A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held January 20, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Brewster and Lund.

In the absence of Frederick G. Crane, Jr., Secretary, Mr. Joseph W. Lund was elected Secretary pro tem.

Mr. Lund submitted the following corrections to be made in the minutes of the December 16, 1971 meeting:

1. On page 3, fourth paragraph, second line, the word "geological" should be changed to "geographical."

2. On page 3, second paragraph, second line, before the words "The Chairman.....these projects." add - "As approval of self-help projects by the Board is not required by law,"

Following approval of the corrections, as submitted, the minutes of the December 16, 1971 meeting were approved.

In reporting on legislation, the Commissioner said there are numerous bills before the Legislative Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture affecting the Department in one way or another. The Department, he said, is preparing a "draft" message to the Governor proposing an amendment to the Hatch and Jones Acts which would combine them into one regulatory act.

In commenting on the Department's budget, the Commissioner said there are no new positions being recommended by the Governor except where the budget reflects the use of dedicated funds, such as the Marine Fisheries Fund, Public Access Fund, and Recreational Areas Fund.

Chairman Fulham read a letter from Secretary Charles H. W. Foster in reply to the Board's letter of appeal for support in the Department's request for an overall personnel upgrading. Secretary Foster indicated his sympathy for the problem, but felt that not much could be accomplished at this time. The letter states that the matter would be given careful consideration in the 1974 fiscal year budget.

Commissioner Brownell reported that the Department is preparing employee appeals for consideration of upgrading which will be heard before the Division of Personnel.

We have submitted similar appeals in previous years, he said, but this is the first time the Division of Personnel has scheduled hearings on the appeals.

Commissioner Brownell then brought to the attention of the Board the matter of the coastal restriction associated with the S. Volpe Construction Company located in Wareham, Massachusetts. The Commissioner summarized the past history of the restriction.

Between 1963 and 1968

1. The Department placed a restriction on land owned by the S. Volpe Construction Company under Chapter 130, Section 27A (Jones Act).

   S. Volpe Company appealed the restriction to Superior Court. Superior Court ruled in favor of the Department.

   S. Volpe Company appealed the finding to Supreme Judical Court. Supreme Court remanded the case to Superior Court for further findings.

   The case was retried by Superior Court, and the case against S. Volpe Company was dismissed. Following this decision, the attorneys for S. Volpe Company and the Attorney General's office agreed that the land in question would not be subject to any further regulatory action under Chapter 130, Section 27A.

2. In 1968, the land of S. Volpe Company was included under the restriction placed on Broad Marsh under Chapter 130, Section 105 (Coastal Protection Act). The restriction was again appealed by the Company to Superior Court.

3. In 1970, a trial was held before a Master and he ruled in favor of the S. Volpe Construction Company.

4. In 1971, the Superior Court confirmed the Master's ruling and the Court ordered the removal of the restriction on the Volpe land.

Commissioner Brownell stated that the Department must now make a decision with respect to the Volpe case. He said the Department has two alternatives: 1. do nothing; or, 2. appeal the Superior Court findings to the Supreme Judicial Court with the strong possibility of receiving an adverse decision. By law, he said, the Department is authorized to acquire the land by eminent domain; or, negotiate to purchase.

Following considerable discussion, the Board agreed that the Department should not appeal the Superior Court's decision. Secondly, the Department should not initiate any action to acquire the Volpe land.

Director Connolly and Mr. John Fiske was asked to attend the Board meeting to present self-help applications.

Mr. Fiske reported that with the approval of the applications being submitted, there will be a balance of $850 in the Self-Help fund. In addition, he said, there are approximately $550,000 in self-help applications on file. He stated that the Department has not established priority criteria for approving self-help applications, but a "go slow" policy should be exercised in approving projects pending a decision on the deficiency budget. He suggested that the following measures be applied in processing applications during the remaining months of the 1972 fiscal year.

1. First priority should be given to communities applying for the first time under the Self-Help program.

2. Applications from communities which have received reimbursement on numerous projects should be held in abeyance.

3. Projects involving HUD or BOR reimbursement should be held temporarily from consideration under Self-Help.

Following discussion, the Board gave its approval of the recommended criteria for consideration of applications under the Self-Help program.

Mr. Fiske asked the Board's approval to reduce reimbursement on Duxbury projects #10, #11, #14 and #15, previously approved by the Board for 50% reimbursement under date of June 24, 1971. Since this approval, he said, the town of Duxbury has made application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for 50% reimbursement on all four projects, and in anticipation of approval from that agency, we would like to reduce these applications by 25%. He added that the town of Duxbury is in agreement with the reduction. With the reduction of funds for the four applications, he said, the Self-Help fund will be increased by $50,000.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to amend the vote of the Board dated June 24, 1971 by reducing reimbursement on the following self-help projects.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Amount Previously Approved	New Reimbursement
Duxbury #10	100.74	$97,600.00	$48,800.00	$24,400.00
Duxbury #11	51.94	87,000.00	43,500.00	21,750.00
Duxbury #14	16.14	17,800.00	8,450.00	4,225.00
Duxbury #15	15.99	5,500.00	2,475.00	1,237.50

Mr. Fiske then presented the Ipswich project #2, consisting of 123 acres of land and costing $42,000. He said the town master plan has recommended that this area be acquired for park and watershed protection purposes. He stated that the area is continguous to 38 acres of Water Department land and the Dow Brook Reservoir. Recreational uses will include horseback riding, nature study, snowmobiling and hunting, he added.

The town of Lexington's project #18, 2.5 acres costing $4,000 and consisting of two parcels was reported by Mr. Fiske as being acquired mainly for watershed and wetland protection in the area of North Lexington Brook. He stated that hiking and nature study would be the main recreational uses of the area. He added that the town has applied to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for reimbursement on the two parcels of land. Mr. Fiske recommended that the Department approve reimbursement of 25% of the non-federal cost.

In presenting the town of West Bridgewater's project #5, 2.28 acres costing $4,500, Mr. Fiske reported that the parcel is being acquired for the protection of wetland and water storage area. He said the land will expand a conservation area already owned by the Conservation Commission. He added that a trail system is proposed for the unit.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - that the following self-help projects be approved and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Ipswich #2	123	$42,000.00	$21,000.00
Lexington #18	2.5	4,000.00	1,000.00
West Bridgewater #5	2.28	4,500.00	2,250.00

Mr. Richard Correia was asked to attend the Board meeting to present land matters.

Mr. Correia presented a proposal to acquire 27 acres of land in the town of Bourne for $17,600, owned by the Estate of Eleanor G. Hartford. He stated that the Board had approved the acquisition in 1969 but due to title complications and land court proceedings to determine clear title, acquisition was not possible. He said the property abuts the Shawme Crowell State Forest and is desirable for expansion of the Forest.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to amend the vote of the Board of Natural Resources adopted at a meeting of said Board held on September 17, 1968 wherein it was voted -

to authorize the taking by Eminent Domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through its Department of Natural Resources, of a 24 acre tract of land in Bourne, Massachusetts, owned by Mrs. Eleanor G. Hartford, shown on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Bourne to be Taken by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Natural Resources." July, 1968. Scale 1"=200'.

This taking is made to ensure a clear, marketable title, free from encumbrances and has been approved by the present owner, and the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Bourne.

