

**Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.**  
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Meeting for Sept 10, 2023 at 9:20am held in-person at Century Sportsman's Club,  
by President John Kellstrand

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**President's Comments** - Read message from Kate and Peter Durant regarding their successful Safari. E-mail sent to Commissioner O'Shea at the end of June regarding late notification of an event late (1 day notice). The commissioner did reply. Run for Wildlife event at MacCallum WMA on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> and the Council is one of the Sponsor's. An invite public input session on Sept 12<sup>th</sup> regarding Climate-Oriented Forest Management Guidelines; President Kellstrand will attend. Dues to the NWTF was renewed. There will be a new superintendent for Cape Cod National Seashore this fall. The council sent a letter to Public Safety Committee in response to HD.4420. Volunteers are still needed.

**Minutes from June** – Correction on the 2024 Banquet date.

**Communication** – HD.4420 what else has to be said. If you don't know what this is you are not a sportsman. Youth WaterFowl Hunt on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Parker River. The sportsmen's show recently held in Boxboro will move to Marlboro in February 2024. F&W Board Meeting is this Wednesday will be a hybrid will be online and in-person. Sue Murray will make a presentation on crop loss due to Deer in SE Mass. A vote on the unified archery season will also be held. A survey to MA Hunters will be coming from. The Expo to be held in Marshfield was canceled.

**Legislation** - HD.4420 opposition. It is rumored that the Senate has its own bill coming. H.2771 Public Safety Fund 36% tax guns and ammo has a hearing this Tuesday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. The 2024 Budget was finalized with George L. Darey Inland Fish & Wildlife Fund being reimbursed annually. But this does not actually change the statue. An outside section to the budget to provide the CMR's published online.

**Hunter Ed** – There was a working group meeting in July. There was an open survey done over the summer. There is a ZOOM meeting of the working group of September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Ware River Watershed** – Meeting is at Quabbin Regional High School with the DCR final plan being presented, on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Quabbin Watershed Advisory** – Next meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Visitor Center. With the 2023 Deer Hunt Update, Closure of the Pottapaug Pond to private boats, Condition of the paving at Gate 8, Scenic tree cutting proposal at the Pelham Lookout.

**Marine Fisheries** – No recreational updates. Plenty on the commercial side

**Forrest and Parks** – New Commissioner, Brian Arrigo, named.

**New Business** – Help for the 2024 shows will be needed. Please consider coming in for a few hours.

**Super Raffle Prizes** – CVA Wolf V2 was just claimed last week and the Baraska Spotting Scope has not been claimed yet. All of our organizations are requested to donate a prize for the 2024 Super Raffle. The Council purchased a Weatherby Orion O/U for the raffle. Please notify the President / Secretary as soon as possible on your commitment. If you are considering a gift card please let us transfer the amount into a physical prize.

**MSC Banquet** – The banquet for 2024 will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Tuttle Post in Auburn. We are still waiting on the confirmation from the venue, they don't have a calendar for 2024 yet.

**Deer/Bear Damage Report** – The land owner permit was reportedly changed by the F&W Board but the word hasn't circulated within F&W because our delegate was told no change was made. A farmer in Colrain lost 1/3 of his crop due to animals.

<b>Elections of Officers for 2024</b> – President:	John Kellstrand
Vice President:	Dave Harbison (understanding that Dave is in TN during the winter)
Treasurer:	John Kellstrand
Secretary:	Peter Bernard

**Good of the Order** – Suggested the the Council join the Bristol Co Farm Bureau

**Adjournment** – 11:30 am

**Next Meeting** – Octobert 1st Via ZOOM