

Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.
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Meeting for Sept 7, 2025 at 9:16 am held via ZOOM,
by President John Kellstrand

Minutes are posted on the MSC website.

President's Comments – Moment of Silence for Dan Macgilvry who passed away. Pam Landry from F&W is retiring next week. Bob Duran and John Organ resigned from the F&W Board. Malcolm Haith appointed to F&W Board. Proposal on using a part of Sporting Goods state sales tax for conservation efforts.

Communication – NWTF Jake's event at the Wrentham Sportsmen's Club on Sept 21.

From GOAL – Reminder that M.G.L. Chapter 131G has been removed, Less than 18 yr old cannot possess Pepper Spray, the protection for reporting lost or stolen guns removed, a firearms license is now needed to possess the ammunition components for "antique" firearms, updates made to authorized handgun list. F&W Board meeting on Sept 17th. Deer strike report issued by AAA. MCA report given.

Legislation - Corrections for Law Enforcement made to Chapter 135 were hidden in the Transportation Bond bill. NRA and GOAL filed suit in Federal Court on the Assault Weapons Ban based on Heller, Macdonald and Bruen decisions as well as Unconstitutionally vague precedent and no due process, GOAL files suit over Kyle Culotta jailing – MA Supreme Court is working on it. July 30th a Writ of Certiorari over the constitutionality of the Commonwealth's "suitability" standard ("Suitability is codified into state law). Prohibited Assault Style Firearms Roster created - dated July 8, 2025. One of the Ballot Questions that was approved for 2026 is stipends that Beacon Hill politician's get.

Hunter Ed / Fisheries & Wildlife – Youth Pheasant Hunt for 12-17 yr old under supervision on one Saturday of the 6 Saturdays before October 18. Sue Langlois retired, and Todd Olanyk appointed. Changes to Deer Regulations take effect this year. Deer Regulation changes are in effect.

Ware River Watershed – Sept 18th is the next minuting.

Quabbin Watershed Advisory – No report available. July minutes to be approved.

Marine Fisheries – ASMFC Hearing on Stripers being held on Sept 25 (north shore), Sept 29 (webinar), Sept 30 (South shore).

Forrest and Parks – Asian Long Beetle has been eradicated from Holden, MA. Tree Planting around the Commonwealth from the Citizen Forrester news. DCR Stewardship Committee Sept 11 at 1pm.

New Business – Donations for the 2026 Raffle are being accepted.

Old Business - Request to F&W Board to extend Coyote season was Nominating Committee for 2026 (Mark G, Donald G, Dwayne P).

Deer/Bear Damage Report – Chairman Graves would like to speak to the F&W Board about Zone 2 and 4N Deer Harvest.

Election for 2025-26 Officers –

President	Peter Bernard
Vice President	Duane Prey
Secretary	Laurie Prey
Treasurer	John Kellstrand

Good of the order –

Adjournment – 10:59 pm

Next Meeting – Oct 5th via ZOOM.