A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held January 5, 1966 at 12:30 p.m. at the Union Club, 8 Park Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham and Brewster.

Commissioner Foster advised the Board of the proposed plans of the Western Massachusetts Electric Company with regard to the installation of a pumped storage reservoir on Northfield Mountain, Erving. He noted that the property required is under the control of the Department.

He advised the Board of the master plan for public outdoor recreation prepared by the Company at its own expense and its pledge of $1,300,000 in private funds towards the accomplishment of this program.

The Commissioner notified the Board that a public announcement of the recreation program was scheduled for the latter part of February, and he asked for informal opinions from the Board concerning the Department's position on this project.

Mr. Brewster expressed his conviction that the Company had proceeded in a public spirited fashion with particular regard to the water resource and recreation aspects of the project.

It was the Board's feeling that the Department should proceed with the details of the land exchange to be acted upon formally at a future meeting of the Board.

In the absence of a quorum, no formal business was transacted.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held February 24, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, State Office Building, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Brewster and Crane.

The minutes of the December 21, 1965 meeting were approved without correction.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that the Department had received a request from the Zoology Department, University of Massachusetts, for the use of a portion of the Hawley State Forest and buildings for a Biological Station. Mr. Brewster asked if there were other alternatives for this area, and the Commissioner said at the moment there were not. Mr. Fulham stated that if permission were granted, the management of the forest should be under the regular standards of the Department. Commissioner Foster said that if the Board was agreeable to the basic concept he would suggest that a team from the University go over the area this summer and see what arrangements would be required on the state's part. Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to further exploration with the University of Massachusetts for a Biological Station at the Hawley State Forest.

The Commissioner informed the Board that the Izaak Walton League of America is holding its national convention in Boston the latter part of June and has asked the Department to prepare an exhibit. He stated that the Department has a special committee working on the plan for the exhibit which will serve as a permanent exhibit for the Department after the convention. He asked Mr. Arthur Brownell, Division of Conservation Services, and Mr.William Everberg, Division of Water Resources, to attend the meeting to show the model which they are preparing. Mr. Brewster asked what the cost would be and Mr. Everberg said it would be between $650 and $700. The Board expressed its appreciation for the originality of the exhibit.

A copy of the Department's Commendation program was given to the Board members by the Commissioner who explained that he has had a group developing suggestions for better recognizing employees' outstanding service. Following discussion the Board agreed in principle with the approach and instructed the Commissioner to proceed with the necessary implementation.

The Commissioner then reported that a special Departmental committee on in-service training is considering means of uncovering and developing latent talent among employees through special training sessions on a departmental basis. Upon Mr. Crane's question as to where these sessions would be held, Commissioner Foster replied that they would probably be scheduled at the University of Massachusetts.

In commenting on legislation, the Commissioner said that there are as usual about 100 bills that have been filed this year affecting natural resources - none by the Department. He reported on the study bill for inland wetlands (S.359) which is a companion effort to the coastal wetlands legislation; a bill to investigate the Division of Law Enforcement (H.423); and a bill to study the entire Department (H.1090) filed by the House Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources.

The Commissioner also said that a number of measures had been recommended to the Governor for his consideration, one of which would be a $5 million bond issue to accelerate basic water resource investigations.

Relative to the Mount Greylock legislation, the Commissioner reminded the Board of the previous administration's support of the Tramway Authority and the existence of two separate agencies - the Greylock Reservation Commission and the Authority - charged specifically with the responsibilities for the mountain. He said he would like to have guidance from the Board as to what the Department's role should be. Following discussion, the Board was of the opinion that the Commissioner should determine the position of the present administration and take positive action, where possible, to resolve the present controversy.

The Task Force Report prepared by the Industry Advisors was then brought up for discussion by the Commissioner. The previous recommendation of the Board that a position of Deputy Commissioner be established was felt consistent with the Task Force recommendations, and the Chairman was authorized to discuss this and other matters with the Governor in the hope that the position could be established by budgetary action.

As to the Task Force Report's recommendation on public relations, the Commissioner noted the excellent unit of the Division of Fisheries and Game and said he did not feel two public relations organizations should be set up within the Department. Mr. Fulham was of the opinion that the Department should have one piece of literature which would describe its overall scope and responsibilities. Mr.Crane felt that we should use people on the local level to help with public relations, leaving state promotional activities to the Department of Commerce and Development. Commissioner Foster reported on his conference with Commissioner Schulenberg, who had promised financial assistance to the Department this year pending budgetary approvals, and Commissioner Foster stated that some of these funds could possibly be used to print a brochure describing the Department's activities.

Commissioner Foster then asked Director Mahoney and Mr. Frederick Bowers to attend the meeting to discuss proposed land acquisition projects.

Mr. Bowers presented the request of the City of Fitchburg to exchange 27 acres of state owned forest land in Fitchburg for 29.72 acres of land in Ashby. He said the City of Fitchburg needs this acreage for the construction of Shattuck Reservoir, and that the land to be conveyed in Ashby would be on the westerly shore of Wright Pond. Commissioner Foster added that this acquisition was recommended in the 1957 report of Edwards and Kelcey. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the conveyance of 27 acres of state forest land in Fitchburg to the City of Fitchburg which is deemed necessary for the construction of a dam on the Shattuck Reservoir project in exchange for a 29.72 acre parcel of City of Fitchburg land situated on the westerly shore of Wright Pond in Ashby.

Mr. Bowers then presented the offer of John E. Higgins to sell 12.75 acres of land on King Road in Taunton, with building, for $10,250 subject to life tenancy. He stated that this area is adjacent to the Massasoit State Park in East Taunton and is essential to the whole development program for the park. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 12.75 acres of land on King Road in Taunton from John E. Higgins and Mary J. Higgins for the sum of $10,250, subject to life tenancy.

The offer of Fred Stiles to sell 360 acres of land in Hawley for $15.75 per acres was presented by Mr. Bowers who said that the area was bounded north and south by state owned land. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 360 acres of land in Hawley from Fred R. Stiles at the rate of $15.75 per acre.

In presenting the offer of the Guaranty Bank & Trust Co, to accept the sum of $18,000 for a settlement of damages in the taking of 137 acres of land in Sturbridge (Wells State Park), Mr. Bowers stated that the award voted at the November 4, 1965 meeting of $15,000 was not acceptable to the bank and negotiations had been consummated for a $18,000 settlement, the appraisal figure being $17,810. He stated that since the Department was not paying the interest, which amounts to more than $200, it was felt that the $18,000 award was a reasonable figure. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr.Crane, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to amend vote of November 4, 1965 approving the taking of 434.76 acres of land in Sturbridge by striking out the amount of $15,000 awarded to Bertha B. McKinstry and Guaranty Bank & Trust Company and inserting in place thereof an award of $18,000.

Commissioner Foster presented the offer of Ovsay Lipetz to sell approximately 2,850 acres of land in Mount Washington for the sum of $100,000 subject to a life estate on the house and 30 acres of land. He stated that this is consistent with the long-standing proposal for a tri-state park with the states of New York and Connecticut, which have already done their part in acquiring land, and advised the Board that the area would more than likely qualify for 50% federal reimbursement as the state's pilot acquisition project under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. He said that this acreage had been on the market for $143,000 and that the appraisal value was $100,000 which Mr. Lipetz was willing to accept. Mr. Crane then

asked what the Department intended to do with the area. Director Mahoney, at Commissioner Foster's request, said that this acquisition will re-open a large tract of posted land for hunting and will augment the state's operating forest acreage. He also stated that there are 5 miles of brooks and 2 small ponds as well as 2 high elevations adaptable to more intensive recreation development.

Commissioner Foster said that there will be conferences with officials from Connecticut and New York to work out a master plan for the whole area.

Mr. Fulham stated that he thought the Department should publicize this area as a hunting area, and Director Mahoney said he had talked with Director Shepard, of the Division of Fisheries and Game, concerning the acquisition.

Mr. Brewster brought up the question of using a Massachusetts hunting license in a tri-state park and it was felt that some equitable arrangement should be explored by the Division of Fisheries and Game.

Following discussion of the acquisition of this property, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 2850 acres of land in Mount Washington from Ovsay Lipetz for the sum of $100,000, subject to a life estate on the house and 30 acres of land.

Mr. Bowers then brought to the Board's attention the taking of 107 acres of land in Conway for conservation and recreation purposes, stating that the Selectmen approve of the taking. He noted that we have tried to negotiate with the supposed owners, the Western Massachusetts Field and Stream Club, Inc., but have been unable to agree on a purchase. He said this acreage is the key to a major new state recreation facility on the Deerfield River which will be a multi-use recreation area of particular value in the Greenfield area. He further stated that the award for damages has been set for $5,500, which is the appraised value for the acreage and a one story camp building of wood frame construction. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to approve the taking of 107 acres of land in Conway for conservation and recreation purposes and to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute an order of taking of said land under the authority of Section 3, Chapter 132A of the General Laws, and to award damages in the amount of $5,500 to the supposed owners - Western Massachusetts Field and Stream Club, Inc.

In presenting the offer of Lona E. Craven to sell a 6 acre parcel of land on Winchester Road, Warwick, for the sum of $1,200 Commissioner Foster said that this property came to our attention some time ago and although the unit asking price is substantial, it is a key piece of property adjoining Warwick State Forest and recommended its purchase. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of a 6 acre parcel of land on Winchester Road in Warwick from Lona E. Craven for a consideration of $1,200.

Mr. Bowers presented the offer of Ruby B. Manning to sell about 450 acres of land in Worthington for $7,500,which will be part of the Middlefield (Factory Brook) recreation site. Mr. Crane commented that this area is a very beautiful part of the state and would be a valuable addition to the Department's holdings. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of about 450 acres of land in Worthington from Ruby B. Manning for a consideration of $7,500.

Commissioner Foster then informed the Board of the proposed land exchange with the Western Massachusetts Electric Company to enable a pumped storage facility on Northfield Mountain, Erving. He asked Director Mahoney to report in detail on this exchange of land. Director Mahoney said that approximately 980 acres of land at Erving State Forest would be exchanged for 1,111 acres of wilderness and water in Colrain, which the the Western Massachusetts Electric Company has already purchased or optioned. He added that the purchase of the Colrain property had been recommended in the 1957 Edwards and Kelcey report. He said that before the Department turns over the land at Erving State Forest to the Electric Company a liquidating cut of timber

in the amount of $24,000 will be made, and the Department will also receive another 400 acres from the Company to round out its Erving State Forest boundaries.

The Board was also advised of the Company's sponsorship of a master plan for outdoor recreation in the upper Connecticut Valley and its pledge of $1,300,000 in private funds towards the completion of this program.

Commissioner Foster reminded the Board of the water resource proposal also involved whereby Western Massachusetts Electric Company plans to make the reservoir large enough to divert the equivalent of 72 mgd. of flood waters on an annual basis to the Metropolitan District Commission's Quabbin Reservoir.

The Commissioner stated that if the Board gives it approval to this land exchange, he will then convey the proposal to the Governor for formal announcement. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve a conveyance of 980 acres of state forest land in Erving to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company in exchange for approximately 1,111 acres of land in the vicinity of Crouch Pond in Colrain.

Commissioner Foster then invited Mr. Alfred Pontier and Mr. Thomas Wetmore, of the engineering firm of Edwards and Kelcey, to attend the meeting to present a progress report on the updating of the state master plan for outdoor recreation. Mr. Pontier reported on the projection of demand for recreation to the year 2000, and Mr. Wetmore explained in detail the manner in which the information was compiled. The Board expressed its appreciation for the progress report and said it would await with interest the final recommendations.

Commissioner Foster then asked Director Gullion and Arthur Brownell to attend the meeting to present proposed self-help conservation projects. Director Gullion stated that the total allocations to the self-help program for the past three years have been $356,921 and 93 projects have been approved and 47 projects reimbursed for a total cost of $351,913.65, leaving monies available for self-help programs of $5,007.35. He stated that the applications to be submitted total $26,715 so it will

not be possible to reimburse all the towns until more funds are made available. It was felt that the projects should nevertheless be brought before the Board for approval so that when funds are received and the towns have completed their acquisition projects it will be possible to reimburse the towns immediately.

Mr. Brownell then advised the Board of Medway #1 project to acquire 6 acres of land at a town cost of $1,500. He said this project is to control flood waters and regulate the flow into Medway Park Pond which is a recreational and swimming area.

In commenting on the Stoughton #1 project, Mr. Brownell said that the area is surrounded by the Stoughton Fish and Game Club property whose charter provides that should the Club become defunct the acreage shall revert to town ownership. He said that this reversion clause has now been amended to have the property go to the conservation commission. He stated that the area consists of 7.5 acres which can be bought for $1,300 and will be used by Boy Scouts for camping and conservation purposes. He also said that the acquisition will prevent development in an unspoiled area.

The Sherborn #1 project, Mr. Brownell said, is next to the high school and athletic field and will be used for future tennis courts, skating pond for family use and hockey players, and to provide an outdoor nature laboratory for the adjacent Pine Hill Junior High and elementary school. He said it will also be possible to construct two 1 acre ponds, one of which could be used for swimming and the other for small boats. He stated that the area consists of 5.5 acres and can be bought for a total town cost of $3,500.

In commenting on the Shrewsbury #1 project, Mr. Brownell said that Conservation Commission has proposed the acquisition of 10 acre Mill Pond for flood control and recreational purposes at a cost of $1,500. The urban nature of the surroundings makes it a high priority project, he said.

Mr. Brownell stated that the Plympton #1 project, costing $3,600 and consisting of 3 acres, will be used primarily for recreational purposes. He also said that the

Conservation Commission intends to seek assistance from the Soil Conservation Service for the construction of an additional pond for swimming.

Lunenburg projects #16, #17, and #18 were then presented by Mr. Brownell. Project #16, 8 acres costing $200, is in the center of 145 acres already owned by the town; #17 project consists of 7 acres costing $380 which would be surrounded by 200 acres of town-owned conservation land and is part of a large area of 450 acres that the Conservation Commission is anxious to secure as a hunting area; project #18, 10 acres costing $250, is an area adjacent to the town-owned Cowdrey Nature Center. This area of pines and open fields could be used by scout, 4-H, and other groups for camporees in conjunction with the Cowdrey area.

The Dennis #2 project, 26 acres costing $11,000, was reported by Mr. Brownell as being sought for the following purposes: to conserve wetlands; to provide nature trails and sanctuaries; to provide picnicking and camping areas; and to provide boating for non-powered craft. He also stated that there will be a fishing pond for fly fishing only.

