

**Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.**  
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Meeting for November 3, 2024 at 9:01am held online via ZOOM,  
by President John Kellstrand

Minutes are posted on the MSC website.

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**President's Comments** – Moment of Silence for Rep Susan Gifford & Bob Goguen. **Tuesday is Election Day !** Somerset Co Maine recommended not eating Deer or Turkey because of elevated PFAS levels being found.

**Communication** – A review by the [RAND Corporation reveals that Extreme-Risk Protection Orders](#) (“Red Flag”) have had *inconclusive results* on various public safety outcomes. Hunters take note: State attorneys are arguing your rifles are not “*constitutionally*” protected in Connecticut. A stunning revelation, the FBI has quietly revised its violent crime statistics for 2022, showing a significant rise in crime that had previously been concealed. From VP Harris, “*Just because you legally possess a gun in the sanctity of your locked home doesn't mean that we're not going to walk into that home and check to see if you're being responsible and safe in the way you conduct your affairs.*” Fish & Wildlife Board Meeting on Wednesday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The F&W website is still showing 2023 dates.

**Legislation** - Chapter 135 – The Civil Rights Coalition delivered petitions to the Secretary of State's office. There are two lawsuits currently filed.

**Chapter 135** - The Civil Rights Coalition wants to file suit in regards to the “Preamble”. Fund raising events being planned for 2025. A donation of \$500 from the MSC will be made to the Coalition.

**Hunter Ed / Fisheries & Wildlife** – Bristol “Aggie” High School has asked about having a Basic class. Three Board Member's are up for reappointment. There are two Basic courses still open/available this year, one in Haverhill and the other in Milford.

**Ware River Watershed** – Proposals on two forestry projects in Barre and Hubbardston. DCR and the Watershed Committee talking about opening roads within the watershed. Next meeting is November 21 at 7pm at the Rutland Library.

**Quabbin Watershed Advisory** – No update

**Marine Fisheries** – No update

**Forrest and Parks** – Bans on open fires announced. Notice on wild fires around the Commonwealth.

**New Business** – Help is needed for the shows. Barnstable Co will work the show at Standish. Voted to donate to the Civil Rights Coalition. Old information has been removed from the MSC website.

**Old Business** – A location for a banquet is needed. No further information for adding Chukar's to stocked birds.

**Shows - NE Fishing Expo** (Royal Plaza Trade Center, Marlborough) **Jan 31-Feb 2**

**NH Outdoor Expo** (Hampshire Dome, Milford NH) **Mar 7-9**

**Standish Show** (E Bridgewater) **Feb 8-9**

**Springfield Show** (at the Big E, W Springfield) **Feb 21-23**

**Super Raffle Prizes** – Bristol Co commits to donate a Ruger 10-22. Somerset Sportsman's Club will donate an Athlon Talos spotting scope. The Council will purchase a Henry Golden Boy and a Big Boy. The drawing will be on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Franklin Co. will have a \$150 Gift Card. Cranberry Long Beards will donate a guided turkey hunt.

**Deer/Bear Damage Report** – No update for the public hearing on the Bear Season change.

**Adjournment** – 12:07 pm

**Next Meeting** – December 1st, via Zoom.