Damages to be awarded as follows: Mrs. Eleanor G. Hartford - $5,000

so that the amended vote shall read as follows:-

to approve the purchase of 26 acres of land, more or less, in the town of Bourne, Massachusetts, owned by the Estate of Eleanor G. Hartford, for which all outstanding title defects have been cleared for consideration of $17,600.

Mr. Correia then brought before the Board a proposal to purchase .83 acres of land from Ernest B. and Helen L. Montrond adjacent to the Massasoit State Park in East Taunton, for the sum of $19,000. He indicated that the property must be purchased as it is located down stream of a dam which will be constructed by the Department at the Massasoit State Park. He stated that as it is below an elevation of forty feet mean sea level, it would possibly be flooded out in the event flood waters needed to be released rapidly. He further stated that the Boston Edison Company will purchase

the property in partial payment for a series of transmission lines they have constructed across Department land in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of the Ernest B. and Helen L. Montrond property in East Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, consisting of .83 acres with improved dwelling for a consideration of $19,000; and request the Boston Edison Company to pay the stated consideration to the Montrond family in partial reimbursement to the Commonwealth for power transmission line easements on Myles Standish and Ames-Knowle State Forests lands in Plymouth County.

The Commissioner asked the Chairman if the discussion of the Insect Pest Program (Item 6 on the Agenda) could be deferred until the next meeting. Chairman Fulham assented.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for Friday, February 18, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Frederick G. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held February 18, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Brewster and Crane.

The minutes of the January 20, 1972 meeting were approved as presented.

In reporting on legislation, Commissioner Brownell said the Department's major legislation will be combining the inland and coastal "dredge and fill" laws into one. Hopefully, he said, the Governor will submit an $18 million Capital Outlay for the Department which will be part of an environmental bond issue involving the Division of Fisheries and Game, Metropolitan District Commission and the Department of Natural Resources. The total capital outlay package will be approximately $60 million.

Mr. Brewster asked the Commissioner what the Board's responsibility is with respect to the Department's budget. Commissioner Brownell stated that the Board does not have the responsibility of approving the budget but could make its recommendations. The Board indicated their interest in reviewing the budget before final submission. Commissioner Brownell stated that the Board will have an opportunity to review the budget when it is prepared in June. Also, he added, a copy of the Department's capital outlay proposal will be sent to the Board members as soon as it is completed so that they will be prepared to discuss it at the next Board meeting in March.

Mr. Richard Correia was asked to attend the Board meeting to discuss land matters. Mr. Correia presented a proposal to purchase 0.50 acres of land adjacent to the Massasoit State Park in East Taunton, from Mr. Edward W. Rounds for a consideration of $14,000. He stated that the property is immediately adjacent to the Montrond property which was approved for acquisition by the Board at the January meeting. Acquisition is essential, he said, due to its close proximity to the dam being constructed by the Department at the Massasoit State Park. He added that the Boston Edison Company has agreed to purchase the property in partial payment for power transmission line easements on the Myles Standish State Forest and Ames Nowell State Park lands in Plymouth County.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of the Edward W. Rounds property in East Taunton, consisting of 0.50 acres of land for a consideration of $14,000; and request the Boston Edison Company to pay the stated consideration to Edward W. Rounds in partial reimbursement to the Commonwealth for power transmission line easements on the Myles Standish State Forest and Ames Nowell State Park lands in Plymouth County.

Director Bruce S. Gullion and Chief Charles Hood were asked to attend the Board meeting.

Director Gullion reported that the New England Power Company desires to construct a new 115 KV power line across the Wendell State Forest to provide power needs to the Athol-Orange area. He said the line would cover a distance of approximately 3.2 miles from an existing transmission line to their Millbury sub-station in Erving. Approximately 50 acres of state forest land would be required for the easement, he said.

Director Gullion stated that this was the first opportunity the Department has had to cooperatively locate a transmission line to reduce the esthetic and environmental impact. Until now, most easements have been to expand existing lines. He said the Department proposes to assist in the layout and approve all design prior to the line being cleared. He added that final value of the land involved will be determined before the New England Power Company is allowed to clear the line. Land of equal value will be purchased by the Company and transferred to the Department at a later date, he said. The Board indicated that this procedure should be Department policy in the future. Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to grant a power line easement across the Wendell State Forest to the New England Power Company in exchange for lands of equal value.

Commissioner Brownell then asked Director Gullion and Chief Hood to explain the status of forest insect problems throughout the Commonwealth.

Director Gullion noted that four forest insects are in evidence in major concentrations - the saddled prominent in the Berkshires, the gypsy moth in central and southern areas, the hemlock looper in Southeastern Massachusetts, and the pine looper in Plymouth County.

Chief Hood then explained with the aid of a map the various locations of infestation. He stated that it appears that all four insects are showing signs of collapsing. Why this is happening is difficult to determine, he said. He noted that the Department, in cooperation with the U. S. Forest Service has undertaken a research program to attempt to answer many questions related to the gypsy moth. At present, he said, test plots are being located, but, unfortunately, it is difficult to find active areas in the state which will fit the criteria.

Director Gullion indicated that the gypsy moth defoliation does not materially affect the forest, therefore, any control is primarily of value to reduce a public nuisance or to satisfy federal quarantine regulations. For this reason, he said, we may have to aerial spray Nickerson State Park as 60 percent of the people camping there are out-of-state and many of those from outside the quarantine area.

Chief Hood stated that all other control of insects will be up to the communities in which the problem exists. He noted that the State Pesticide Board has developed citizen advisory material for combatting gypsy moth.

Mr. Brewster asked who determined whether insecticides can be used to control forest insects. Chief Hood replied that the Pesticide Board has final approval on any control program.

Chief Hood summarized by saying that he expects no major outbreaks this coming year, but a constant watch will be maintained.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for March 16, 1972. The meeting will be held at the Oakes Ames Estate in Easton.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Frederick J. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held March 16, 1972 at 11:00 a.m. at the Oakes Ames Estate, North Easton, Massachusetts. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Lund, Crane and Rhodes.

The minutes of the February 18, 1972 meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Brownell gave the Board members copies of House Bill 5134 which has been drafted to strengthen the enforcement of the wetland laws. He said the bill combines the aspects of the coastal wetland (Jones Act)and inland wetland (Hatch Act) laws into one law. The major change, he said, is that the Department shall not issue an order until such time as the community has issued an order together with the written concurrence of the applicant or proof of a successful court appeal has been received.

Director Connolly was asked to present self-help applications.

Director Connolly first presented the Andover #9 project, consisting of 12 acres costing $5,100. He said water supply protection is one of the major objectives of protecing the area; also, a proposed townwide trail system will run through the parcel.

In presenting the town of Lexington's project #17, 19 acres costing $70,000, he said the acquisition is part of the Conservation Commission's projected plan to protect the town's major watershed area from development pressures. He stated that the natural state of this area is valuable from the standpoint of inland wetland protection and aesthetics. He added that the town has applied to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for 50% reimbursement.

In presenting the Lynnfield #6 project, 39.7 acres costing $30,000, Director Connolly stated that wetland protection and utilization of the area as a nature study are the main reasons for purchase.