Mr. Brownell informed the Board that Westport #1 project, consisting of 50 acres costing $30,000, is being undertaken to increase the very limited acreage now devoted to conservation and recreation. He also stated that there is a gravel pit on the area which will be used for the next three years, the gravel being worth between $150,000 and $200,000. Mr. Gullion stated that when the gravel removal operation ends, the Conservation Commission will then restore the top soil and replant the area to make a public access and beach. He said this will be the first case of rehabilitation of land under the self-help program.

By motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was -

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

Town	Acreage	Total Cost	State Reimbursement
Medway #1	6	$ 1,500	$ 750
Stoughton #1	7.5	1,300	650
Sherborn #1	5.5	3,500	1,750
Shrewsbury #1	10	1,500	750
Plympton #1	3	3,600	1,800
Lunenburg #16	8	200	100
Lunenburg #17	7	380	190
Lunenburg #18	10	250	125
Dennis #2	26	11,000	5,500
Westport #1	50	30,200	15,000
			$26,715

Commissioner Foster then stated that although the marine fisheries consumer education and marketing program prepared by McPartland-Bidwell, Inc. was originally scheduled for the agenda, the length of time required for the presentation made other arrangements preferable. His suggestion that Mr. Fulham be designated to represent the Board at a future meeting with the consultants met with the approval of the Board.

The issuance of special permits by the Department was then brought to the Board's attention by Commissioner Foster who stated that the question of proper statutory authority had recently been raised in conjunction with proposed projects at Shelburne Falls and Lee. The Commissioner recommended that the Department solicit an opinion from the Attorney General relative to the issuance of permits and leases and seek clarifying legislation next year if the opinion was in the negative. Following discussion, the Board authorized the Commissioner to proceed accordingly.

The next meeting of the Board was set for March 29, 1966 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 2:15 p.m.

Frederick G. Crane, Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held March 29, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, State Office Building, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Brewster and Crane.

The minutes of the February 24, 1966 meeting were approved without correction.

Commissioner Foster asked Harold J. Greene to attend the meeting to review the Department's fiscal 1967 budget, and gave the Board members a copy of the summary of the 1966 and 1967 budgets. He noted that the Department is now a $5 million operating agency with approximately 1,000 employees, one half of which are seasonal.

Mr. Greene then stated that the bulk of the Department's requests were for personnel and equipment.

In commenting on the budget for the Division of Conservation Services, he stated that the $700,000 request for self-help conservation projects had been cut by the Governor from $700,000 to $200,000.

The budget for the Division of Law Enforcement, Mr. Greene said, was cut approximately $300,000 by the Governor who allowed the positions for the new patrol boat, but not for new natural resource officers.

Mr. Greene stated that the Division of Marine Fisheries had increased its budget about 100% due to the new federal reimbursement programs. Commissioner Foster said that the Department has already received approvals from the federal government for the projects pending state approval, but the Governor's budget reduced many of these programs below the level approved.

In the Division of Forests and Parks, Mr. Greene reported that the bulk of its entire budget was for recreation staffing and equipment and to make an initial start on the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation program. Commissioner Foster said that the Governor, in his annual message, had recommended the Department's participation in the Neighborhood Youth Corps, but no appropriation was allowed for this program.

Mr.Crane asked how appropriations could be restored to the budget in cases where they have been cut too low. Commissioner Foster said the Department could go to the Ways and Means Committees to seek restoration, and also request either deficiency or supplementary appropriations.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that Harold Greene had been in charge of the Department's entire operation of moving into the new State Office Building and commended him highly for his extraordinary job in laying out the new facilities and conducting the move.

The Board accepted the budget report as submitted and complimented Mr. Greene for his outstanding performance.

It was then reported by Commissioner Foster that H. 2815, which proposes to transfer the Mount Greylock Reservation to the Department, will be heard before the Committee on Natural Resources on March 30, 1966. He also said that he had received a letter from Mr. Crane stating that he felt the Department should take a strong stand in favor of this bill.

Mr. Crane then mentioned the Supreme Court decision voiding the agreement between the Greylock Commissioners and the Tramway Authority. He said that residents of the Berkshires feel that this area should be transferred to the Department.

Mr. Fulham stated that since many reports have recommended that Mount Greylock be under the jurisdiction of the Department, the Commissioner should present a favorable case and point out the Department's capabilities for running such an area as an addition to its present responsibilities. He also said if the Department were asked about commercial exploitation of the area, it would be appropriate to state that the reservation would be kept insofar as possible in its natural condition.

Mr. Brewster asked if additional funds would be needed for this area, and the Commissioner replied they would be necessary, especially for development, as the area is quite run down.

Commissioner Foster stated that if Mount Greylock were transferred, the Department's first step would be to have a detailed master plan prepared for present and future use of the area.

Following discussion as to whether the Commissioner should make a formal statement at the legislative hearing, it was the consensus of the Board that he should do so.

Commissioner Foster then brought to the attention of the Board the draft Edwards and Kelcey master plan for outdoor recreation stating that policy decisions should be made as to the implementation of the report. He said that the Department has been over the document in detail and the consultants have also met with recreation experts at the University of Massachusetts and members of other agencies. He advised that Edwards and Kelcey have now been authorized to put the report in final form and have been asked to prepare a summary of their recommendations which could be distributed in considerable quantity before the final report was available.

The Commissioner then suggested several ways in which the parks expansion program should be handled. Considerable discussion centered around the possibility of a joint bond issue equal to the composite needs of all recreation agencies e.g. Metropolitan District Commission, Department of Public Works, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries and Game, and special reservation commissions, in order to provide a coordinated recreation capital outlay budget for the Commonwealth.

Mr. Brewster suggested some sort of an advisory group to carry out the Edwards and Kelcey report.

Commissioner Foster said that if the Board wished him to explore an interagency approach, he would discuss the matter further with the Commissioners of Public Works and Metropolitan District Commission. Following discussion, the Board authorized the Commissioner to proceed in this fashion.

Commissioner Foster then asked Director Francis B. Mahoney and Mr. Frederick Bowers to attend the meeting to discuss land matters.

Mr. Bowers said that the Western Massachusetts Electric Company, by vote of the Board on April 12, 1964, had been awarded a location for the installation of a pole line to provide electrical service to an American Telephone and Telegraph micro-wave relay tower on the Pittsfield state Forest. He stated that the Company was now asking for an easement for the installation of this pole line in exchange

for which the Company would buy other land for the Department having a value of at least $2,000. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to rescind the vote of April 12, 1964 approving a proposal to convey to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company a location for the installation of a pole line to provide electrical service to an American Telephone and Telegraph Company micro-wave relay tower on the Pittsfield State Forest and to adopt the following vote -

VOTED - to approve the granting of an easement to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company, under the authority of Section 3, Chapter 132A of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 365 of the Acts of 1964, for the installation of a pole line to provide electrical service to an American Telephone and Telegraph Company micro-wave relay tower on the Pittsfield State Forest and to accept in return for said easement a parcel of land, in a location to be selected, having a value of at least $2,000.

Director Mahoney then presented the request of the Pioneer Valley Cablevision Company for the installation of cable lines and tower on Montague State Forest. He said it is not now possible to get a signal into the valley without this installation and following careful study, this location appears to be the only feasible area. He further said that the installation will not detract from the beauty of the area. Commissioner Foster stated that this installation will be on a fee basis with land in lieu of actual compensation, and he asked if the Board would approve in principle such a lease so that the actual details could be worked out. Following discussion, Mr. Fulham said that Director Mahoney could tell the Pioneer Valley Cablevision Company that the Board agreed in substance with the request, but its final decision would be subject to the terms of the actual agreement.

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Frank Grice, Acting Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries, to attend the meeting for a discussion of the McPartland-Bidwell fisheries marketing proposal.

Mr. Fulham reported on his meeting with the Commissioner and McPartland-Bidwell, Inc. relative to the objectives of a consumer education program and stated that while

there is a need for this type of project, it was his opinion that the advertising presentation of McPartland-Bidwell, Inc. was deficient in indicating what goals it hoped to accomplish.

Mr. Crane asked why this type of advertising comes under the Department at all, and Commissioner Foster stated that it is part of the statutory responsibility of the Division of Marine Fisheries. He also stated that additional material is expected from the consultants to cover the points raised by Mr. Fulham.

Commissioner Foster said that the Department would recommend a program to the full extent of the consultant's Plan #1 ($214,600), but with the Department's contribution not exceeding Plan #2 ($120,000), and would further recommend that a deliberate attempt be made to supply the difference between Plan #1 and Plan #2 from industry and other sources. It was also his opinion that industry should be required to set up an organization responsible for administering the initial program and eventually assuming the total obligation.

Mr. Grice reported that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service said that this program could be on a 75:25 matching fund basis. In commenting on the use of P.L. 88-309 funds for this program, Mr. Grice said it would cut into other needs for these funds but since it is a program which industry feels should be a priority, it was his thought that the Department should forego other projects to implement this program.

It was the feeling of the Board that the Commissioner should submit a project application on a three year basis for the necessary federal funds and then present the program and decisions to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission.

Commissioner Foster asked Mr. Robert L. Yasi to attend the meeting to report on the status of legislation affecting the Department.

Mr. Yasi said that S. 363, providing for protection of bluefin tuna sport-fishing interests, had been referred to the next annual session; that of the several bills filed to reorganize the Department only one is alive, H.1090, which has been

referred to study; that H.2215, which was a petition to reorganize the Division of Marine Fisheries, has been referred to the next annual session.

Commissioner Foster said that H. 2966, a Department of Public Health bill, directing the Department of Public Works to design, acquire and operate refuse disposal ships for the purpose of disposing of refuse of cities and towns is still in Committee; that S. 365 which is a bill to reorganize the the Committee for Soil, Water and Related Resources has been referred back to the Senate by the Governor; and that the several bills directing the Department to develop recreation areas are now in House Ways and Means.

The Commissioner said there has been considerable interest in the state Geological Commission legislation, much of which has come from the University of Massachusetts, and reported that the Department has drafted a revised version of this legislation.which has been reported favorably by the Senate.

Commissioner Foster then reported that the Department, with the concurrence of all agencies, is filing a late bill which would authorize the Department to acquire lands for public access sites rather than the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Yasi said that the Homebuilders Association annual bill to place a statutory maximum lot size has been sent back to the Committee on State Administration for study at the request of the Association and it will probably be two more years before it is acted upon.

As of general interest to the Board, Mr. Yasi reported that there have been 112 bills filed for this legislative session in which the Department has an interest.

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Arthur Brownell to attend the meeting to present proposed self-help conservation projects.

Although self-help funds are now virtually exhausted, Mr. Brownell stated that the conservation commissions are being given conditional approval for their projects pending receipt of funds in the next budget.

Mr. Crane asked Mr. Brownell how the Department ascertained which conservation commission projects should be approved, and Mr. Brownell said that the areas were inspected by field personnel and then the written reports were reviewed by the Department's Lands Committee.

Commissioner Foster said that in the past each proposed self-help project had been brought to the attention of the Board, but since they are now becoming so numerous and need only be approved by the Commissioner, he wondered if the Board would like to review only those projects which involve a large expenditure of funds. Mr. Fulham stated that he thought the Board, at the least, should have some sort of a complete summary of all projects, and it was agreed that present procedures would be continued for the time being.

Mr. Brownell then advised the Board of the Athol #1 project of 457 acres costing $6,214. He said this is the first step in a proposed 4,500 acre acquisition to provide recreational opportunities and preserve the town's mountains, streams, scenic beauty, forests, and wildlife. He also stated that two appraisals were made of the acreage and the timber value alone is worth more than the asking price.

In commenting on Easton #1 project, 278 acres costing $152,000, Mr. Brownell said the area has been appraised for $163,000 and $153,000 and will be used for conservation purposes. He noted the overwhelming vote of endorsement at the recent town meeting.

The Franklin #1 project, 110 acres costing $38,000, comprised primarily of water and pond bottom, Mr. Brownell reported, is being acquired to conserve water and other natural resources for future outdoor recreation purposes.

Mr. Brownell stated that the Grafton #2 project, 2.5 acres costing $15,000, would include water rights to Lake Ripple. The purchase will also include 2 1/4 acres of land, the dam and the gate house, and will be the first step towards pollution abatement, he said.

In presenting the Harwich #1 project, Mr. Brownell stated that this 228 acre site costing $233,000 would be acquired to provide an open space for wildlife, outdoor recreation and nature study. He also said that there are about 47 acres of cranberry bog in the area which could be restored. If this area is not acquired by the town, Mr. Brownell said, a developer already has plans to purchase it for a housing development. He said in reviewing this proposed self-help project, the Lands Committee felt that if the town would not go along with the acquisition, the state should consider acquiring the area. Following discussion, the Board was of the opinion the Department should make a study of the area for a possible state park, and Commissioner Foster said he would assign personnel to look over the area and make a report.

The Hudson #2 project, consisting of 16 acres costing $17,600, Mr. Brownell said, was to expand the existing public beach facility at Fort Meadow Pond to include picknicking in a shaded park area.

In commenting on the Lunenburg #19 project, 65 acres costing $2,500, Mr.Brownell said the land is part of a large hunting area of 450 acres which the conservation commission would like to have under its program for the development of its wildlife and forest potential.

The proposed Norton #1 acquisition, 23 acres costing $13,000, Mr. Brownell said, would preserve an area adjacent to a proposed elementary school site which could be used for a nature study area and recreational activities.

Mr. Brownell stated that the Paxton #1 proposal, 34 acres costing $9,000, will provide a piece of land for recreation and conservation next to the school in the center of the town and eventually recreation facilities will be constructed.

The West Bridgewater #1 project, 8.15 acres costing $7,500, Mr. Brownell said, is the original site of a fort constructed during the 1600's, making it an historic landmark. He added that being on the Towne River the area will initiate the

the commission's proposed green belt and become a recreational area as well as an educational project in conservation for school children and scouts.

