol | 1 - Beach Buggy | 2 – Barnstable |
| | 1 – Essex | 1 – Trappers | 1 – Hampden |
| | 1 – Franklin | 1 – NWTF | 1 - Bow Hunters |

CTO: approx 9am

Presidents Comments: Taxes filed. State House News price being looked into. MCA was quoted only \$19/wk and MSC pays \$47/wk. Playing phone tag with the orgs business manager.. November 14th meeting for forest as a climate solution has an online meeting 6:30pm-9pm. Cape Cod times article about low cost housing on Joint Base Cape Cod. Is this for the migrants ? Is this hunting land ? Possibly 600 acres from old base housing. But this infringes on Crane. Hunting on Tribal Lands is illegal to hunt on the property without permission of the elders. John is sending a letter to Sportsmen's Alliance of Maine asking how they are handling any restrictions. Reporter from Associated Press contacted John regarding Sunday Hunting. Five questioned answered. Article has not published as of 10/31/2023. Dues notices have been sent out. John showed a couple examples of a Yeti cup in Black and Green with MSC logo for the Banquet prizes. Quabbin Visitor Center has a new name -

Communications: Fisheries & Wildlife Board Meeting at Field HQ on November 15th. This is a hybrid meeting at 1pm. Governance Meeting at 9:30am.

Legislation: H.4139 passed. Rep Peter Durant opposed the bill. Dave Viera's aid passed away. The Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus is showing three co-chairs. The Senate's gun bill probably not coming out until January. Fur Ban bill's H.949 and S.590 are identical with a November 8th virtual hearing.

Hunter Ed: Working Group had a meeting on October 30th with group report to the Board coming up.

Ware River Watershed: The DCR 10 year Plan approved on October 5th. Next meeting in January 11th in Rutland.

MCA: Brian Arigo attended the last meeting to introduce himself.

Marine Fisheries: Nothing but commercial. Stan is watching closely.

Fishing and Boating Access: No report

Forest & Parks: November 12th there is a hike at Rutland Prison Camp and November 18th Explore the Ware River Watershed.

Super Raffle 2024: Finalizing the prize items. Eleven prizes now. First Prize is an engraved Weatherby Orion. Expecting tickets to be available in December in Century Sportsmen’s Club in Auburn.

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| Show Schedule: | NE Fishing Expo – Royal Plaza Trade Center | February 2 – 4 |
| | Standish | February 10, 11 |
| | Big E | February 23 – 25 |

Deer/Bear Damage Report: Asking for the MCA to support. Ron Amidon mentioned increasing Bear Season. This year the choke cherries had a big crop so the damage was less this year.

New Business: A note from Sasha Dyer about using Tracking Dogs. The Council discussed this a few years ago. John forwarding the information we have from that time. She is bringing this to the F&W Board.

Barnstable County League suggested to find out what Reps in your area voted in favor of H.4139 and vote against them.

Jason Zimmer in the SE District Supervisor finally got a meeting with the Cape Cod National Seashore team. A new superintendent is starting soon. The Natural Resources person and Chief Warden do not want stocked animals in the area. Only native birds.

Adjourn: 11:33am

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Next Meeting: December 3rd at Century Sportsmen Club in Auburn.