In presenting the Sudbury #7 project, 28.9 acres costing $35,000, Director Connolly stated that the acquisition ties together a large area of conservation holdings. He noted that adjacent lands are owned by the town of Sudbury, the Division of Fisheries and Game and the U. S. Government. He indicated that if agreement can be reached with the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, the Commission plans to plant the area to wildlife cover and to allow hunting.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Professor Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - that the following preliminary self-help projects be approved and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Andover #9	12.00	$ 5,100.00	$ 2,550.00
Lexington #17	19.00	70,000.00	17,500.00
Lynnfield #6	39.7	30,000.00	14,900.00
Sudbury #7	28.9	35,000.00	17,500.00

Director Connolly reported that Self-Help monies have been totally exhausted. He said that no further applications can be approved until funds are forthcoming in the deficiency budget. He presented to the Board a list of preliminary applications which have recently been submitted to the Department for consideration.

Commissioner Brownell then brought before the Board the proposed inland wetland restrictions for the communities of Dover and Sherborn under General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40A. He requested the Board's permission to sign the restrictions and forward same to the Selectmen of the two communities for their signature. If approved by the Boards of Selectmen, he said, they will be returned to the Board of Natural Resources for approval and signature. The Board, following discussion, authorized Commissioner Brownell to sign the restrictive orders and forward same to the Boards of Selectmen in the towns of Dover and Sherborn.

The Commissioner then brought the Board up to date with respect to the Deliso property. He reported that the Governor's Council, which must approve all land purchases, voted not to approve the purchase of the Deliso property, but would reconsider once a second appraisal has been done. He said the Council was not opposed to the purchase but felt the price might be too high; therefore, the Department has hired an appraiser to do a second appraisal. The Commissioner noted that the acquisition has been approved for reimbursement under the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Commissioner Brownell stated that the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission must review all applications, within its planning region, that involves federal funding. In this instance, he said, the Commission did not respond within the thirty days allowed

and, therefore, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation gave its approval to purchase. The town of Adams has raised some objection, he said, but I feel that the Deliso property will be purchased within a reasonable period of time.

Director Correia presented a proposal to purchase approximately 39 acres of land and water in the town of Westminster from the Weyerhaeuser Company, Tacoma, Washington. He noted that the property is completely surrounded by the Leominster State Forest and is necessary for the expansion of recreation facilities within the Forest. The property, he said, is north of our Crow Hill recreation area and will replace a proposal to expand Paradise Pond which has been found to have too many problems associated with costs of development and public health. He asked the Board to approve the purchase of the Weyerhaeuser property for the sum of $48,000 and to authorize the use of eminent domain, if required.

Director Gullion added that the reason for authorization of eminent domain is due to two possible problems. The Weyerhaeuser Company has indicated it might put the property on the open market within a short period of time unless we can consummate the sale, and due to certain administrative restrictions the ability to purchase within the period may not be possible. Secondly, there appears to be some restrictions with respect to water rights which are now being researched. Therefore, he said, eminent domain is needed in case any adverse action is taken by the Weyerhaeuser Company, as we feel this property is crucial to our management of the Leominster State Forest.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of, or the taking by eminent domain, the Weyerhaeuser Company property in Westminster, Massachusetts, consisting of 39 acres of land within the Leominster State Forest for the sum of $48,000

Commissioner Brownell gave the Board members copies of the Forest Development Policy Within the State Forests and Parks, prepared by the Division of Forests and Parks, and stated that it will be a matter for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that the Governor has withdrawn the Commonwealth's application to the General Services Administration for the acquisition of the Hingham property. He said that the Department of the Interior favored the town of Hingham's application over the Department's.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for April 20, 1972 in the office of the Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Isabel W. Fund

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held April 20, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Rhodes, Lund and Brewster.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr., Mr. Joseph W. Lund was elected Secretary pro tem for the meeting.

The minutes of the March 16, 1972 meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Brownell reported that there were two major pieces of legislation before the Legislature - the wetlands bill and the Mandatory Formation of Water Pollution Abatement Districts bill. We expect favorable action on the passage of both bills, he said.

The Commissioner reported that the Department's 1973 Fiscal Year budget has been reported out of Ways and Means and that it had been drastically cut. Hopefully, he said, some of the major requests will be restored in the supplementary and deficiency budgets.

Messrs. Gullion, Lambert and Hood were asked to attend the Board meeting to present various matters pertaining to the Division of Forests and Parks.

Mr. Hood presented a proposal to spray 1500 acres of the Nickerson State Park with a material known as phosvel to control the gypsy moth infestation. He reported that the Department has been approached by the Velsicol Company to spray Nickerson Park with this material at no cost to the Commonwealth. He said the area was sprayed by the federal government last year with a material known as gardona, but due to the lateness in the season it was only 65% effective. We are still faced with the gypsy moth problem, he said, due to the fact that effective control requires at least a 90% kill.

Mr. Hood reported that according to tests conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, it was determined that phosvel gives a good kill, leaves no lasting residue and is relatively non-toxic to fish, wildlife and humans. He stated that he has presented the proposal to the Pesticide Board for their recommendations and, they have indicated the product would be researched and their recommendations would be presented at the next Pesticide Board meeting. Mr. Hood indicated that the Company supplying the material have agreed to monitor the application according to direction given by the Pesticide Board.

Following considerable discussion, the Board authorized the Department to aerial spray 1500 acres of the Nickerson State Park with phosvel, subject to the approval of the Pesticide Board.

Director Gullion then brought before the Board the matter of a forest policy which had been presented to the Board in draft form at the March meeting.

Director Gullion reported that there were fifteen foresters handling state land, private land and community land management, statewide, which included federal projects, state resource inventories, community resource inventories and an increasing variety of resource oriented programs. He stated that due to the added workload and no additional foresters, the Department is training sub-professionals to take over timber marking on state land to allow the foresters to do more professional work and oversee the sub-professional projects.

Chief Forester Lambert then explained the policy of forest management on land under the Department's control. He noted that the Department was using the land classification system established under the Office of Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission report. In essence, he said, we are zoning all land based on its capabilities. He added that the system works extremely well.

Following a review of the written policy statement, Messrs. Rhodes and Brewster requested that they be given an opportunity to make recommendations for revisions in the wording of the policy. It was their feeling that the statement, as presented, was worthy of becoming the policy of the Department so long as the expression of the policy was better organized. Messrs. Rhodes and Brewster agreed that they would submit their comments to Director Gullion.

As there was no further discussion, the Board approved the Forest Development Policy Within the State Forests and Parks, as Department Policy, subject to incorporation of recommendations to be submitted by Messrs. Rhodes and Brewster.

Commissioner Brownell brought before the Board the proposal to purchase 39 acres of land in the town of Princeton, from Priscilla W. Watson for the sum of $26,000. The

seller, he said, has requested that she be allowed to retain occupancy of the buildings and use of approximately 5 acres of land on which the buildings are situated for a period of five (5) years from the date of title transfer. The Department has no objection to this arrangement, he said. He added that the land is a key tract in the southern portion of Mt. Wachusett Reservation needed to give road to road control in that portion of the Reservation.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 39 acres of land in the town of Princeton, owned by Priscilla W. Watson for the sum of $26,000; the grantor to retain occupancy of buildings and use of approximately 5 acres on which the buildings are situated for a period of five (5) years from date of title transfer.