Following discussion, the Board authorized Commissioner Foster to give preliminary approval to the following self-help conservation projects and reimbursements -

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	State Reimbursement
Athol #1	457	$ 6,214	$ 3,107
Easton #1	278	152,000	76,000
Franklin #1	110	38,000	19,000
Grafton #2	2.5	15,000	7,500
Harwich #1	228	233,000	116,500
Hudson #2	16	17,600	8,800
Lunenburg #19	65	2,500	1,250
Norton #1	23	13,000	6,500
Paxton #1	34	9,000	4,500
West Bridgewater #1	8.15	7,500	3,750
	1221.54	$493,814	$246,907

The date for the next meeting was set for April 28, 1966 in the office of the Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Fred G. Crane Jr

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held April 28, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham and Crane.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that the Senate Ways and Means Committee would probably report unfavorably on Senate 547, which would abolish the Mt.Greylock Tramway Authority, and asked the Board if it felt that the Department should take any position on the bill. Chairman Fulham was of the opinion that the Department should favor the legislation abolishing the Tramway Authority as it would be inconsistent with the Department's position on House 2815 to have the authority in existence if the Department should receive jurisdiction over the Mount Greylock Reservation by legislative action. Mr. Crane said he felt that the Department should still press for the passage of House 2815 even if Senate 547 is defeated.

The Commissioner then brought to the Board's attention the Special Senate Committee investigating the awarding of contracts to architects and engineers and said that the Department had undergone similar difficulties with the proposed Cat Cove Laboratory inasmuch as it had submitted the name of a firm qualified to build the laboratory, which was rejected, and another firm was given the contract. He noted, however, that the Department had thoroughly reviewed the current firm's references and felt that with allowances for lack of prior experience in marine laboratory design, the engineers selected would do a more than satisfactory job.

The matter of Otis Reservoir in the towns of Otis and Tolland was then brought before the Board by the Commissioner who explained the Department's involvement in the area through its adjacent Tolland State Forest. He said that the water rights to this reservoir and four or five ponds are now held by the Farmington River Water Power Company and reported that the Collins Company of Collinsville, Connecticut, had recently announced that all of its assets, including majority interest in the Farmington River Water Power Company, are now for sale and its operations will be closed down on June 1. He explained that over the years extensive development of summer cottages has taken place around the reservoir and that the controlling

Connecticut company had voluntarily refrained from extensive withdrawals until the recreation season had come to a close. In view of the decision of the Collins Company to sell its assets, the cottage owners have become very concerned over the continued recreational use of the area and have urged the Department to take over the water rights to Otis Reservoir. He told the Board of his meetings with the area legislators and cottage owners, and said he had assured them that the Department would take all appropriate steps to safeguard the recreational resources. The Commissioner also noted that the Department was maintaining liaison with the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Water Resources Commission, State Board of Fisheries and Game, and the Farmington River Watershed Association in Connecticut to insure a joint course of action on the part of both states to preserve the water rights within this watershed.

Following further discussion, the Board approved of the action taken by the Commissioner and instructed him to continue with his efforts to safeguard the area.

In reporting on the Cohasset Annex, the federal surplus property in the towns of Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Norwell, the Commissioner stated that four years ago the Division of Fisheries and Game applied for the property through the General Services Administration under the Burke-Wherry Act. About three weeks ago the Division was informed by GSA that the property was not available to them but that GSA would entertain an application from the Commonwealth for park and recreation purposes at 50% of the appraised value. Since the bulk of the property is in Hingham, which comes under the Metropolitan Parks District, the Commissioner said he had met with Commissioner Whitmore of the Metropolitan District Commission whose recommendation was that the Department should apply for the whole area. Following this decision, and consultation with the Governor's staff, all the agencies with an interest in the Annex had agreed that the Department should submit an application to the General Services Administration for park and recreation purposes. He further stated that the Department has notified the General Services Administration that it

is interested and has been given until May 27 to make a formal application. He said that an inter-agency operation is visualized for the area and a master plan will be prepared for park and recreation use.

Following discussion, the Board gave its approval for the submission of a surplus property application.

In reporting on the parks expansion program, the Commissioner said in accord with the Board's suggestion he had called on the other agencies relative to having a joint capital outlay program and found keen interest in such a project.

Commissioner Foster told the Board that the firm of Edwards and Kelcey is now ready to make its final report and will also produce 5,000 copies of a popular type summary for an additional cost of $5,000. Following discussion, the Board agreed that the brochures would be desirable and authorized the Commissioner to expend the additional $5,000 from available bond issue funds.

The Commissioner then brought to the Board's attention the situation relative to the DeMatteo dump in Saugus and briefly reviewed the history of the company's contamination of the marshes and the restrictive order issued a year and a half ago. He said the company has been continually filling the area and last year accepted a shipment of oil from an industrial firm which immediately contaminated the adjacent marsh. As a consequence of this action, the Commissioner said, the Department took out a complaint against the DeMatteo firm for oil pollution but suggested cleaning up the area in lieu of a criminal charge. He said the company then submitted a plan for eliminating the oil which would entail more filling. Department engineers suggested that the building of a dike could curtail the leaching of the oil without requiring filling. The Commissioner said that the Department of Public Health would like to see this operation shut down as the surrounding towns are complaining about the operation. In the light of the dependency of the cities and towns on this dump, he questioned whether the Department should entertain some extension of the dump and asked the Board for its advice on the matter.

Following considerable discussion, the Board felt that any extension would be in conflict with the Department's statutory responsibilities under Chapter 130.

Commissioner Foster then advised the Board that the Department has a backlog of $700,000 in self-help applications for which funds are not available. He said that the private conservation organizations intend to organize to see that these funds are reinstated in the budget to carry on this conservation program.

In reporting on the Special Commission on Taxation, the Commissioner said that an incentive program had been devised to help private property owners to maintain their land in open uses.

As of further interest to the Board, the Commissioner mentioned that the Ford Foundation had approved a sizable grant to the Massachusetts Audubon Society for a new program to strengthen public education and information activities within New England. He said a new Conservation Services Center will be located at Drumlin Farm in Lincoln to assist all conservation agencies.

The Commissioner then reported on the Nantucket resources survey project requested by the Nantucket Board of Selectmen, in which the Department and the University of Massachusetts will participate, with funds being provided locally and privately.

Commissioner Foster also reported that he had received a telephone request from a contractor employed by the U.S. Air Force for immediate permission to set up an antenna on state property on Plum Island for a classified electronic warfare project. Due to the urgency of the request, tentative permission had been granted to begin work immediately with the understanding that formal permission would have to be given by the Board. He further stated that he was informed that this project would be for six months only and then the equipment would be removed. With this temporary permission, he said, the contractors began the work but when the Department found they had indiscriminately bulldozed sand dunes and destroyed plantings in the area the

project was stopped promptly. In the light of these circumstances, he said, no formal action should be taken by the Board at this time.

In connection with the annual rowing regatta of the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges on Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, the Commissioner said this event would be held on May 13, 1966. He said he felt that the usual permit should be issued for this regatta as it is a very worthwhile event. Following discussion, the Board gave its authorization to the holding of a rowing regatta on Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, on May 13, 1966.

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Robert L. Yasi and Mr. Kenton A. Beaujean to attend the meeting to discuss procedures relative to the implementation of Chapter 768. Mr. Yasi gave the Board members an outline of the procedures which have been set up to carry out the Department's statutory responsibilities. He said that the Director of Marine Fisheries proposes areas by priorities after consultation with other agencies, including approximate boundaries of the marshes to be protected and a survey is then made by the Office of Resources Review to determine definitive lines. Contact is then made with the local officials and property owners.

Mr. Beaujean then showed on a map the area of the North River which is the first project to be undertaken, and informed the Board of the detailed steps which are taken before an order of taking is filed.

On the matter of Department procedures, the Board felt that the Commissioner should review the preliminary phases on behalf of the Board and only the final restrictive orders should be brought before the Board for formal approval.

The Commissioner then asked Mr. Beaujean how many applications the Department was currently receiving under Chapter 220. Mr. Beaujean replied that about 15 applications are received each week and that almost all of the builders will probably have to come to the Department before starting work.

Mr. Richard Correia, Parks Engineer, was then asked by the Commissioner to attend the meeting and showed plans of the entrance road to Hopkinton State Park. Mr. Correira indicated on a map the location of the entrance, spur and access roads and mentioned the plans in preparation for boating facilities.

Following discussion, the Board instructed the Commissioner to proceed with the construction of the entrance road to Hopkinton State Park, Hopkinton, without further approval from the Board.

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Frederick Bowers to attend the meeting to present land matters.

Mr. Bowers presented the request of the Montachusett Girl Scout Council, Inc. for a conveyance of 14.4 acres of state forest land situated on the southeasterly side of Brookline Road in Townsend for a 25.375 acre parcel of land situated south of Route 119 in Townsend, owned by Catherine E. Goodwin et als, Trustees of the Girl Scouts of Townsend. Mr. Bowers said that the Girl Scouts would also like to have permission to use the adjacent state forest land for hiking.

Following discussion, temporary approval was given to this conveyance to be confirmed by vote at the next meeting.

Mr. Bowers then brought to the attention of the Board the agreement of the Western Massachusetts Electric Company to execute a lease to the Commonwealth for a certain tract of land in the town of Gill, situated between Bartons Cove and land of the Commonwealth formerly of Albert E. Fish and Ruth Prentice Fish, for purposes of public access to the Connecticut River.

Following discussion, the Board gave temporary approval for the execution of such an agreement to be confirmed by vote at the next meeting.

The date for the next meeting was set for May 19, 1966 as a field trip.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Fred A. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held May 19, 1966 at 12:30 p.m. at the Student Union, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane and Lund.

The Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Board for the morning field trip to Hopkinton State Park, Hopkinton, and Quinsigamond State Park, Worcester, and asked the Commissioner to convey the Board's feelings to appropriate personnel of the Department.

Chairman Fulham officially welcomed Mr. Joseph W. Lund, newly appointed member of the Board of Natural Resources, and conveyed his personal appreciation for Mr. Lund's willingness to serve.

The minutes of the meeting of April 28, 1966 were approved without revision.

The Commissioner then advised the Board of several developments during the previous month, commenting on the situation in Saugus at the DeMatteo dump; the development activities at the site of the Cat Cove marine research station; and the current status of negotiations with Williams College concerning the Hopkins Experimental Forest.

He also noted an inquiry from the Department of Public Health and the Attorney General regarding the interest of the Department in becoming a complainant in pollution abatement proceedings against the town of Amesbury. It was the Commissioner's recommendation that the Department not become involved unless action was taken against all contributors of pollution in the Merrimack Valley.

The Commissioner stated that an opinion had been received from the Attorney General concerning the powers of the Department to permit or lease activities within state forest and park properties, and he advised the Board that the recommendations concerning future policies would be placed before the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Crane raised the question of the proposed ski development at Beartown State Forest, and the Commissioner advised the Board of negotiations to date with Beartown Associates. He said that, despite newspaper accounts to the contrary, no decisions had been made by the Department and no assurances had been given the Associates.

Director Mahoney then brought before the Board several land acquisition matters.

Previous action concerning the exchange of land with the Montachusett Girl Scout Council, Inc. was reviewed by the Board as was the acceptance of a lease of land from the Western Massachusetts Electric Company in the town of Gill.

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

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to convey to the Montachusett GirlScout Council, Inc., under the authority of Section 34A, Chapter 132 of the General Laws, a 14.4 acre parcel of land situated on the southeasterly side of Brookline Road in Townsend in exchange for a 25.375 acre parcel of land situated south of Route 119, also in Townsend, owned by Catherine E. Goodwin, et als, Trustees of the Girl Scouts of Townsend.

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute an agreement or indenture of lease under such terms and conditions as he deems advisable, wherein the Western Massachusetts Electric Company does demise and lease to The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a certain tract of land in the town of Gill, Franklin County, situated between Bartons Cove and land of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, formerly of Albert E. Fish and Ruth Prentice Fish.

Director Mahoney then advised the Board of a proposed exchange of 11 acres of state forest land in Chester for 200 acres of land situated on West Hill Road in the town of Middlefield. He noted that the Chester site was desired as a site for a new saw mill which would contribute materially to the forest products economy of western Massachusetts.

Commissioner Foster stated that the acreage in Middlefield to be obtained in return would add to existing holdings in the Middlefield State Forest and contribute towards a proposed impoundment and recreation development under the Westfield River watershed project.

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

VOTED - to approve the conveyance of approximately 11 acres of state forest land in Chester to Richard J. Bannish and Harold M. Bannish in exchange for 200 acres of land situated on West Hill Road in Middlefield owned by John E. Bannish and to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute a deed of said state forest land under the authority of Section 34A, Chapter 132 of the General Laws.

The Board then considered a proposal to purchase about 56 acres of land in Georgetown to eliminate an in-holding in the Georgetown-Rowley State Forest.

Director Mahoney noted that the purchase would also protect a proposed impoundment site which has been investigated for camping possibilities in conjunction with the proposed Baldpate Pond development project.

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

VOTED - to approve the purchase of about 56 acres of land in Georgetown from George H. Morse at the rate of $395 per acre.

Director Gullion was then asked to explain various conservation commission projects for which reimbursements are sought. He explained to the Board the present status of available funds and noted the pending item of the fiscal 1967 main budget which would enable the Department to carry on these projects on a budgetary basis.

Assistant to the Director, Arthur W. Brownell, then presented a brief illustrated program on conservation commission projects to further illustrate the high value of conservation commission activities.

Director Gullion singled out for particular attention the proposed acquisition in Sandwich designed to further secure marshlands adjacent to the Barnstable Great Marsh.

Mr. Fulham questioned the high price of Chlemsford project #2 in relation to its proposed uses, and Director Gullion assured the Board that independent appraisals supported the asking price because of the property's close proximity to Interstate Route 495.

Upon motion of Mr. Crane, 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	Total Cost	State Reimbursement
Rehoboth #2	7	$ 500	$ 250
Wilbraham #3	46	8,000	4,000
Barnstable #1	29	10,000	5,000
Sandwich #2	220.9	10,000	5,000
Hopedale #1	26	15,000	7,500
Chelmsford #2	24.87	28,000	14,000
Whitman #2	7.5	850	425

Action on Whitman project #3 was deferred by the Board pending additional information on project costs by the Department's Lands Committee.

The Commissioner then advised the Board that by previous policy the June meeting has been jointly held with the Fish and Game Board and the next meeting date was tentatively set for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 23, 1966, in Boston followed by a joint luncheon meeting with the Fish and Game Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Fulham expressed the Board's appreciation to Dean Arless A. Spielman and Professor Arnold D. Rhodes of the College of Agriculture, and asked Professor Rhodes to present for the Department's information a brief analysis of current programs at the University of Massachusetts.

Professor Rhodes outlined the relationships of the departments at the University and introduced Dr. William G. Sheldon, Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit; Dr. James A McCann, Cooperative Fisheries Unit; Mr. John H. Noyes, Extension Forester; and Mr. Carl A. Carlozzi, Resource Planning, for further accounts of the activities of their respective units.

The Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m. and proceeded to the office of the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Massachusetts for a presentation of the resource planning project covering the West Branch of the Westfield River Valley.

Fred J. Crane, Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held June 23, 1966 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, Secretary of the Board of Natural Resources, Mr. Joseph W. Lund was elected Secretary pro-tem.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board of the death on June 7, 1966 of Board member Edward J. McCabe after a prolonged illness. The Board expressed its regrets.

The Commissioner then reported that the Department has found an Assistant Marine Fisheries Director, Irving M. Alperin, who is a graduate of Cornell University and New York University.

In reporting on the Mount Greylock legislation, the Commissioner said a tentative understanding has been reached which will make the Department responsible for the Reservation. He added that in all probability the Tramway Authority will be abolished.

The Commissioner in reporting on items in the budget said that it would appear that the Senate will approve the funds for the conservation commission self-help program amounting to $700,000, and from the projects that have been received this will prove to be a most accurate estimate. He also said that the Senate has restored the funds for the marine fisheries projects which were cut out of the budget which will now enable the Department to take advanatge of matching federal funds.

Commissioner Foster said that the budget will contain approval of the positions asked for to administer the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation program.

The Governor, Commissioner Foster said, sent in a special message on water resources recently calling for a $5 million bond issue to finance inventory projects and long range water resources planning. He said this was reported favorably in the House the same day and is now in House Ways and Means Committee. He further commented that this project will be handled by the Water Resources Commission.

In reporting on the recreation master plan, the Commissioner said that a summary report will probably be ready by July 1, and there is some indication that the Governor will be receptive to a special message on recreation which would give the Department additional funds to continue the parks expansion program.

Commissioner Foster then informed the Board that the report authorized by Chapter 110, which calls for a program of tax abatement to private landowners on open space and farm lands, had been filed and asked Mr. Robert L. Yasi to comment on the proposed legislation.

Mr. Yasi said the report is now House 3769 and calls for the establishment of a Massachusetts Open Lands Commission within the Department consisting of the Departments of Natural Resources (Chairman), Corporations and Taxation, Commerce and Development, Agriculture, and three gubernatorial appointees. He then explained in detail the ramifications of the legislation and said it is hoped that this bill will go through in this year's legislative session. Considerable discussion of the purposes of the bill followed.

The Commissioner referred to the Board the request of Director Francis B.Mahoney, Division of Forests and Parks, for the designation of Robert F. Gibbs, Chief of the Bureau of Recreation, as Acting Director in the event of his absence from duty. The Commissioner explained that the Commissioner and each Director were authorized by statute to name alternates.

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

VOTED - to approve the designation of Robert F. Gibbs, Chief of the Bureau of Recreation, as Acting Director of the Division of Forests and Parks in the event of the Director's absence.

Commissioner Foster then brought to the Board's attention the naming of the former Spaulding property in Paxton recently acquired by the Commonwealth, and stated that he had received correspondence from the Board of Selectmen of Paxton containing a vote taken at the town's Annual Town Meeting on March 7, 1966 requesting that the

Department of Natural Resources name this property The Major Willard Moore Reservation. He also stated that the Selectmen had sent him the historical background on Major Moore, who was killed on June 17, 1776 at the Battle of Bunker Hill, and whose birthplace still stands in Paxton.

The Commission reviewed the policy of the Board to name state forest and park holdings after Indian or historical names, but suggested that in order to avoid confusion with the existing Willard Brook State Forest this property be known as the Moore State Reservation.

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

VOTED - that the new state park situated in Paxton be named the Moore State Reservation in honor of Major Willard Moore.

The report of the Forest Policy Advisory Committee was then brought to the Board's attention by the Commissioner who said that the report was favorable to the Department and included several recommendations which have been gone over thoroughly by the Director of Forests and Parks and Chief Forester Lambert. It is agreed that every effort should be made to implement this report. He then gave the Board members a copy of the specific points raised and the Department's recommendations for action as follows:

1. A Written Policy

This project was first started in 1959 and there have been at least two revisions since. The policy at the time related primarily to wood production, but also attempted to take into account its impact on other areas of use. A written forest policy would, in our judgment, be most helpful to both the personnel of this Department and the many outside organizations interested in our state forest program.

Recommendation: With the Board's approval, the Department is prepared to establish a small committee of foresters who would begin preparing drafts of suitable policy statements. It is suggested that a written forest policy be available for final Board approval by January 1, 1967.

2. Accelerated Forest Management Program

There is complete agreement that the accelerated forest management program should be authorized on a permanent basis and budgetary requests to this end have been filed for the last two years. The Department is convinced that this program is one of the most successful efforts ever undertaken, and its continuation should be assured by appropriate budgetary action.

Recommendation: The Department's fiscal 1967 supplementary budget should contain a recommendation for continuation of these personnel on a permanent basis.

3. Land Acquisition

The comments concerning the Department's forest land acquisition program are entirely accurate. The priorities suggested are those which have been in effect in recent years and should be continued in the foreseaable future.

Recommendation: No further action required other than to update ownership master plans for each major tract of state forest land.

4. Marketing and Utilization

The Department is agreed that insufficient emphasis has been placed in the past on outlets for forest products and would agree that technical personnel in the marketing and utilization fields would be a sound investment for the Commonwealth.

Recommendation: The Department's fiscal 1967 supplementary budget should contain a request for the position of Assistant Chief Forester - marketing and utilization at a salary level one grade below that of Chief Forester.

5. Nurseries

The Advisory Committee's recommendation concerning nursery production would appear to be well founded. Massachusetts is now almost 70% in woodland and the need for an accelerated program of reforestation is now limited only to those areas suffering extensive fire damage.

Recommendation: The Department has already taken steps to phase out the Clinton Nursery and utilize its acreage for the establishment of a seed orchard.

6. Service to Private Woodland Owners

Private woodland ownership represents the principal segment of forest land ownership in Massachusetts and is, therefore, an important part of the Department's program. Additional service foresters were authorized some years ago which have enabled us to keep up with current requests for forestry services. There would appear to be only isolated instances where public services have worked to the detriment of the private consulting forester.

Recommendation: No change in present policy appears necessary at the present time, although future budget requests should make certain that the existing service forester positions are carried on a permanent basis.

7. Forest Cutting Practices

It has been generally agreed that the Forest Cutting Practices Act is in need of updating and revision. The Department, however, does not feel that an increase in fee for operators should be undertaken without further study.

Recommendation: Department legislation should be filed for the 1967 session calling for the reshaping of the present State Forestry Committee into a new Forests and Parks Advisory Committee, one of whose first jobs would be to thoroughly examine the existing Forest Cutting Practices Act.

8. Taxation of Forest Land

Considerable effort was made both by the Advisory Committee and others for suggested improvements in Chapter 61. The Special Legislative Committee (Chapter 110, Resolves of 1965) has reported to the legislature recommending a program of tax abatement for privately held forest, farm and open space lands in order to provide an incentive for their continuation over a 20 year period. Other segments of the forest products industry still feel that further changes are needed in the forest tax law.

Recommendation: The Department does not recommend any further action in this area pending the results of the legislation filed by the Special Commission. It should, however, maintain an active interest in this field and work closely with outside organizations who are seeking improvements in Chapter 61.

9. Information and Education

The comments of the Advisory Committee with respect to information and education are true both for the Division of Forests and Parks and the Department as a whole. You will recall the lack of advertising and promotional activity cited by the Industry Task Force assigned to the Department.

Recommendation: The Department should include in its fiscal 1967 supplementary budget a request for the position of Head Administrative Assistant to the Director of Forests and Parks among whose assignments would be the preparation of news and feature materials for distribution by the Department's office of information and education.

10. Research

The Department concurs with the Advisory Committee's feelings concerning research activities and would agree that the University of Massachusetts and other established research outlets would be far preferable to direct state action in this field. A recent report of the U. S. Forest Service on the Department cited Massachusetts as a "shining example" of good relations between the State Forester and the Extension Forester at the University of Massachusetts.

Recommendation: No further action is required other than the maintenance of continued relations with the University of Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station and other research facilities available to the Department.

Following discussion on each recommendation, upon of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to accept the report of the Forest Policy Advisory Committee and authorized the Commissioner to send a letter of commendation to the Committee on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Bowers was then asked to attend the meeting to present land matters within the proposed acquisition areas of the master plan prepared by Charles T. Main, Inc. The Commissioner stated that the Department is now in the final stages preparatory to construction of the first phase of the development plan for Massasoit State Park.

Mr. Bowers then presented the offer of John S. Horta and Laura L. Horta to sell 0.90 acre parcel of land and buildings on South Precinct Street, Taunton, and approximately 2 acres of land on the east side of King Road, Taunton, for consideration of $13,000. He added that the appraised value is $13,000.

Following discussion of the cost of the area, it was Mr. Brewster's opinion that the Department should seek another appraisal before acquiring the property.

The offer of Wayne R. Allen and Mary P. Allen to sell approximately 14,500 square feet of land with buildings thereon was presented by Mr. Bowers and following discussion upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition from Wayne R. Allen and Mary P. Allen of approximately 14,500 square feet of land, with buildings thereon, on the west side of King Road in Taunton for the sum of $14,000.

Mr. Bowers informed the Board of the offer of Charles A. Perry and Roberta J. Perry to sell 17½ acres of land on the easterly side of King Road in Taunton for consideration of $12,200, stating the appraised value is $12,300.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition from Charles A. Perry and Roberta J. Perry of 17½ acres of land on the easterly side of King Road in Taunton for a consideration of $12,200 and to request the New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Company to pay the consideration stated to said Perry in partial reimbursement to the Commonwealth for transmission line easements on state forest land in Barnstable and Plymouth Counties.

The offer of John G. Allen and Clara M. Allen to sell about 9 acres of land on the east side of King Road, Taunton, for $3,400 was presented by Mr. Bowers who stated that the appraised value is $3,450.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition from John G. Allen and Clara M. Allen, of about 9 acres of land on the east side of King Road in Taunton for a consideration of $3,400 and to request the New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Company to pay the consideration stated to said Allens in partial reimbursement to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for transmission line easements in Barnstable and Plymouth Counties.

Mr. Bowers then told the Board of the offer of John G. Allen and Clara M. Allen to sell approximately 41,000 square feet of land and buildings in Taunton for $8,600, stating that the appraised value is $8,626.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition from John G. Allen and Clara M. Allen of approximately 41,000 square feet of land, with buildings thereon, on the southerly side of Middleboro Avenue in Taunton for the sum of $8,600.

Commissioner Foster then asked Director Bruce S. Gullion and Mr. Arthur Brownell to attend the meeting to present proposed self-help conservation projects.

In presenting the Beverly #2 project, 17 acres costing $1,500, Mr. Brownell said this purchase is for an initial acquisition of a proposed public natural park area of eventually 1,000 acres to be left in its natural state for passive recreation, nature study, and wildlife habitat.

The Lexington #4 project, Mr. Brownell stated, consists of 10.1 acres costing $16,160, and has been approved by both the town and the federal government. He said the area is being acquired for wetland conservation, scenic beauty, and as a greenbelt link. He further stated that the main reason for acquiring the land is to connect open space areas in the overall plan of a greenbelt around the town, and a secondary reason is to protect the watershed.

Mr. Brownell then presented the Shutesbury #2 project of 1 acre costing $25,000. He said that 1/2 to 3/4 of an acre includes the dam and water rights to Lake Wyola, and 80% of the tax value of the town is around this lake. He informed the Board that the owner generally draws the water down at this time of year at the start of the recreation season. Mr. Brownell stated that the asking price is $45,000, and the two appraisals made were for $25,000 and $22,500. He noted that the town is offering $25,000 for the property. Commissioner Foster said that the lake is important from a fisheries point of view.

The Wenham #1 project, 3.17 acres on Pleasant Pond (a Great Pond) costing $30,000, involves a reclaimed pond stocked with trout. The area is now being used as a boat livery, Mr. Brownell said, and its acquisition would be for conservation and recreation purposes at this time. The Public Access Board is interested in providing boat launching facilities at this site, he added. He told the Board that the first appraisal was $12,700 for the land, $15,800 for the buildings, and $1,500 for 15 boats, and the second appraisal was $28,000.

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	Total Cost	State Reimbursement
Beverly #2	17	$ 1,500	$ 750
Lexington #4	10.1	16,160	8,080
Shutesbury #2	1	25,000	12,500
Wenham #1	3.17	28,000	14,000

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Yasi to attend the meeting for a discussion of the Department's permit and leasing authority.

Mr. Yasi gave the Board members a copy of the opinion of the Attorney General relative to permits and leases and stated that the Department's lease authority extends only to public utilities which are engaged in the transmission of power or communications, and our permit authority extends only to those private uses where the public interest is served. Discussion followed on the opinion of the Attorney General, and Mr. Lund asked Commissioner Foster what has been done in the past on permits. The Commissioner explained the procedure for permits for ski operations and said that at the moment two skiing permits are outstanding, one of which will not operate next winter.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for July 14, 1966 in the Commissioner's office.

Commissioner Foster then briefly reviewed the agenda for the joint meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Fish and Game.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m. to reconvene at 12:45 p.m. as a joint luncheon meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Fish and Game in the Conference Room of the Department, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

Secretary pro tem

A joint meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Fish and Game was held June 23, 1966 at 12:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, Department of Natural Resources, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham and Lund, Board of Natural Resources, and Messrs. Darling, Mikelk, Tierney and Colombo, Board of Fish and Game.

Commissioner Foster reviewed the chain of events leading to his application to obtain the Cohasset Annex. Governor Volpe received a letter from the regional administrator on March 22 to the effect that G.S.A. was disposing of the Annex and that it was not available for wildlife purposes. Mr. Foster, by request of the Governor and with the help of a special interagency including the Division, then filed an application on May 27. On June 8, regional G.S.A. approved the project and forwarded it to Washington for review. If successful in obtaining the property, Foster stated that he would recommend usage for fish and game purposes until such time as a master plan is adopted. Director Shepard gave a resume of his Division's action on this property since 1963, pointing out that all parties from the Governor on down the line, and including the four bordering towns, agreed that the Division of Fisheries and Game should have the area. Then the roof caved in, and now there is but a slight hope that the Division of Fisheries and Game can acquire this desirable site. As of this date, nothing is assured that Fish and Game or Natural Resources will acquire the property. The original plan for Fish and Game to acquire would be at not cost to the state. More recently G.S.A. has set a price of one half of the appraised valuation.