The matter of exchanging certain properties within the Freetown State Forest and the Acushnet Cedar Swamp, between the Department of Natural Resources and Edward and Ernest Desmarais, was brought before the Board by Commissioner Brownell. The Commissioner reported that at the July, 1970 meeting the Board voted to approve the exchange of approximately 30 acres in the Acushnet Cedar Swamp for 11.3 acres in the Freetown State Forest with the restriction that development on the Department land in Freetown to be transferred to Desmarais be limited to a single family dwelling. At the May, 1971 meeting, the Board voted to amend the July, 1970 vote, adjusting the acreage figure of Commonwealth land from 11.3 to 14 acres. He said that subsequent negotiations resulted in a situation acceptable to both parties wherein construction would be restricted to two single family dwellings instead of one. He asked the Board's approval to rescind previous votes of the Board at its meetings held in July, 1970 and May, 1971 and to approve a vote reflecting the change in acreage and construction of two one family dwellings.

Upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to rescind the actions taken relative to an exchange of land with Edward Desmarais at the July 31, 1970 and May 13, 1971 Board meetings and to approve the exchange of 14 acres of Commonwealth land in the Freetown State Forest for approximately 30 acres of land in New Bedford owned by Edward and Ernest P. Desmarais, provided that the land transferred by the Commonwealth shall be restricted to allow the construction of two single family dwellings.

Commissioner Brownell asked the Board's approval to again allow the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges the use of the facilities at Quinsigamond State Park for the annual rowing regatta which is to be held at the Regatta Point facility on May 13, 1972.

Upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to issue a permit to the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges for the exclusive use of the facilities at Regatta Point, Quinsigamond State Park, Worcester, on May 13, 1972 for the express purpose of conducting a championship rowing regatta.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for May 18, 1972 in the office of the Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Joseph D. Lund

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held May 18, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Lund and Brewster.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr., Mr. Joseph W. Lund was elected Secretary pro tem for the meeting.

The minutes of the April 20, 1972 meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Brownell gave to the Board members draft copies of the revised coastal and inland wetland restriction acts which are presently before the House Ways and Means Committee. Favorable passage is expected shortly, he said.

In reporting on the Department's budget, the Commissioner stated that if the cuts recommended by the House Ways and Means Committee are accepted by the Senate Ways and Means Committee, the Department will be unable to open any of its new recreational areas, or the new skating rinks and swimming pools which are scheduled for completion the latter part of this year; operations of Law Enforcement officers will be reduced by at least 50 percent; and the Division of Water Pollution Control will be forced to terminate seven employees. Some subsidiaries, he said, have been reduced by 15, 20 and in some cases 50 percent.

Director Matthew Connolly was asked to attend the Board meeting to present matters pertaining to the Division of Conservation Services.

Director Connolly presented the proposed adoption of an order under General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40A regulating and restricting inland wetlands consisting of 661 acres in the town of Dover. He indicated on a map the area to be restricted. He stated that the Board of Selectmen of the town of Dover have signed the order.

Upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to adopt the order as presented under General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40A regulating and restricting inland wetlands in the town of Dover, County of Norfolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to file the order with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds.

The Board members signed the order of restriction.

Director Connolly then presented three self-help projects submitted by the town of Lincoln - Projects 15, 16 and 17. He said the 203.81 acres acquired under the three

project units provide a variety of land types for a wide range of passive recreational uses. Of equal significance, he said, are the links which these acquisitions create with the other major open space areas of the town such as the Walden Pond State Reservation, the Massachusetts Audubon's Drumlin Farm Sanctuary and other holdings of Lincoln Conservation Commission - in particular Mount Misery to the southwest and Sandy Pond to the northeast. He added that in total these lands encompass over 1000 acres of open space. The town of Lincoln, he said, has been most emphatic in stressing the point that the open space land can be used by all inhabitants of the entire metropolitan area and have posted signs to that effect.

Project No.15, he said, is composed of three parcels - 38.20 acres, 42.80 acres and 37.00 acres at a town cost of $430,000. He said the Department will cost share on the total of the highest appraisals on the three parcels which amounts to $402,500.

Project No.16, 61.10 acres costing $194,000, he said, represents the heart of the contiguous open space ownership concept.

Project No.17, 24.71 acres costing $40,000, he said, is an integral part of the connector between Mount Misery and conservation commission lands at the northern end of the open space belt.

Mr. Lund asked if funds were available to cost share in these projects. Commissioner Brownell replied that we have reallocated funds which were set aside for other projects which have been delayed for various reasons. These funds, he said, would not be utilized during this fiscal year.

Upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the following self-help projects and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Lincoln #15	118.00	$430,000.00	$100,625.00
Lincoln #16	61.10	194,000.00	42,250.00
Lincoln #17	24.71	40,000.00	10,000.00

Commissioner Brownell then introduced Dr. Hugh Davis, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Research of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. He asked Dr. Davis to apprise the Board as to what has developed to date relative to reorganization.

Dr. Davis said that it was Dr. Foster's intention not to base the reorganization on an in-house operation but rather to involve the people of the Commonwealth. Therefore, in January, letters were sent out to a variety of organizations related to the environment asking for names of individuals who might be willing to serve on a series of task forces. The response, he said, was overwhelming. Three to four hundred names were submitted and, out of these, nearly 150 citizens volunteered to serve on the various task forces - Agriculture and Land Resources, Education and Communication, Energy Resources, Environmental Quality, Human Resources, Ocean Resources, Open Space and Natural Resources and Water Resources. In addition, he said, representatives of state agencies associated with the environment and members of the General Court were asked to serve as formal members on the task forces.

Dr. Davis said that once the task forces were established (normally twenty persons to each task force, headed by a chairman), they were asked to work out their own method of operation with a minimal amount of direction from the Office of Environmental Affairs. They were, however, requested that they not involve themselves in budgetary matters or tables of organization, but rather to determine problem areas, areas of responsibility and recommendations of goals and objectives.

To supplement the eight task forces, two special groups were asked to assist - the Governor's Advisory Council on the Environment, made up of professionals representing various organizations active outside of Government (their primary function will be to serve in a general advisory capacity), and an Advisory Board appointed by the Governor, made up of men from the business, civic and academic field (this group will meet quarterly to review the progress of the reorganizational effort).

In addition, he said, Dr. Foster was instrumental in raising $60,000 from private foundations to set up a parallel committee involving the private sector, over which we have no control. Dr. Davis asked Mr. Lund to explain the functions of this special committee as he was one of the appointees. Mr. Lund stated that it was his understanding that this committee's responsibility lies in researching various aspects of reorganization, and relating the citizen's role to that of government.

Dr. Davis added that the task forces outline reports were to be submitted in June and the final report to be prepared by September 1, 1972. He concluded his summation by stating that the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs would welcome the Board's suggestions and recommendations.

Commissioner Brownell then brought the Board up to date on the Deliso property acquisition. He reported that the second appraisal requested by the Governor's Council, which will be between $320,000 and $330,000 is expected to be submitted shortly. This figure will justify the amount of $298,000 the Department has negotiated to pay, he said.