Frank Grice of Marine Fisheries spoke on the Anadromous Fisheries Act under which Congress is expected to appropriate $5.3 million dollars. Massachusetts' share would amount to only $20,000 under the formula proclaimed. Project #1 will be a survey of coastal streams and rivers to determine necessary improvements for runs, ladders, maintenance and new construction. Presently there are 85 ladders in the state, some of which are not in working order. 55 new ladders are proposed. A salmon program is a future possibility in this project. Natural Resources and Fish and Game are working together on the program. Foster and Shepard to work out a budget request.

Shepard reported and explained the proposed deer regulations as worked out by the Division of Fisheries and Game staff.

Robert Yasi and Kenton Beaujean spoke on Chapter 768 - Coastal Wetlands Act, a copy of which was distributed to those in attendance. The first project in process is in the North River area of Plymouth County.

Law Enforcement: Shepard read Essex County League letter, then outlined his plan to organize a small force of officers to complement the Natural Resources force. Foster exhibited no enthusiasm for this plan, pointing out that the same end could be accomplished by deputizing additional fish and game personnel. Fish and Game Board members pointed out some of the faults with the present system, such as no telephone communication with officers, officers spending too much time on work other than fish and game. Mikelk proposed restoration of telephones. Foster stated that officers are spending 70% of their time on fish and game enforcement and that the story of officers working extensive hours at state parks is a red herring. He stated that 8 new officers have been appointed, and he asked if an increase of 20% in the force would solve the problem. Fish and Game Board Chairman Darling very ably presented the logic of a force under the administration of the Director of Fisheries and Game, and asked for the support of Natural Resources to this end. A committee consisting of Foster, Shepard and a member of each Board will meet to attempt to work out a solution.

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Henry J. Colombo
Secretary, Board of Fish and Game

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held June 30, 1966 at 12:30 p.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Brewster and Lund.

A special meeting of the Board was called relative to House 3798 which, if enacted in its present form, would revoke the Board's present authority to appoint the Commissioner, authorize service concurrent with the Governor, and provide for succeeding appointments by future Governors without consultation with the statutory policy body of the Department.

Considerable discussion ensued concerning the previous period of direct gubernatorial appointment which, in the judgment of the Board, was characterized by divided leadership, constantly changing personnel, lack of long range programs and policies, and a reluctance of professionals to assume top administrative positions. It was the consensus of the Board that the Department would promptly return to the uncertainties and inefficiencies of its first three decades if House 3798 is enacted into law.

By unanimous action of the Board, Chairman Fulham was authorized to write the Governor, on behalf of the Board, to advise him that the Board is opposed to the enactment of pending House 3798.

It was also decided by unanimous action of the Board that a news release should be sent out stating that the Board, through its Chairman, had sent a strongly worded letter to the Governor opposing House 3798 which would also convey the Board's reasons for opposing this legislation.

Commissioner Foster then informed the Board of his intention of resigning the position of Commissioner of Natural Resources, and stated that his decision was due in part to several promising career opportunities available in recent months, but also due to the pending legislation, House 3798, which proposed to drastically alter the structure of the Department in a manner which would seriously disrupt the steady and orderly progress of the Commonwealth's natural resources programs. He stated that since his opposition to this legislation might be construed to be self-serving

were he to remain the incumbent, he felt it advisable to offer his resignation at this time to become effective July 15, 1966.

Commissioner Foster expressed his deepest personal appreciation to the Board for the privilege of serving under its direction.

The Board then accepted the resignation of Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster, as of July 15, 1966, with genuine regret.

Commissioner Foster then asked the Board about seeking a replacement for him, and it was the consensus of the Board that any qualified person from the Department should be considered first before looking elsewhere for a candidate.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Josephine Ford

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held July 14, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane, Brewster and Lund.

The minutes of the June 23, 1966 and June 30, 1966 meetings were approved without correction.

Chairman Fulham then called the meeting into Executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a Commissioner due to the resignation of Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster as of July 15, 1966.

Chairman Fulham stated that there is no provision in the statutes governing the Department for the appointment of an Acting Commissioner if there is no Commissioner holding office at the time of such appointment. He then requested Commissioner Foster to continue in office as Commissioner until the provisions of Chapter 21, Section 2C of the General Laws relating to the appointment of a Commissioner were satisfied. Commissioner Foster agreed to continue but only on an unsalaried basis in order to prevent any misinterpretation of the extension.

The Secretary of the Board of Natural Resources was then asked by Chairman Fulham, in accordance with Chapter 21, Section C, of the General Laws, to send a letter by registered mail to each Board member calling for a meeting of the Board to be held on August 5, 1966 for the purpose of appointing a new Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

Commissioner Foster then reported on the status of the Mt. Greylock Reservation transfer legislation which now contains an amendment, inserted by Senator Nuciforo, which would authorize the Department in its discretion to lease land on the Saddle Ball Range for the construction of a ski facility. The Commissioner said that he had written to Senator Nuciforo on June 16, 1966 outlining the Department's intentions as to the operation of Mount Greylock Reservation should the pending legislation be enacted. With reference to development activities, the Commissioner's letter had stated that the Department would recommend an initial sum of not less than $250,000 in the capital outlay budget for fiscal 1967, and, if funds were forthcoming, projects to be undertaken would include 1) modernization of present picnic and day

use facilities; 2) expansion and redevelopment of camping areas; 3) development of the Thiel Farm day use recreation area; 4) preparation of construction plans and specifications for the projects; and 5) completion of a detailed master plan and a long-range development and capital outlay program for the reservation as a whole.

Following discussion of the proposed program for the Mount Greylock Reservation, the Commissioner suggested that his letter to Senator Nuciforo of June 16, 1966 relative to future development activities at Mount Greylock Reservation be included in the minutes of the meeting as Board policy.

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

VOTED - that the letter sent by Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to Senator Andrea F. Nuciforo dated June 16, 1966 relative to the Mount Greylock Reservation is hereby confirmed as a policy statement of the Board of Natural Resources.

June 16, 1966

The Honorable Andrea F. Nuciforo
7 North Street
Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Senator Nuciforo:

You have recently inquired of this office the actions that could be expected of the Department of Natural Resources were the pending legislative measures relating to the Mt. Greylock Reservation to become law.

Let me reaffirm at the outset the high value of this reservation to the state as a whole and our firm conviction of the need for more extensive operation, maintenance, and development activities in order to properly utilize the area's outstanding natural features.

Upon the effective date of any transfer act, you could expect the Department to assume immediate administrative responsibility for the reservation. It would become an integral part of the complex of state forests and parks in Berkshire County and, as such, would enjoy the full benefits of fire control, insect pest control, forestry, recreation and enforcement services now available to the Regional Forest & Park Supervisor assigned to this region. Our Regional Supervisors are authorized to extend to any program or property within their jurisdiction the resources of manpower and equipment assigned to their region to the extent required to properly fulfill the Department's responsibilities.

During the summer of 1966, primary emphasis would be placed on an accelerated program of maintenance which would restore to the reservation the full measure of its presently developed facilities. The Department would expect to utilize the services of crews from the nearby Monroe Forestry Camp, in addition to regular personnel, and would plan to explore promptly with the Department of Correction the establishment of a seasonal base camp of the Monroe facility which could expedite the conduct of the work program.

Prompt attention would also be given to the existing War Monument at the summit of Mt. Greylock for the repair of which substantial sums have already been appropriated by the General Court.

With reference to development activities, the Department would be prepared to recommend an initial sum of not less than $250,000 in state recreation expansion funds to the Governor and Legislature in the fiscal 1967 capital outlay budget. Among projects undertaken would be the following:

1. Modernization of present picnic and day use facilities:

2. Expansion and redevelopment of camping areas:

3. Development of the long proposed Thiel Farm day use recreation area:

4. Preparation of construction plans and specifications for the above projects:

5. Completion of a detailed master plan and a long-range development and capital outlay program for the reservation as a whole.

Provision of a leasing authority for the Department, comparable to its other areas, subject at all times to the statutes controlling the Department's activities, would enable the development of the Saddle Ball ski complex with private capital along the lines originally suggested in the Technical Planning Associate's report, if after further study this approach seemed preferable to the use of public funds.

Promptly following passage of transfer legislation, the Department would resume its earlier discussions with the Department of Public Works relative to the redevelopment of existing roads within the reservation as the state's first section of scenic highway. The joint resources of the two agencies, assisted by federal highway beautification funds, could well create a series of overlooks, recreation areas, and interpretive facilities which could become a model for the state as a whole, as well as a major attraction for the entire north Berkshire region.

Prior to any major development activity within the reservation and concurrent with the planning projects outlined above, the Department would request area scientists to develop for the reservation a master plan indicating the principal natural features and ecologically significant areas which should be given careful consideration in any future development projects. From assurances received to date, this project should be substantially complete by the end of the current summer season.

Finally, the extensive public interest in the Greylock Reservation over the years leads us to favor the establishment of a small advisory committee representative of local and other interests to assist the Department in its future management decisions. Such a committee would be constituted promptly following passage of transfer legislation.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. W. Foster
Commissioner

Commissioner Foster then briefly outlined the matter of Otis Reservoir in the towns of Otis and Tolland and the Department's involvement in the area through its adjacent Tolland State Forest. He said that the Department is about to receive special legislative authority to acquire by eminent domain the property held by the Farmington River Water Power Company, and has received an appraisal of this property which estimates the value of the land, water rights and structures at $250,000. He then told the Board of his recent meeting with President Clair Elston of the Collins Company, which holds the majority interest in the Farmington River Water Power Company. As the result of this meeting, the Commissioner said, the Collins Company and other directors of the Farmington River Water Power Company have telephoned their agreement to a price of $215,000 for the purchase of all lands, water rights and structures owned by the company in Massachusetts.

Following discussion, the Board commended the Commissioner for his successful negotiations with the Collins Company and authorized him to proceed.

The proposed land exchange with the Bishop of Springfield at the D.A.R. State Forest was then brought to the Board's attention by the Commissioner. He said that the state forest was acquired by the Department partly by gift and partly by purchase many years ago. The diocese of Springfield owns a small parcel of land adjacent to the upper reservoir which the Department has been trying to acquire for over ten years, and a point of understanding has finally been reached with the Bishop to acquire the area.

Commissioner Foster said that the Bishop is proposing that the Department convey to the Diocese 71.57 acres of land in Ashfield, the so-called Twining Brook area in the D.A.R. State Forest, for the 7 acre inholding on the easterly shore of Upper Reservoir. He also stated that the Bishop was asking for an easement on the Upper Goshen Reservoir which would be terminated if the boys' camp is abandoned, and the Department would be required to erect and maintain a 6 foot chain link fence along the south line between the boys' camp and the present picnic area. He further stated

that the Bishop had requested in the proposed exchange that the D.A.R. day-use recreation area be closed at 8:00 p.m.; that a night patrol be employed at the camping area; that the Department refrain from developing the 7 acre parcel of land to be conveyed for a distance of 200 feet from the water's edge; and that the Department refrain from installing a beach area on the Upper Reservoir other than at the north and south sides of the Bay Area.

Commissioner Foster stated that even though there are many conditions on the exchange of land, he felt that none are excessively restrictive and the whole forest would benefit from the conveyance of this 7 acre parcel of land which is so necessary for the full development of the area's recreation potential.

The Commissioner brought up the question of exchanging property originally acquired by gift and said it was not as much a legal problem as a moral one, but could be defended readily since the Department had added substantially to the forest since the date of the original gift.

Following considerable discussion, the Board authorized the Commissioner to finalize arrangements with the Bishop of Springfield for the land exchange as outlined.

Mr. Crane then advised the Commissioner that the Crane Company owns Ashmere Lake in Hinsdale, including the dam and surrounding shoreline, and is interested in disposing of the property. Commissioner Foster said the Department would be glad to look into the matter further and suggested to Mr. Crane that the Crane Company send an official letter to the Department stating its intentions.

Commissioner Foster briefly outlined the DeMatteo dump matter and his previous meetings with Mr. DeMatteo relative to the closing of the dump. He said that after many meetings with Mr. DeMatteo an agreement has tentatively been reached by which the DeMatteo Company will allow restrictions to be imposed without legal contest on marsh areas outside of the dumping area adjacent to the Pines and Saugus Rivers if the Department would be willing to permit a new line to be established in an area

which has been partly contaminated previously by dumping of oil by the DeMatteo Company, and also redraw the present line on the Lynn side to allow for frontage on Salem Turnpike. Commissioner Foster stated that each of the areas requested by the DeMatteo Compamy has been reviewed by Department biologists and termed of marginal value to marine fisheries.

A further complicating factor, the Commissioner said, is the pending location of Route I-95 and a proposed interchange at Salem Turnpike which would involve a portion of the Lynn tract mentioned above. Meetings have been held with the Department of Public Works and that agency is willing that this Department go ahead with its negotiations with the DeMatteo Company despite a possible effect on the eventual highway settlement.

Discussion then followed as to the agreements proposed and Mr. Brewster questioned the advantage to the Commonwealth over court action. Commissioner Foster replied that this procedure would permanently protect the portion of the marsh with the highest value without extensive litigation and perhaps a substantial settlement. He also said it would provide sufficient additional space for the existing dump so that alternative solid waste disposal systems could be devised and constructed for the entire metropolitan area. Mr. Brewster then said he thought the course of action was justifiable under these circumstances.

The Board then gave its approval in principle to the agreement made with the DeMatteo Company and authorized the Commissioner to proceed to finalize the matter.

Chairman Fulham then ended the Executive session of the Board and declared an open meeting.

Commissioner Foster then asked Director Wilbour and Chief of Research Frank Grice to attend the meeting for a discussion of the consumer education and marketing program.

Mr. Grice said it was felt that the best way to handle this program would be to break it into two contracts - one with the agency which did the feasibility study,

McPartland-Bidwell, Inc. and the other with an industry-representative Massachusetts Seafood Council. He stated that the contract with McPartland-Bidwell, Inc. ($103,000) would include production of all educational and marketing materials; the contract with the Massachusetts Seafood Council ($17,000) would provide for dissemination of materials through a central office and small staff.

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

VOTED - to approve the awarding of a $103,000 contract to McPartland-Bidwell, Inc. and a $17,000 contract to the Massachusetts Seafood Council to carry out a consumer education and marketing program.

Director Gullion and Mr. Brownell were then asked to attend the meeting to present proposed self-help conservation projects.

In presenting the Shrewsbury #2 project, 2.5 acres costing $4,000, Mr.Brownell said the acreage is adjacent to Mill Pond and will provide access to Mill Pond as well as providing recreational areas in a neighborhood lacking such facilities.

Mr. Brownell said the Whitman #3 project, 3.90 acres costing $8,500, was discussed at a previous meeting and, at that time, it was decided that the project should go back to the Lands Committee for further review. He said that 4 appraisals had been received on the property - $6,000, $8,500, $9,600 and $12,500. The asking price he said, was $11,000 which the Lands Committee and the town thought was too high, and the owner of the property has subsequently accepted an offer of $8,500 for the property.

Mr. Lund inquired about prior review of such projects and Commissioner Foster asked Mr. Brownell to explain current procedures, including the functions of the Lands Committee.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, 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	Total Cost	State Reimbursement
Shrewsbury #2	2.5	$4,000	$2,000
Whitman #3	3.90	8,500	4,250

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Frederick Bowers to attend the meeting to present land matters.

Mr. Bowers presented the request of the town of Natick for 1042 feet of sewer line easement at Cochituate State Park. He said that the project would pick up the sewerage from all the houses in the area and will do away with about 15 cesspools in the vicinity of the state park.

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

VOTED - to approve a conveyance to the town of Natick of an easement for the installation and maintenance of a public sewer on Cochituate State Park near Ridge Avenue in Natick.

A request has been received from the town of Douglas, Mr. Bowers said, for a conveyance of about 5 acres of land in Douglas State Forest to the County of Worcester for the alteration of Southwest Main Street. He noted that this is just to widen the existing road, and Commissioner Foster added that it is customary for the Department to cooperate in such matters.

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

VOTED - to approve a conveyance of approximately 5 acres of state forest land to the County of Worcester deemed necessary for the alteration of Southwest Main Street in Douglas.

Mr. Bowers presented the request of Pioneer Valley Cablevision, Inc. for a cable line easement on Montague State Forest. He explained the position of the cable lines to be installed, the proposed installation of a tower on Dry Hill, and the improvement to an existing tower. He also noted that the company will pay $8,000 for a 25 year easement which can be obtained in the form of land.

Mr. Brewster asked if the Department had any plans for the area at the present time, and the Commissioner replied that it does not and that he had checked with the Regional Supervisor in the area who recommended that the company be permitted to make the installation.

Chairman Fulham stated that since there are no plans for development at present for the area, this request of the Pioneer Valley Cablevision should be granted as it would create good public relations with residents of the Millers Falls area by insuring better television reception.

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

VOTED - to approve a conveyance to Pioneer Valley Cablevision, Inc. of a twenty-five (25) year easement for the installation of a cable line on state forest land in Montague and the installation of towers on Country Hill and Dry Hill under the condition that said Pioneer Valley Cablevision, Inc. reimburse the Commonwealth in land having a value of $8,000.

Commissioner Foster commented generally on new federal programs which now provide funds for community land acquisition projects and then asked Director Gullion to explain in detail a proposed policy change relative to the state self-help conservation program. This has come about, he said, partly as a result of these federal programs, but more particularly the $700,000 budget item allowed this program in the fiscal 1967 budget.

Director Gullion briefly outlined the federal assistance available to communities under the Public Law 566 program; Agricultural Act of 1965; Office of Economic Opportunity program; Housing and Urban Development Act; and the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

Commissioner Foster said that under the Land and Water Conservation Fund program of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, the Department has been administratively limiting the use of funds to design projects only. In order to utilize the Land and Water Conservation Funds more fully, it is now proposing to authorize land acquisition projects as well so that communities not eligible under the federal open-space program of the Housing and Urban Development Act can receive assistance through the Land and Water Conservation Fund program. He further stated that this will offer eligibility not only to municipalities but also state agencies for land acquisition projects.

The Commissioner also said that before any public announcement of this change is made, he thought it would be desirable to discuss the proposal with the Recreation Advisory Council, and the Board was in agreement with this decision.

Director Gullion then noted that present Department policies offer no incentive for conservation commissions to utilize federal funds since only 50% total aid can be obtained. He recommended that as of July 1, 1966, any duly established conservation commission using federal aid funds on a 50% reimbursement basis also be eligible to make application under the state self-help conservation act for 50% of the non-federal share, thereby equivalent to a 75% , rather than 50%, assistance program. He also proposed that any communities which have already made application under the Title VII program of the Housing and Urban Development Act, and also have made application to the Department for self-help funds, be allowed to use both programs retroactive to July 1, 1966. He noted that there are 7 projects which would come under this category.

Mr. Crane asked if a town applied to both the federal agency and state agency would it receive 50% reimbursement from both agencies. Mr. Gullion replied that the town would receive the flat 50% reimbursement from the federal government and then the Department would be in a position to cost share 50% of the non-federal cost.

Discussion followed as to when this proposed policy should become effective, and Mr. Brewster noted that the towns which had already filed for self-help funds could withdraw their applications and file new ones in order to take advantage of both federal and state reimbursement programs.

Following further discussion, the Board gave its approval to the following policy changes:

1. Any Massachusetts community conservation commission established under Chapter 40, Section 8C that has been declared eligible by the federal government to receive aid from any federal conservation, outdoor recreation, or open-space program, shall be eligible to make application to the Commissioner of Natural Resources for reimbursement for acquisition under the Self-Help Program, Chapter 132A, Section 11, of the General Laws as amended.

2. Reimbursement under the Self-Help Program to a community that has received preliminary approval from a federal aid, open-space, conservation, or outdoor recreation program, shall not exceed 50 per cent of the non-federal cost of acquisition.

3. A federally approved project shall not necessarily mean approval under Chapter 132A, Section 11, of the General Laws amended.

4. On July 1, 1967, and thereafter, no application under the Self-Help Program will be entertained by the Commissioner of Natural Resources unless the conservation commission has on file with the Department a natural resource open-space and recreation plan for the community.

5. Effective July 1, 1966, provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act are extended to land acquisition projects, as submitted by eligible state and municipal agencies, particularly where the agency is not eligible to receive financial assistance under the Title VII program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Frederick J. Crump

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held August 5, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane, Brewster and Lund.

The minutes of the July 14, 1966 meeting were approved without correction.

Chairman Fulham then called the meeting into Executive Session for the purpose of appointing a new Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources under Chapter 21, Section 2C, of the General Laws.

Commissioner Foster brought to the Board's attention the low salary of the Commissioner of Natural Resources as compared to that of commissioners of other states heading natural resource agencies. Considerable discussion followed on this matter and it was the consensus of the Board that an increase in salary was warranted and it would be timely to review the salaries of other employees in the Department.

Chairman Fulham then presented all the official applications received for the position of Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

The Board was in agreement that the salary of the new Commissioner should be set at the statutory maximum of $13,000, and upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - that the salary of the new Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources be set at $13,000 per year.

After due consideration and discussion of the merits of the various candidates for the position of Commissioner of Natural Resources, it was unanimously -

VOTED - to appoint Robert L. Yasi, of 25 Sherwood Road, Swampscott, as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Robert L. Yasi was then asked to attend the meeting where Chairman Fulham officially notified him of his appointment as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources at a salary of $13,000 per year.

Robert L. Yasi accepted the appointment and expressed his appreciation to the Board stating that he would do his utmost to carry on the outstanding work of the Board.

Mr. Yasi then expressed to Commissioner Foster his pleasure for having had the opportunity to work with him during his term as Commissioner.

Chairman Fulham then informed Mr. Yasi of the previous discussion by the Board regarding the upgrading of the salary of the Commissioner and instructed him to arrange for a thorough review of salary schedules throughout the Department, including that of the Commissioner, in order to bring Massachusetts' pay scale in line with those of comparable states.

It was the Board's recommendation that Chairman Fulham, in his letter to the Governor officially notifying him of the appointment of Robert L. Yasi as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, also inform the Governor of the above review and further advise that the Department's recommendations will be forwarded to him for consideration.

The date for the next meeting was set for August 30, 1966 at 2:00 p.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Frederick G. Crane

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held September 27, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane and Lund.

The minutes of the August 5, 1966 meeting were approved without correction.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Frederick C. Wilbour, Jr. and Mr. Irving M. Alperin to attend the meeting. The Commissioner introduced Mr. Alperin to the Board members stating that he is a new member of the Division of Marine Fisheries in the position of Assistant Director. Mr. Alperin told the Board of his pleasure in working with the Division.

Director Wilbour was then asked by the Commissioner to comment on marine fisheries research projects, and he informed the Board that one project under P.L. 88-309, which deals with the consumer education marketing program, has now been approved and is in order to be signed. He stated that since this program is a first for Massachusetts and will indicate what Massachusetts is doing at the state level to improve its fisheries, it was felt an appropriate ceremony should be scheduled on the occasion of the signing of the contract and arrangements are being made to invite Senators Saltonstall and Kennedy, the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House to be present.

Director Wilbour then spoke about the movement under way to establish an oceanographic laboratory somewhere on the east coast. He said money is available for such a laboratory and that he has attended several site selection meetings. He also stated that the Department of Commerce and Development is very interested in this project and is of great assistance in a site selection. Upon Mr. Lund's question as to whether the Chamber of Commerce was involved in this matter, Director Wilbour replied that the Chamber is preparing an outstanding brochure in this connection.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that Mr. Henry Lyman, Editor and publisher of the Salt Water Sportsman, is being considered as a member of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission.

In commenting on the Cat Cove marine Laboratory, Director Wilbour said that the contract has been let and work will start shortly, and also that the plans for the

building are now in the hands of the Bureau of Building Construction. Commissioner Yasi noted that the Coast Guard is now ready to turn over its facility, which abuts Cat Cove, to the General Services Administration.

Director Francis B. Mahoney and Mr. Frederick Bowers were then asked by Commissioner Yasi to attend the meeting to discuss proposed land acquisition projects.

Director Mahoney said that the Department has received offers to sell land on Kings Road, Taunton, from three individuals. He said all of the land is in the area which the Department is trying to acquire to round out the Massasoit State Park. He also stated that offering prices are well within the appraised value of the land or lower. Director Mahoney then outlined the three offers - 1) offer of Edwin R. Allen to sell 1.59 acres of land with trailer and addition, on Kings Road, Taunton, for $8,400; 2) offer of Alice L. Westgate to sell 13,000 square feet of land and dwelling on Kings Road, Taunton, for $6,550, subject to the right to occupy dwelling for six months; 3) offer of Ralph J. Morris to sell 1.67 acres of land and buildings on Kings Road, Taunton, for $14,000, subject to six months occupancy.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of 1.59 acres of land, and improvements thereon, situated on the westerly side of Kings Road in Taunton from Edwin R. Allen for a consideration of $8,400.

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of about 13,000 square feet of land, with buildings thereon, on the easterly side of Kings Road in Taunton from Alice L. Westgate for the sum of $6,550.

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of 1.67 acres of land with buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of Kings Road in Taunton, from Ralph J. Morris, et ux, for a consideration of $14,000 and to request the New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Company to pay the amount stated to said Morris in partial reimbursement to the Commonwealth for transmission line easements over state forest land in Barnstable and Plymouth Counties.

The offer of John P. Gasper, Jr. to sell 13 acres of land on Highstone Street in Taunton for $2,500 was then brought before the Board by Director Mahoney who said

this is another valuable addition to the Massasoit State Park and is offered well below the appraised value. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of 13 acres of land on the easterly side of Highstone Street in Taunton from John P. Gasper, Jr., for the sum of $2,500 and to request the New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Company to pay $1600 of the consideration as partial reimbursement to the Commonwealth, for transmission line easements over state forest land in Barnstable and Plymouth Counties.

The offer of Joseph and Marjorie Amuso to sell 19½ acres of land on Churchill Street in Pittsfield for $8,100, was explained by Director Mahoney as being in the Pittsfield State Forest and is part of a plan to elongate Churchill Street, Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of about 19½ acres of land on the west side of Churchill Street in Pittsfield from Joseph Amuso, et ux, for the sum of $8,100.

Director Mahoney then presented the offer of Edward A. Markert to sell about 150 acres of land in Amherst for $30,000. He stated that this area is part of the Holyoke Range acquisition and has been appraised for $148,000. He commended Mr. Markert for his great interest in having the Holyoke Range under public ownership and for offering his land to the Commonwealth for such a reasonable figure.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 150 acres of land in Amherst, Belchertown and Granby from Edward R. Markert, for the sum of $30,000.

In presenting the offer of Alexander S. Kohanski to sell 49 acres of land and buildings in Mount Washington for $45,000, Director Mahoney stated that this will add to the large acquisition made recently at Mount Washington and contains the only body of water available for this large tract.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of the so-called Camp Tanglewood property consisting of 49 acres of land and building from Alexander S. Kohanski for the sum of $45,000.

Director Mahoney then stated that two offers to sell land on Concord Road, Lincoln, around the Walden Pond area, have been received. Commissioner Yasi noted that these purchases would complete the Department's acquisitions in this area except for the commercial operations across from Concord Road.

The offer of Stefania Danosky to sell 1.552 acres of land and restaurant on Concord Road in Lincoln for $45,000, and the offer of Sal Mitrano to sell 40,000 square feet of land and dwelling on Concord Road in Lincoln for $10,400, were then discussed by the Board. Mr. Bowers stated that the parcels being considered are adjacent to each other and informed the Board that the high asking price for the land is due to its location in a busy commercial area. Upon being questioned by the Board as to the use of the buildings, Mr. Bowers replied that if the Department is unable to make use of them they will be demolished. Following further discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of 1.552 acres of land and building on the easterly side of Concord Road in Lincoln from Stefania Danosky for the sum of $45,000.

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of 40,000 square feet of land, with dwelling thereon, situated on the easterly side of Concord Road in Lincoln from Sal Mitrano for the sum of $10,400.

In presenting the offer of Leon A. Gardner to sell 350 acres of land in Middlefield for $15,000, Director Mahoney explained that this is a part of a Public Law 566 project for flood control on the West Branch of the Westfield River and is the only land which will lend itself to recreation. He also said that, at the Commissioner's request, he would look into the possibility of getting matching federal funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development on acquisitions costing over $10,000. He mentioned that there is an advantage in receiving these funds as well as Land and Water Conservation Funds inasmuch as it insures that the lands cannot be used for any other purpose than set forth in the original intent for acquisition.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 350 acres of land in Middlefield from Leon A. Gardner for a consideration of $15,000.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that as of this date the Board has not approved any departmental construction projects out of federal grant funds, and at this time the Department would like approval by the Board to apply for acquisition funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for both acquisition and development funds. The Board was unanimous in its approval of this action.