The Commissioner indicated that the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, which must review and comment on federal aid projects, suggested the Department do a feasibility study of the property to determine whether or not a skiing facility would be advisable; their feeling being that if a skiing facility is not feasible, the Department should not purchase the land. The Commission, he said, is being influenced by the town of Adams which hopes to have the land purchased by a private developer to help solve their economic problems. In our opinion, he said, the land is an integral part of the Department's open space plan for Mt. Greylock and it will allow us to have complete control of the Saddleball area of the Mt. Greylock Reservation without fear of private development. He added that as soon as the new appraisal is received it will go before the Governor's Council, and we expect approval to proceed with the purchase.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for June 15, 1972 in the office of the Commissioner.

Joseph W. Lund
Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held June 15, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Lund and Brewster.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr., Mr. Joseph W. Lund was elected Secretary pro tem for the meeting.

The minutes of the May 18, 1972 meeting were approved as presented.

In reporting on the status of pending legislation, Commissioner Brownell stated that the wetlands, water pollution, phosphate and mineral resources bills were still in Ways and Means. The Mt. Greylock restoration bill, he said, was passed in 1970 but without funds. He explained that in 1966, $300,000 was allocated to reconstruct the monument, of which there is a balance of $250,000, but a recent study determined that it will cost approximately $600,000. The Department will file an emergency bill requesting authorization to use existing capital outlay funds so that restoration can begin this year, he said. He further stated that there is some question whether there will be a capital outlay bill this year, however, the Governor is somewhat committed to an $85 million environmental capital outlay which includes monies for the Department, the Metropolitan District Commission, Fisheries and Game and state reservations. He added that the Department's portion of the capital outlay proposal is $9 million.

Commissioner Brownell reported that the budget is in a conference committee and should be reported out shortly. He stated that the House and Senate has passed what is called the Shepard Amendment which will cause drastic cuts across the board in all accounts.

The Commissioner then informed the Board that the Legislature, under Chapter 300 Acts of 1972 approved a 4.3% cost of living raise for state employees. He asked the Board's approval to increase the Commissioner's salary by 4.3%.

Upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve a 4.3% cost of living salary increase for Commissioner Arthur W. Brownell, effective December 25, 1971.

Director Matthew Connolly was asked to attend the Board meeting to present self-help projects.

In presenting the town of Framingham's project #4, 57.1 acres costing $321,200 Director Connolly said the property is adjacent to the MDC Reservoir and that the proposed use is for a wide variety of passive recreational activities such as horseback riding, hiking, picnicking and fishing. He said there is an existing stable on 6.1 acres of the property which the town fathers would like to rebuild and utilize as a dog pound. However, the Lands Committee has objected to the dog pound proposal, and the Department has so notified the town of their decision. He further stated that the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has given preliminary approval to the application for 50% reimbursement less the 6.1 acres associated with the proposed dog pound.

Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to Framingham's project #4 based on the condition that the 6.1 acres not be set aside as a dog pound.

The town of Harvard's project #4, 11.5 acres costing $5,750.00 was then discussed. Director Connolly stated that the acquisition is identified as an area which presently receives extensive use by cross-country skiers and hikers. Also, he said, it abuts a 61 acre parcel which has been gifted to the town; combined they form a land mass potentially suitable for a municipal ski slope. He noted that approximately 50% of the acquisition is a wetland which serves as a tributary to Bowers Brook.

Director Connolly then presented the town of Holliston's #2 project which consists of 30 acres costing $2,530.00. He said the acquisition is part of a continuing effort by the Conservation Commission to protect, for conservation and watershed purposes, a unique white cedar wetland. He added that much of the acquisition abuts Self-Help #1 and, together, the two projects would encompass approximately 81 acres.

In presenting the town of Orleans' project #3, an area of 1.38 acres costing $15,000.00, Director Connolly said the acquisition will place a total of 8.5 acres of land on Pilgrim Lake under town ownership. Also, it will allow for an extension of the existing town beach and provide a better access to the lake. The primary use of the land, he said, will be for nature trails, although emphasis is being placed on keeping the area in as natural a state as possible.

Upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the following self-help projects and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Harvard #4	11.5	$ 5,750.00	$ 2,875.00
Holliston #2	30.00	2,530.00	1,265.00
Orleans #3	1.38	15,000.00	7,500.00

Director Bruce S. Gullion was asked to attend the Board meeting to present land matters.

Director Gullion presented a proposal to grant a drainage permit to Mr. Dominick Nero of Abington over a portion of the Ames Nowell State Park for the purposes of the drainage of storm waters. The permit will cover a linear distance of 79 feet and a width of 20 feet across the Park, he said.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to approve a permit to Mr. Dominick Nero of Abington, Massachusetts, for the passage of storm waters across a portion of the Ames Nowell State Park in Abington, covering a linear distance of 79 feet more or less and a width of 20 feet across the Park property.

Director Gullion then presented a proposal to grant a drainage permit to the Wall Street Journal and the Dow Jones Company, Inc. They have requested, he said, permission to construct a 320 foot drainage system across a portion of the Chicopee State Park to satisfy a drainage problem within the Industrial Park and the State Park. The system will tie into four catch basins within the Park which now flow to the Park swimming area and causes annual erosion problems, he said. He added that the system will allow all run-off to flow to the city of Chicopee's storm drain system.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve a permit to the Wall Street Journal and the Dow Jones Company, Inc., to install and maintain a 320 foot drainage system across a portion of the Chicopee Memorial State Park in Chicopee.

Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that the results of the gypsy moth aerial spray program at Nickerson State Park was not entirely successful, probably due to

weather conditions. Sevin, he said, will be applied from the ground in those areas where the insect populations were not reduced adequately to meet federal quarantine requirements.

Director Richard Correia was asked to attend the Board meeting to present land matters.

Director Correia presented the Department's proposed acquisition, design and development program for Fiscal Year 1973-1974. He outlined each project by area, region and what is being proposed. He stated that there are existing bond issue funds available at the present time to accomplish many of the proposed projects, however, additional funds will be needed to complete the entire program.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for July 20, 1972 in the office of the Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Joseph W Lund

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held July 20, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Brewster and Lund.

In the absence of a quorum, approval of the minutes of the June 15, 1972 meeting were deferred until the August meeting.

Commissioner Brownell gave the Board a detailed summary of legislation important to the Department, passed by the 1972 session of the General Court. He then gave a brief explanation of the following bills.

House 5574 - An act establishing a Division of Environmental Protection within the Department of the Attorney General.

House 5586 - An act to further protect the inland wetlands and flood plains of the Commonwealth.

House 5668 - An act encouraging landowners to make land available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting liability in connection with such use.

House 6191 - An act providing for the reassessment of land under a conservation restriction. It provides that land under restriction by such acts as the Inland Wetlands Act, Coastal Wetlands Act and Scenic Rivers Act, shall be assessed as a separate parcel of real estate.

House 6273 - An act relative to the protection of wetlands. This bill provides for the combination of the Hatch and Jones Acts.

Senate 589 - An act further regulating the discharge of oil, heated effluent, poisonous or other injurious substances into coastal waters.

Senate 1003 - This act will require the use of mean per acre value in the certification of forest land.

The Commissioner reported that the Governor signed the Environmental Capital Outlay Bill, of which the Department's share is $9 million. Out of these funds, he said, the major acquisition will be South Cape Beach in Mashpee.