Director Mahoney then presented the offer of the Oleksak Lumber Company to sell 515 acres of land in Chesterfield for $25,000, and explained that this acquisition is in the Chesterfield Gorge. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 515 acres of land in Chesterfield from the Oleksak Lumber Company for a consideration of $25,000.

Commissioner Yasi presented the offer of the Farmington River Water Power Company to sell approximately 975 acres of land in Otis, Tolland and Blandford, including Otis Reservoir, dam, buildings and water rights for $215,000 plus one-fourth of the 1966 taxes, mentioning that the appraised value was $250,000. He reviewed the background of this acquisition and the prior approval of the Board to acquire this area, and stated that the Department will attempt to get federal funds in the amount of $125,000 for reimbursement of this acquisition, but will not hold up the acquisition of the land pending receipt of such funds as this area is being acquired under a special act of the legislature.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 975 acres of land in Otis, Tolland and Blandford including Otis Reservoir, dam, buildings and water rights for a consideration of $215,000, plus one-fourth of the 1966 real estate taxes, from the Farmington River Water Power Company.

Director Mahoney said that the Department is seeking a lease of land from the New England Power Company along the Deerfield River and the South River in Conway for a period of 5 years for conservation and recreation purposes. He further stated that the Department is unable to acquire this land and it would be to its advantage to have the area used for these purposes. In all probabilty, he said, the lease will be extended upon its expiration and added that the New England Power Company may eventually put in a dam. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve a proposal to lease from the New England Power Company, for conservation and recreation purposes, for a period of five years, certain tracts or parcels of land bordering on the Deerfield and South Rivers in the towns of Conway and Deerfield.

An exchange of land adjacent to the Ludlow Tower, Director Mahoney stated, has been requested by the Felician Sisters in order to put in a road to a large nursing home which they are building. He stated that the Department's land would be isolated if the road is put through. They are offering the Department 79.3 acres of adjacent land in exchange for 17.8 acres of state land, Director Mahoney informed the Board, which is an equal exchange in the Department's judgment. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to approve a proposal to convey to The Felician Sisters a parcel of land on Minechoag Mountain in Ludlow, containing 17.8 acres, in exchange for 79.3 acres of adjacent land.

Director Mahoney then presented the request of Carbone's Restaurant, Inc. for permission to install a 6 inch water main and fire hydrant on the Hopkinton State Park entrance road for fire protection. He said Carbone's will pay a single payment of $500 for this privilege and the Department will meter the hydrant on its side. Discussion followed, and upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to grant to Carbone's Restaurant, Inc. the right to install a 6" water main on the Hopkinton State Park entrance road and cross over state land to Carbone's land, and to further grant the right to install a hydrant, for fire protection only, and for this privilege Carbone's Restaurant, Inc. will pay a fee of $500.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that an expenditure of $800,000 is needed to make sanitary conversions in all of our state park areas for flush type facilities by a ruling of the Department of Public Health. Director Mahoney stated this is an expensive operation as pipe will have to be laid to take sewage away from the water areas.

The Commissioner then brought to the Board's attention the appointment of a Chief of the Bureau of Recreation, stating that it was felt this should be a promotional position and that six candidates had been considered for this position,which carries an appointment term of five years. Following discussions with Director Mahoney, the Commissioner said, it was the consensus that Kenton A. Beaujean was the most qualified candidate for this position and that he gave his approval for the appointment of Kenton A. Beaujean as Chief of the Bureau of Recreation in the Division of Forests and Parks for a five year period starting September 26, 1966. The Board gave its approval to this appointment.

Mr. Beaujean was then asked to attend the meeting, at which time the Board extended its congratulations and Mr. Beaujean expressed his pleasure on his appointment.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board of the new position in the Department, BOR Coordinator, and stated that Mr. Thomas F. Lynch, who has been working on these federal programs, has been appointed to this position and will work directly with Chief of Recreation Beaujean.

Director Bruce S. Gullion and Mr. Arthur Brownell were then asked to attend the meeting by Commissioner Yasi, to present proposed self-help conservation projects.

In presenting the Foxboro #2 project, 25 acres costing $3,500, Mr. Brownell stated that this acquisition will protect the Canoe River and streams in the area and will be used for a nature study area and future recreational area. He noted that it will also offer protection to wells in Mansfield.

Mr. Brownell said that the Foxboro #4 project, 4 acres costing $1,500, is a continuing project to protect water supply and to add to the nature area in this section of the town. He stated that the commission already has control of Lake View Pond and 10 acres of land adjacent to this tract.

The Norwell #1 project, 4 acres costing $1,000, Mr. Brownell said, will tie in town ownership of water lands and will protect a well site off Grove Street,Norwell, as well as tying in with the Hingham Conservation Commission land to protect a well field owned by Hingham.

In commenting on the Norwood #2 project, 3.5 acres costing $13,000, Mr.Brownell stated that this is the start on the commission's acquisition on Traphole Brook which leads into Fowl Meadow, and will be an active recreation fishing, hiking, and wildlife sanctuary area.

Mr. Brownell said that the South Hadley #3 project, 7 acres costing $3,250, will be acquired to keep in its natural state to become a portion of a future reservation on the Connecticut River bank for outdoor recreation and conservation.

In presenting the Woburn #1 project, 822 acres costing $229,000, Mr.Brownell stated that this is the last shore frontage area which the city does not own. He mentioned that two appraisals were received for this land - 1) $259,500, and 2) $215,586. He also stated that the city owns approximately 500 acres on the shore and this will pick up the remaining available frontage. The area is part of Woburn's reserve water supply and contains an excellent deep trout pond. Director Gullion said that the city will have an 800 acre recreation area abutting the pond.

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

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

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Estimated State Reimbursement
Foxboro #2	25	$ 3,500	$ 1,750
Foxboro #4	4	1,500	750
Norwell #1	4	1,000	500
Norwood #2	3.5	13,000	6,500
South Hadley #3	7	3,250	1,625
Woburn #1	82	229,000	114,500

Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Gullion to inform the Board of the changes made in his Division. Director Gullion said that the Commissioner had physically moved the office of Resource Review into his Division to be under his supervision which will encompass the work being done under regulations of Chapters 768 and 200.

Commissioner Yasi mentioned that the Department has been dealing with these two restrictive acts almost strictly on the basis of the legal procedures and we have had no modifications of applications for the general conservation aspects involved. He said by having these restrictive acts under the Division of Conservation Services, the communities will be assured that their conservation problems will not be overlooked.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Mr. John E. Sullivan to attend the meeting and introduced him to the Board members as his new Executive Assistant. He also told the Board that Attorney General Brooke had appointed Mr. Sullivan as a Special Attorney General for the purpose of handling matters pertaining to conservation, air and water pollution and the preservation of natural resources.

Mr. Sullivan then outlined the progress to date of the restrictive orders on the North River, Pembroke, under Chapter 768, and Commissioner Yasi commented that this will be the first restriction set down under this legislation and is the basic test of the act.

A detailed account of the meetings held relative to dredging and filling of the Montclair and Squantum marshes was given by Mr. Sullivan who stated that it was the consensus,after careful review, that the Department should enter a restrictive order under Chapter 768.

Following discussion of the North River area and the Montclair and Squantum marshes. the Commissioner asked the Board for permission to move ahead with the restrictive orders under Chapter 768.

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

VOTED - that the Department should exercise the regulations and restrictions of Chapter 768 as they apply to the North River area in Pembroke and the Montclair and Squantum marshes, and proceed in accord with the procedures set forth by the Department for such action.

Commissioner Yasi then commented on the newly enacted legislation, Chapter 685, which establishes a Water Pollution Control Division in the Department, and the $150 million bond issue authorized for financial aid to cities and towns for water pollution abatement for a ten year period with the provision that no more than $1 million be expended annually. He also stated that by statute, as Chairman of the Water Resources Commission, he will be acting Director of this new Division. He further mentioned that a subcommittee has been set up to discuss procedures for interviewing candidates for the position of Director of this Division and said that many applications have already been received.

The Commissioner stated that before the passage of this act the Department of Public Health had jurisdiction over water pollution control and certain positions in this Department relied upon federal subsidy for continuance. Because of this situation, Commissioner Yasi said, Governor Volpe has written to the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration requesting that the P.L. 660 Program Grant to the Commonwealth continue to be assigned to the Department of Public Health until further notice. He also noted that any employees who may be transferred from the Department of Public Health to this new Division will be assured of their rating and position but all of the operations of the Division will be under the control and supervision of the Water Resources Commission.

Chairman Fulham called the meeting into Executive session.

Commissioner Yasi then brought to the Board's attention the situation relative to the DeMatteo dump in Saugus, stating that the Company was again seeking further concessions within the area. Following considerable discussion it was the consensus of the Board that no extensions should be made which would conflict with the Department's statutory responsibilities under Chapter 130, and authorized the Commissioner to continue negotiations with the DeMatteo Company.

In commenting on the Cohasset Annex, the Commissioner said that a recent communication received from the General Services Administration places the acquisition of this area by the Department in a very favorable light at a cost of $311,000, the appraised value being $622,000.

Commissioner Yasi then briefly outlined the project of Northeastern University at Ashland Reservoir which was given previous Board approval, and also told of his meeting with the President of Northeastern University and other officials. He then asked Director Mahoney to describe the University's plans for the area. He commented that the area will be developed as part of the University's student training program for recreational specialists. He further noted that this program will also prove beneficial to the Department. It is the intention of the University, Director Mahoney said, to let the public use its area and there will be no restrictions against the townspeople of Ashland from using the property.

Commissioner Yasi said the University has requested that it be allowed to construct a pier 150' into the water which he feels might interfere with sailing and water skiing and suggested that the Department restrict the length of the pier.

Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to the proposed project of Northeastern University, but withheld its approval of the construction of the 150 foot pier and suggested that Director Mahoney negotiate this matter with the University.

Director Mahoney then brought before the Board the request of St. Peters Catholic High School, Worcester, and the Worcester Trade High School to use the athletic field at Quinsigamond State Park for football games. He noted that the proposed permit is similar to those issued in previous years which have proven satisfactory to the Department.

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

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Robert L. Yasi to issue a permit for the use of the athletic field at Quinsigamond State Park to St. Peters Catholic High School for October 22, 1966, and to the Worcester Trade High School for October 1, 16, 29 and November 5, 1966, for football games.

The request of Channing Murdock, President of Butternut Basin, Inc. for permission to cut, grade and seed a new ski trail from the top of its existing chair lift was presented by Director Mahoney who said the proposed trail will be approximately 100 feet wide and 4,500 feet long. He also mentioned that the position of this trail was approved by the Board in the initial development plans for the ski area and that the upper two-thirds of the trail lies on state land and the lower portion on corporation owned property. Director Mahoney also noted that the increase in use of the trail necessitates a new trail in order to service more people as the present system is overcrowded.

Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to the request of Butternut Basin, Inc. to cut, grade and seed a new ski trail.

Director Mahoney then brought before the Board the proposal of the Land Advisory Committee for broad changes and improvements in its method of procuring lands for the Department. He stated the recommended changes as follows - that the Regional Forest and Park Supervisor work with the Division's staff in cooperation with the District Wildlife Manager, in the Division of Fisheries and Game, in drawing up an acquisition plan for the ultimate goal in each region throughout the state; that the plan be submitted to the Department for review by the Division of Forests and Parks; that upon completion of this, it be reviewed and approved for submission to the Commissioner and the Board, by the Director of the Division of Forests and Parks, the Director of Fisheries and Game, and the Director of Conservation Services. He further stated that having the land acquisitions approved by the three directors would eliminate the possibility of having the Department, the Division of Fisheries and Game, and the cities and towns through their conservation commissions competing for the same land areas in the state.

Director Mahoney said that if approval is given for these recommendations, the field work could start immediately and a map showing the public ownership in each region plus an outline of proposed acquisitions will be prepared.

The Board was unanimous in its approval of the recommendations outlined.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the Department had received a $5 million recreational bond issue, and has allotted $330,000 for work on Mount Greylock. He also told the Board that by legislative action the Department will assume jurisdiction of the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation April 1, 1967, and will also be responsible for its present staff.

The Commissioner also mentioned the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by the Department relative to overhead electric transmission lines and stated that the Department will attempt to prepare legislation to compel power companies to put their lines underground and noted that the power companies are agreeable to some type of legislation.

On the inland wetlands legislation, the Commissioner stated that Mr. Allen Morgan, representing the Massachusetts Conservation Council, will head up the special outside commission to work on the report with the help of full-time employees from the Department and the Division of Fisheries and Game.

In discussing further legislative matters, Commissioner Yasi said that the coterminous bill was not acted upon at this legislative session; that the Water Resources Planning Act will give the Water Resources Commission $5 million to match with federal funds to provide the planning and engineering necessary for reservoirs; that the upgrading of the Commissioner's salary fell through mechanically doing prorogation.

Chairman Fulham asked what should be done to bring about an upgrading in the Commissioner's salary, and Commissioner Yasi replied that the Governor could file a bill for an upgrading or departmental legislation could be filed by the Board. It was the feeling of Mr. Fulham that the Board should file this legislation.

By legislative action, the Commissioner said, the Public Access Board has been authorized to make land takings, which function was formerly vested in the Department of Public Works.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the Governor had appointed him to the New England River Basins Commission, the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, and had also designated him as the permanent representative of the state on the Public Land Law Review Commission. He also mentioned that he will be appointed to the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission by the Governor upon the resignation of Charles H. W. Foster.

The Commissioner then briefly commented on changes being made within the Department stating that bookkeeping, payroll and personnel functions will be under the supervision of each Division; that the Department Secretary will work more closely with the Commissioner on higher level activities, and that Mr. Greene will take over patronage and work directly with the Commissioner. He also added he has asked more personnel to attend the Directors' meetings.

Commissioner Yasi discussed the question of a leave of absence for a period of one year pending the establishment of the position of Executive Assistant and Counsel.

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

VOTED - to approve a leave of absence of Commissioner Yasi for one year.