Commissioner Brownell then discussed the 1972-1973 budget and explained how the so-called Shepard Amendment effects the Department. He said that according to the Executive Order 72-8 (Executive Office for Administration & Finance) the Department is compelled to reduce the following accounts, creating serious shortages -

-02 (temporary personnel)	20%
-03 (non-employees)	25%
-10 (travel)	10%
-12 (maintenance & repair)	50%
-15 (equipment)	50%

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held September 21, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Brewster, Lund, Crane and Rhodes.

Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that Governor Sargent has accepted Mr. Thomas A. Fulham's resignation from the Board of Natural Resources with deep regret. He said that he had received a letter from Mr. Fulham expressing his deepest personal appreciation to the Board for the privilege of serving under its directors.

Mr. William S. Brewster was unanimously elected temporary chairman of the Board.

The minutes of the June 15 and July 20, 1972 meetings were approved as presented.

Commissioner Brownell reviewed for the Board the Mt. Greylock monument restoration proposal. He said the Department engaged the services of Thurston & Munson Associates of Springfield to design the reconstruction of the minument and that they had estimated the cost to be approximately $500,000. On this basis, bids were then advertised. The two bids received, in the amounts of $840,000 and $740,000, were rejected because the Department's engineers agreed that the $500,000 estimate was well within the realm of reason. He further stated that the Department will request a re-assessment and re-design by Thurston & Munson to attempt to satisfy the $500,000 proposal and maintain the integrity of the monument.

The Commissioner then reviewed the Deliso property acquisition proposal. He informed the Board that he had received a letter from Mr. Deliso cancelling his offer to sell the land to the state. Mr. Deliso's reasons for cancellation were the long delay in negotiations and the Governor's Council rejection of the proposal. It is my understanding, he said, Mr. Deliso is having tax difficulties and it might be to the Department's advantage to again make contact with him after the first of the year to discuss the possibility of re-negotiation or the possibility of a gift of the land to the state. He added that the Department is considering hiring Snow Engineering to do a study of the Saddleball area of Mt. Greylock to determine whether or not a skiing facility is feasible. The Commissioner felt that Snow Engineering would be negative in its report. He further added that the study was requested by the Berkshire Regional Planning Council. The Board agreed that the Commissioner should pursue further negotiations with Mr. Deliso.

Commissioner Brownell enlightened the Board on the details of the "Red Tide" situation. He stated that the Department has been working cooperatively with the Department of Public Health in attempting to alleviate the crisis.

Director Crossman was asked to attend the Board meeting to discuss Law Enforcement matters.

Director Crossman informed the Board that the 1972 Legislature passed a law (Chapter 34) giving town shellfish constables police authority to enforce certain lobster laws of the Commonwealth in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Natural Resources. He stated that due to insufficient personnel of the Division of Law Enforcement to adequately police all areas, it was felt that law enforcement powers should be extended to the town constables. Following the enactment of the law, he said, a public hearing was held in June for the purpose of informing and explaining to interested parties the regulations which would govern the activities of the local shellfish constables. They were advised that the Department would remain the controlling factor and, it would be willing to prosecute or assist in the prosecution of any or all cases, if the constables so wished. He added that there were no objections raised or recommendations presented.

A copy of the rules and regulations was given to the Board members by Director Crossman who gave a brief explanation of each of the five regulations. Following a review, the Board gave their approval to the Rules and Regulations Relating to the Enforcement of Certain Marine Fisheries Laws by Shellfish Constables. The Commissioner and the Board members attached their signature to the Rules and Regulations.

Director Crossman then reported on the recent damage to the Law Enforcement's patrol boat the "Jessie" by the Nantucket Boat Company's "Siasconset" while anchored in Hyannis Harbor. We feel, he said, that the Boat Company is responsible for the damages, which have been estimated to be approximately $15,000, and we are negotiating with them at the present time.

Director Connolly was asked to attend the Board meeting to present self-help applications.

Director Connolly first asked the Board to approve payment of certain self-help projects, to which they had given prior approval, but which had been cancelled for various reasons. He reminded them that monies had been encumbered for these projects under the fiscal 1972 budget and were cancelled with the stipulation that new funds would be encumbered at the start of the 1973 fiscal year to cover these applications.

The Board gave their approval to pay the following self-help projects.

Town	Initial date of approval	Reimbursement
Acton #12	11/18/71	$19,500.00
Acton #14	12/16/71	6,296.25
Acton #15	12/16/71	5,516.25
Burlington #11	9/16/71	35,000.00
Canton #2	9/16/71	9,943.75
Dedham #4	6/24/71	17,538.00
Ipswich #2	1/21/72	21,000.00
Reading #3	12/16/71	6,812.50
Sandwich #7	11/18/71	32,250.00

In addition to these, he said, preliminary approval (without funding) was given by the Board at the end of the 1972 fiscal year to reimburse the following towns for their self-help projects. He asked the Board's approval to encumber funds for payment. The Board gave their approval to pay the following self-help projects.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Framingham #4	57.10	$321,200.00	$80,300.00
Harvard #4	11.50	5,750.00	2,875.00
Holliston #2	30.00	2,530.00	1,265.00
Orleans #3	1.38	15,000.00	7,500.00

Director Connolly then presented the town of Amherst's project #12, consisting of 8.27 acres and costing $6,000. He stated that the acquisition is in addition to the town's previous self-help projects along the Mill River, in their effort to develop a continuous greenway along the water course. He added that the area is identified as a good spot for picnicking and access for fishing.

In presenting two self-help applications submitted by the town of Longmeadow, project #2, 13.72 acres costing $5,500 and, project #3, 9.00 acres costing $5,000, Director Connolly said both parcels are located along the Connecticut River and it is the Conservation Commission's goal to continue to enlarge the amount of public ownership along the river. He stated that the area is mostly wetland and, this entire portion of the Connecticut River shoreline is said to be a very productive waterfowl breeding area as well as a resting area during the waterfowl migration. In addition, the project areas are condusive to passive recreation pursuits.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the following preliminary self-help applications and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Amherst #12	8.27	$6,000.00	$1,750.00
Longmeadow #2	13.72	5,500.00	2,750.00
Longmeadow #3	9.00	5,000.00	1,800.00

Director Correia was asked to attend the Board meeting to present land acquisition proposals.

Director Correia first presented a proposal to transfer approximately 47 acres of Commonwealth land in Upton, Massachusetts, in return for land of equal value to be purchased by the Upton-Mendon Regional School Committee and transferred to the Department. He noted that the Commonwealth land was valued at $23,125. Director Correia explained that the Upton-Mendon Regional School Committee had no authority to transfer land, therefore, they have engaged the services of Mr. Henry Clough to act as their intermediary in purchasing and transferring lands to be designated in the exchange. One parcel being considered at the present time, he said, consists of 27 acres in Upton, valued at $17,500 and owned by Mr. Rufin Van Bossuyt. He stated that Mr. Van Bossuyt has been negotiating with Mr. Clough for some time and, in anticipation of selling his land contracted to build a house and is in need of funds.

Director Correia requested the Board to approve the value of Mr. Van Bossuyt's property at $17,500 as a credit toward the appraised value of the Commonwealth property.

He indicated that additional parcels of land to be included in the land exchange have not as yet been selected. He reminded the Board that they had given their approval to the land exchange with the Upton-Mendon Regional School Committee in 1966.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the transfer of approximately 47 acres of Commonwealth land in Upton, Massachusetts, in return for land of equal value;

furthermore, to approve the value of the Rufin Van Bossuyt property, approximately 27 acres in Upton, at $17,500, to be credited toward the value of the above mentioned 47 acres of Commonwealth land;

furthermore, to approve the value of the above mentioned 47 acres of Commonwealth land at $23,125;

Furthermore, to approve the transfer of the above mentioned 47 acres of Commonwealth land, when and if negotiations are complete, to Mr. Henry P. Clough, or to another designee, approved by the Commissioner, acting on behalf of the Upton-Mendon Regional School Committee.

Director Correia presented a proposal to purchase approximately 88 acres of land located in the towns of Palmer, Belchertown, Ludlow and Wilbraham, owned by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company, for a consideration of $49,000. He said the land is essential to the development of the Red Bridge recreation project. He noted that the Western Massachusetts Electric Company owns about 125 acres of land along the Chicopee River which includes upland water area and dam. The Department, he said, would have first option on the dam and the water rights when and if the Electric Company decides to sell.

Upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Professor Rhodes, it was -

Voted - to approve the purchase of approximately 88 acres of land in Ludlow, Belchertown, Palmer and Wilbraham, Massachusetts, owned by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company, for the consideration of $49,000.

Director Correia presented a proposal to purchase a permanent easement and right-of-way over the existing access road to the Department's Hutchinson Fire Tower on Lenox Mountain in the town of Lenox. He stated that the Department now maintains a temporary easement with the owners of the land - George C. Campbell, John E. Foster, Henry Williams and the town of Lenox, for a very minimal consideration. He added that no additional

consideration has been sought by the owners.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Professor Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of a permanent easement and right-of-way over land owned by George C. Campbell, John E. & Mary L. Foster, Henry Williams and the town of Lenox, for fire tower purposes to the Hutchinson Fire Tower.

Director Correia presented a proposal to purchase 1117.7 acres of land in Peru, Massachusetts, owned by Jay Brill, Trustee, Peru Properties Companies Trust, and Skyline Trail for a consideration of $300,000. He stated that the proposal is a multiple agency venture between the Department, the Water Resources Commission and the U. S. Soil Conservation Service as part of the West Branch of the Westfield River (P.L. 566) Flood Control project. He indicated on a map the areas to be utilized for recreation purposes such as camping, day-use area, hiking trails and wilderness area; flood control, and low flow augmentation.

Following discussion, upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 1117.7 acres of land in Peru, Massachusetts, owned by Jay Brill, Trustee, Peru Properties Companies Trust and Skyline Trail, Peru, Massachusetts, for the consideration of $300,000.

Commissioner Brownell asked the Board for their recommendations in seeking a replacement for Mr. Thomas Fulham, to be discussed at the October Board meeting.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for October 19, 1972. The Commissioner suggested that the meeting be held on Martha's Vineyard.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Frederick J. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held October 24, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Brewster, Lund, Crane and Rhodes.

The minutes of the September 21, 1972 meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that a gift of a 30 foot motor vessel known as the "Evening Song" has been offered to the Division of Marine Fisheries by Mr. Bjarne Ursin of Vineyard Haven and Weston, Massachusetts, with the stipulation that the Department assume storage charges from October 1, 1972 until the transfer transaction is completed. He said the vessel has an appraised fair market value of $8,000 and in excellent condition. He noted that under Chapter 130, Section 17 of the General Laws the Division of Marine Fisheries can accept such a gift with the approval of the Governor; which, he said, has been received. He added that the vessel would be used by the entire Department as well as a research vessel by the Division of Marine Fisheries. The Board indicated their approval of the gift.

The Commissioner reported that the "Red Tide" has passed the peak and that the Governor will announce today the relaxation of some quarantine of imported soft shell clams and mussels from Canada for reshipment and sale in Massachusetts. This announcement is being made with the concurrence of the Department of Public Health and the Federal Food and Drug Administration, he said.

Director Connolly was asked to attend the Board meeting to present self-help applications.

Director Connolly advised the Board of the Bolton #1 project to acquire 59.8 acres of land at a town cost of $17,500. He said the area is judged to be a very good acquisition in that it is located fairly close to the center of the community and, therefore, would provide an outdoor nature laboratory and classroom experience. Also, the parcel is not too far from a 30 acre piece of land deeded to the town for conservation purposes.

In commenting on the Medfield #3 project, Director Connolly said the proposed acquisition is located in the section of town which has been designated as open space and recreation in the recent open space study by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. The area, he said, consists of 10 acres and can be purchased for $12,000. Also, the acquisition will give some protection to the marshland of the Charles and Stop Rivers.

Director Connolly stated that the Methuen #1 project, costing $14,389 and consisting of 3.8 acres will be used primarily for recreation purposes. He said it is situated along the Merrimack River and readily accessible to many people. He also said the acquisition is the beginning of what appears to be a sound program for acquiring open space land which was proposed in the town's Open Space Plan for 1971.

In commenting on Shrewsbury's #4 project, consisting of 4.38 acres and costing $4,000, Director Connolly said the acquisition consists of two islands located on Lake Quinsigamond. He also said the acquisition would create spots to be used by fishermen and others for rest areas and relaxing while boating on the lake. He noted that the area is just north of Flint Pond where there is a public access ramp.

In presenting the Westminster #1 project, 90 acres at a town cost of $7,500, Director Connolly stated that the area is being sought primarily for conservation-recreation purposes. Also, there is abundant wildlife in the area and it has accessibility to be used for educational purposes as well as general passive recreation.

Winchester projects #3 and #4 were then presented by Director Connolly. Project #3, 3,000 square feet costing $1,200 is adjacent to conservation land and will establish a second and better access to land already owned by the town. Also, it will facilitate access for persons desiring to use this land for passive recreation. Project #4, consisting of 10.5 acres at a town cost of $36,000, he said, is a portion of a tri-town proposal for a greenbelt - Winchester, Lexington and Woburn. He added that it abuts Lexington's self-help projects #5 and #7 and will also tie in with a planned greenbelt section with the town of Woburn.

Upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Professor Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - that the following self-help projects be approved and the stated amounts be made available.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Bolton #1	59.8	$17,500.00	$ 8,750.00
Medfield #3	10.0	12,000.00	6,000.00
Methuen #1	3.8	14,389.00	7,194.50
Shrewsbury #4	4.38	4,000.00	2,000.00
Westminster #1	90.0	7,500.00	3,750.00
Winchester #3	3,000 sq. ft.	1,200.00	600.00
Winchester #4	10.5	36,000.00	18,000.00

Director Gullion was asked to attend the Board meeting to discuss two proposals for acquisition.

Director Gullion indicated that he desired approval to appraise a parcel of property in Rockport owned by Doctor Richard C. Webster of Brookline, Massachusetts. The 49 acre parcel is located at Halibut Point at the most northerly end of the town of Rockport, he said. Also, it is a very unique parcel of coastal shoreline which attracts many thousands of people even though privately owned. He added that it would make an exceptional day use area for picnicking, fishing from the shore and walking along a granite headland. He noted that a great variety of birdlife is to be found plus a variety of lobstering and fishing activity to be observed off shore.

Director Gullion stated that the Doctor had asked $617,000 in 1969 but he believed that if the area is kept as a park, the cost might be considerably lower. He noted that the town's valuation was $91,090 based on 85 percent of full value. Commissioner Brownell stated that he had met with the Selectmen, Planning Board and members of the Conservation Commission of Rockport and that they heartily supported the Department's action to purchase the property. Following discussion, the Board approved the proposal to appraise the property of Doctor Webster at Halibut Point, Rockport for possible future purchase.

Director Gullion indicated that a Mrs. Hildegarde Watson of Rochester, New York is interested in a gift, to the Department, of 236.5 acres of woodland, streams and swamps in the town of Northbridge, Massachusetts. By itself, he said, the property is not worthy of consideration by the Department, but with additional purchased land it can be effectively tied to the Sutton State Forest. He said it is an exceptional area for wildlife with a good potential for major water areas, and could be the head of an extensive canoe system on the Mumford and Blackstone Rivers. He noted that possibly Mrs. Watson might desire to place some restrictions on the use of the property. Following discussion, the Board approved the acceptance of a gift of property of Mrs. Watson in the town of Northbridge, Massachusetts so long as no restrictions are placed on the gift with respect to its use for hunting or other recreational purposes.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for November 16, 1972 in the office of the Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Frederick G. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held November 16, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present was Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr.

Due to a lack of a quorum, no formal business was conducted.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held December 14, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Lund, Rhodes and Crane.

Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr., was elected Chairman pro tem for the meeting.

The minutes of the October 24, 1972 meeting were approved without correction.

Commissioner Brownell briefed the Board on the Boston Environmental Conference held on November 17, 1972 at which time the Boston Harbor Islands Implementation Study was unveiled to the general public. He gave the Board members a copy of the study and stated that it had been received with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm.

The Commissioner reported that the Department has filed fourteen pieces of in-house legislation for the 1973 legislative session. He also reported that the Department's fiscal 1974 budget has been submitted to the Office of Environmental Affairs for review before being submitted to the Budget Bureau. The budget, he said, reflects Phase I of the Reorganization.

Director Correia was asked to attend the Board meeting to present land acquisition proposals.

Director Correia first presented proposals to acquire four Boston Harbor Islands. In all, he said, the Department proposes to acquire thirteen islands, either by negotiation or eminent domain, as set forth in the Boston Harbor Islands Implementation Study report.

Director Correia asked the Board to consider the acquisition of Hangman Island consisting of .25 acres in Quincy, Massachusetts. He reported that the owners are unknown and therefore the Department proposes to take the area by eminent domain. He said the area has an appraised value of $1,000 and that the Department is prepared to make an award of $1,000 for damages sustained as a result of the taking. He indicated that the Department will seek 50% reimbursement on the acquisition from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Following discussion, upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of Hangman Island, .25 acres more or less in Quincy, Massachusetts, from owners unknown for the sum of $1,000 or to take said property in fee by eminent domain from owners unknown, making an award of $1,000 for damages sustained as a result of said taking.

In presenting the Slate Island acqusition proposal, Director Correia stated that the land area contained approximately 12.5 acres in Weymouth, Massachusetts with an appraised value of $48,400. The owners are unknown, he said, and the Department proposes to acquire the island by eminent domain. He indicated that the Department would seek 50% reimbursement from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of Slate Island, 12.5 acres more or less in Weymouth, Massachusetts, from owners unknown for the sum of $48,400 or to take said property in fee by eminent domain from owners unknown, making an award of $48,400 for damages sustained as a result of said taking.

In presenting the Greater Brewster Island acquisition proposal, Director Correia stated that the land was located in Hull, Massachusetts and consisted of approximately 23.1 acres owned by Russell H. Lawry, Trustee. He said an appraisal has determined the value of the land to be $55,000 and that Mr. Lawry has agreed to sell the property for said amount. This proposal is also an anticipated BOR project, he said.

Upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of Greater Brewster Island, 23.1 acres more or less in Hull, Massachusetts, from Russell H. Lawry, Trustee for the sum of $55,000

Director Correia next presented the Grape Island acquisition proposal. He stated that the area consisting of 50 acres in Weymouth, Massachusetts has been appraised for $195,000 and that the owner, Samuel A. Valenti, Trustee has agreed to sell the property for said amount. The Department will seek BOR reimbursement, he said.

Upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Professor Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of Grape Island, 50 acres more or less in Weymouth, Massachusetts, from Samuel A. Valenti, Trustee for the sum of $195,000

Commissioner Brownell reported that the Department hopes to have all thirteen islands under its control by March, 1973.

Director Correia presented a proposal to purchase 6 acres of land in the town of Harwich for a consideration of $45,000 from T. W. Nickerson et al, subject to a ten year tenancy option. He stated that the area is adjacent to the Hawksnest Pond State Park and is essential if the Department is to provide adequate beach facilities at the Park.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Professor Rhodes - it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 6 acres of land more or less in the town of Harwich, Massachusetts, from T. W. Nickerson et al, for the sum of $45,000 and ten year tenancy.

Director Gullion was asked to attend the Board meeting to present land acquisition proposals.

Director Gullion asked the Board to consider the proposal to have an appraisal made of 20 acres of land in the town of Brewster, under ownership of Ann Sears by Trusteeship of Samuel M. Sears and the Boston Safety Deposit & Trust Company. He stated that the area is completely surrounded by the Nickerson State Park and that the acquisition would eliminate the last interior private holding within the Park.

Following discussion, the Board authorized an appraisal to be made of the Sears property to determine its value for possible future acquisition.

Director Gullion presented a proposal to purchase 100 acres of land in the town of Sheffield from Edward W. Bartholomew. The land, he said, adjoins the Mt. Everett State Reservation and would offer an outstanding aesthetic and recreational area.

Following discussion, the Board authorized an appraisal to be made of the Bartholomew property to determine its value for possible future acquisition.

Director Gullion then asked the Board to consider the proposal to acquire 57.10 acres of land, plus a 40 foot right-of-way in the town of Hopkinton from the Pyne Sand and Stone Company, Inc. He said the land tract would be a major step in joining the Upton State Forest and the Whitehall State Park, thus enabling the eventual development of recreational facilities. He added that it would also allow an easy access to

the Whitehall Reservoir. He asked the Board's approval to have appraisals made of the area.

Following discussion, the Board authorized an appraisal to be made of the Pyne property to determine its land value for the purpose of negotiating its purchase.

Director Gullion then asked the Board's approval to transfer two buildings located at the old Bridgewater Nursery to the Bridgewater Conservation Commission. He stated that both buildings, a water tower and a small pump house are in very poor condition and of no value to the Department. At the present time, he said, the Bridgewater Conservation Commission has a lease on our former forest nursery land. The nursery and an additional 100 acres is entirely under the control of the Bridgewater Correctional Institution and their approval would also have to be obtained before the transfer can be effected.

The Board authorized the transfer of the two buildings at the Bridgewater Nursery to the Bridgewater Conservation Commission, subsequent to the additional approval of the Department of Correction.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for January 18, 1973 in the office of the Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Frederick J. Crane Jr.