The Commissioner then referred to the Board, with his approval,the requests for the designation of Acting Directors, and explained that each Director is authorized by statute to name an alternate in the event of his absence from duty. Upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the following designations of Acting Directors -

Division of Conservation Services	-	Arthur W. Brownell
Division of Forests and Parks	-	Kenton A. Beaujean
Division of Marine Fisheries	-	Irwin M. Alperin

Commissioner Yasi discussed the need for a legal research project relative to water laws of Massachusetts and organization of the new Division of Water Pollution Control to be coordinated with inland wetland programs of the Commonwealth.

After discussion, the Board directed Commissioner Yasi to pursue a course of action which will result in obtaining such a grant.

The date for the next meeting was set for October 5, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Frederick J. Crawford
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held October 5, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Brewster, Lund and Rhodes.

Chairman Fulham officially welcomed Professor Arnold D. Rhodes, newly appointed member of the Board of Natural Resources, and conveyed his personal appreciation for Professor Rhodes' willingness to serve.

Chairman Fulham then requested that the agenda for the previous meeting be reviewed completely in view of the importance of items discussed and voted upon, and also because it was the first Board meeting of the new administration.

The entire agenda was reviewed and discussed in detail.

Commissioner Yasi discussed the need for a water pollution control project study, stating that because of the immense amounts of money and the numerous overlapping of water programs in the Commonwealth's total resource plan, it was his opinion that the greatest immediate and urgent need is a professional study by the most competent people available. The study should point up (a) organization and management, (b) coordination in integration of federal, state, local and industrial contributions, (c) integration and coordination of water pollution control with inland wetlands programs, (d) flood plain zoning, the water retention site projects and flood control projects, (d) similar activities on tidal waters, (e) recommendations for contracting for research grants.

The Board gave its approval to investigating the whole area of discussion. Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the decisions in this regard were for the Water Resources Commission.

The DeMatteo dump in Saugus was discussed with Commissioner Yasi and Mr. John E. Sullivan. After a detailed description of the history and present circumstances, the Board upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Lund -

VOTED - to approve a Chapter 768 action based upon a covenant not to sue and on condition that the DeMatteo Company accept an extension limited to the Revere side of the dump generally to a point which would coincide with the natural dike, provided that (a) the DeMatteo Company agree to placing the balance of marsh land east of the Turnpike under a 768 restrictive order, and (b) that the portion of the marsh to be taken by the Department of Public Works would remain unaffected by the Board's action.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that Representative Joseph E. Brett of Quincy and members of the Quincy Conservation Commission had appeared this morning to be heard by the Board concerning the Montclair marshes. Representative Brett and other commission members were heard by the Board urging that the Department restrict development of the Montclair marshes. Various members of the Department gave testimony to the Board concerning the history of the project and indicated the lines of restriction under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 130, Section 27A.

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

VOTED - that unless the City of Quincy indicates by action of the Mayor and Council that it would acquire the marshes with participation of Departmental funds, that the Department would issue the order permitting development within the lines of restriction indicated by the Department, such action to occur on or before October 18, 1966.

The Board discussed the question of the Commissioner's salary. Upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - that the Board would file the required legislation to establish the Commissioner's salary at the top increment of Grade 31 in the state salary and classification plans, outside of Chapter 31 of the General Laws.

The reason for establishing the salary at that particular grade is that the salary of the Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control was established by statute at Grade 30.

The date for the next meeting was set for October 25, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Joseph R. Lund

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held October 25, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Lund and Rhodes.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the Governor has appointed six persons to the Special Commission authorized by Chapter 110, Resolves of 1966, for the purpose of making an investigation and study of water pollution problems and reservoirs of water supply in the Commonwealth, and gave a brief outline of the background of each member.

The Commissioner then asked the Board to review the vote of the October 5,1966 meeting relating to the DeMatteo Company inasmuch as the mortgagees of the property may not be in agreement with this vote. He further stated that the Department is at present seeking a release from the mortgagees.

In commenting on the restrictive order issued under Chapter 768 relative to the Saugus marshes, the Commissioner said that it appears that the DeMatteo Company is willing to accept the Department's terms.

Director Mahoney was then asked by the Commissioner to attend the meeting to present the proposed work plan for the Washington Mountain Brook Watershed project. Director Mahoney explained that this is a P.L. 566 project sponsored by the Town of Lee and the Berkshire Conservation District, with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service, with the Department being a co-sponsor. He said about 5,150 acres of the watershed are located in the October Mountain State Forest and the recreational development of this State Forest has been severly hampered by flooding and threats of flooding to the area and Washington Mountain Road by Washington Mountain Brook. He further stated that this flood protection plan will provide protection to residences in Berkshire County in the flood plain of Washington Mountain Brook as well as stabilizing stream and canal banks and providing water impoundment for recreational use to develop the recreational potential of October Mountain State Forest. Director Mahoney informed the Board that the Department has prepared tentative plans for the development of three reservoirs as a major recreation area; day-use area for picnicking, swimming and boating; camping areas with

approximately 400 camp sites; boat launching and access areas; and hiking and trails. He also mentioned that a pool for trout and a shallow pool for wildlife will be provided. Director Mahoney stated that this recreation potential of the watershed was developed by the Water Resources Commission in cooperation with the Department and the Division of Fisheries and Game. The total cost of the recreational development will be approximately $1,248,000, Director Mahoney said, with the Department assuming between 10 and 15% of the cost.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the Water Resources Commission cannot go ahead with its part of the project until Board approval is given the Department for cost-sharing of whatever amounts are allocated to the recreation pool and development and becomes a party to the Washington Mountain Brook Watershed project.

Discussion followed on the proposed work plan and the Department's participation in this P.L. 566 project. Upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - that the Department of Natural Resources become a co-sponsor on the P.L. 566 Washington Mountain Brook Watershed project.

Commissioner Yasi then brought to the Board's attention the question of the war memorial at the summit of Mount Greylock since the Mount Greylock Reservation is now under the jurisdiction of the Department. He stated that there is a proposal for an expenditure of $3 million for a monument and the Department is now in the process of contacting leaders of all veterans' groups at the state level to meet to discuss what type of war memorial would be acceptable and in keeping with the area without a considerable expenditure of funds. The Board was in agreement that such a meeting would be profitable.

The matter of the long proposed Thiel Farm day-use recreation area on Mount Greylock was then presented by the Commissioner who said that the Department has a responsibility for the development of this area. He stated that, with Board approval, the Department would like to engage the services of a consulting firm to

make an overall plan for the area, and suggested that the firm of Charles T. Main & Co. be hired for this purpose.

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

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Robert L. Yasi to engage the consulting firm of Charles T. Main & Co. to make an overall day-use recreation plan for the Thiel Farm area on Mount Greylock.

Director Mahoney then informed the Board that the Town of Bourne which has run the Bourne scenic park, located on Corps of Engineers property in Bourne, for many years in an admirable manner, is now looking into the possibility of turning this area over to the Department and has suggested that the Department meet with the Corps of Engineers to discuss this new jurisdiction of the area.

Commissioner Yasi told the Board that this is an excellent park with 400 camp sites and located in an area where there is a great and growing need for camping.

Professor Rhodes then asked if there would be any expense to the Department in taking over this park, and Director Mahoney replied that in all probability the Department could secure a 25 year lease from the Corps of Engineers, and also noted that the area would be fairly self-supporting.

Following discussion, the Board authorized the Commissioner to investigate further with the Corps of Engineers and the Town of Bourne the possibilities of taking over the jurisdiction of the Bourne scenic park.

The offer of the Cistercian Abbey of the Strict Observance, Inc. to convey 70.58 acres of land in Oakham to the Commonwealth in exchange for 66 acres and 100 rods of state forest land in Spencer was presented to the Board by Director Mahoney. He stated that the Department has had a problem acquiring land to round out its holdings in this area for many years and this exchange of land will consolidate our present holdings. He mentioned that the 66 acres are an isolated parcel of land.

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

VOTED - to approve a proposal to convey to The Cistercian Abbey of the Strict Observance, Inc. 66 acres and 100 rods of state forest land in Spencer in exchange for approximately 70.58 acres of land in Oakham.

The Commissioner asked Director Bruce S. Gullion to attend the meeting to brief the Board on the status of the Nashoba Valley site project being undertaken by the Department under P.L. 566. Director Gullion explained that under P.L. 566 the Department must have legislative approval to receive funds for land acquisition and during the past legislative session the Nashoba Valley site was eliminated from the legislation when it was enacted making it necessary to file legislation again in order to receive funds for this specific site. He then reported in detail the land acquisition and development contemplated at this site and remarked that the area will fit into the new recreation plan for recreation areas around the metropolitan area. He mentioned the two gravel operations on the Nashoba Valley site and stated that since this is the last area to be acquired in the metropolitan area the acquisition is highly recommended.

Director Gullion said that the total cost of this acquisition will be around $1½ million but with cost sharing under the Title VII Program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and other federal funds the Department's financial responsibility would probably amount to $750,000.

Following discussion of this acquisition project, Chairman Fulham stated that it was his feeling that the land should be acquired as soon as possible in order that it is not used for other purposes.

According to the vote of the Board at its October 5, 1966 meeting relative to the Montclair marshes, Commissioner Yasi said the Department issued an order on October 18, 1966 permitting the development within the area delineated on the revised plan submitted since the Quincy City Council voted not to acquire the marshes with the participation of Departmental funds.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that at the last meeting of the Water Resources Commission it was the consensus that outside professional services should

be engaged for a study of the entire water pollution control program and that he had already talked with engineers and professionals to inform them what areas of concern should be included in such a study and an engineering firm has submitted an 18 point plan for such a study. He further stated that this study will be submitted to the Water Resources Commission in the very near future.

The Commissioner then reported on meetings held with the committee appointed to review personnel applications for the position of Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control and stated that many applications have been received, particularly from eminently qualified persons from out of the state. Commissioner Yasi asked the Board if it had any feeling about appointing an employee of the Department to the position of Director. Following discussion, the Board was in agreement that if such a person had the administrative qualifications for this position it would have no objection to such a choice.

Commissioner Yasi told the Board that the new water pollution control law requires that standards be set for the classification of streams, and noted these will comply with federal and interstate standards. He also said that these standards are now ready for public hearings.

Chairman Fulham called the meeting into Executive session.

The matter of the codification of water and pollution laws was then brought to the attention of the Board by Commissioner Yasi who told of the importance of having all the laws relating to water, water control and pollution placed in a single chapter of our statute law. He said that he had talked with Director Howard S. Willard at length about the possibility of his undertaking the codification of these laws as he is eminently qualified through his knowledge of state law to do this project. However, the Commissioner said, if Director Willard should accept this assignment it will necessitate his retirement as Director of the Division of Law Enforcement since the law states that no state employee can be hired with state funds. With this in mind, the Commissioner said he had contacted the Ford Foundation

and the Conservation Foundation seeking funds to compensate Director Willard for this work which will entail two years to complete at a cost of $8,000 a year.

Discussion followed as to the replacement for Director Willard, and Commissioner Yasi said he felt that the person to be appointed should be someone now working in the Division of Law Enforcement.

Chairman Fulham called the meeting out of Executive session.

Commissioner Yasi reported that the Department's Stow field headquarters have been closed as it has been an unnecessary operation for many years.

The Commissioner then told the Board that the Department is requesting an opinion from the Attorney General relative to requiring any person who catches fish in the salt water and sells such fish for resale to have a fish dealer's license. He said fees from such a license would go into the Marine Fisheries Fund.

In commenting on the Bureau of Insect Pest Control, Commissioner Yasi said we are now trying to broaden the scope of this Bureau and are attempting to have submerged weed control activities within the jurisdiction of the Bureau which will be in line with the new water pollution control law.

Commissioner Yasi reported on the two studies to be made on overhead electric transmission lines authorized by Chapters 78 and 93 of the Resolves of 1966, and said appointments have been made to both these study commissions.

Relative to the inland wetlands study, the Commissioner said there will be an ad hoc committee appointed by the Governor in about a week. He also mentioned that the Department has a man working full time on this study as does the Division of Fisheries and Game.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that under the provisions of Chapter 86, of the Resolves of 1966, the Governor had appointed him as a member of the Special Commission established to make an investigation and study relative to the construction of bridges, tunnels, causeways, dams and the use of land fill to connect the

various islands of the Boston Harbor to each other and to the mainland, and relative to the use and development of lands near the mouth of the Neponset River and on the shores of Dorchester Bay.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for November 22, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

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

Frederick J. Crowley Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held November 22, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane and Lund.

The minutes of the meetings of September 27, October 5 and October 25, 1966 were approved without correction.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that Director Francis B. Mahoney, of the Division of Forests and Parks, will retire on or before December 31, 1966 to accept a position with the Open Heart Association, and that Director Howard S. Willard, of the Division of Law Enforcement, will retire about the middle of December, 1966.

The Commissioner then brought before the Board his recommendations for replacements for Directors of Forests and Parks and Law Enforcement stating that Bruce S. Gullion, now Director of the Division of Conservation Services, is the most qualified candidate for the position of Director of the Division of Forests and Parks, and that Kenneth A. Crossman, now an employee in the Division of Law Enforcement, has excellent qualifications to become the Director of the Division of Law Enforcement. He then stated that the appointment of Bruce S. Gullion to Director of Forests and Parks will leave the position of Director of Conservation Services vacant, and his recommendation for this position would be Mr. Albert H. Zabriskie, now Assistant to the Commissioner, who is very familiar with all federal aid programs and has an excellent record of public relations.

Following discussion of the Commissioner's recommendations of Directors for these three Divisions, the Board gave its tentative approval to the proposed appointments with its official approval to be made at the next Board meeting in compliance with Chapter 21, Section 2C of the General Laws.

The Secretary of the Board was then asked by Chairman Fulham, in accordance with Chapter 21, Section 2C of the General Laws, to send a letter by registered mail to each Board member calling for a meeting of the Board to be held December 20, 1966 for the purpose of appointing Directors for the Divisions of Conservation Services, Forests and Parks, and Law Enforcement.

Commissioner Yasi then gave a detailed report to the Board of the proposed reorganization in various Divisions of the Department with a description of the changes and new duties outlined on a chart.

Following discussion of the reorganization, the Board gave its approval to the proposed changes set forth by the Commissioner and commended him for this action.

The Commissioner then told the Board that the Department has had bids out for 18 months to build a law enforcement boat for $70,000 and has never received a bid for $70,000 or under. Since these funds are still available, the Commissioner said he had looked into the possibility of purchasing a helicopter and had found it would be possible to operate a helicopter for about 30% less than a boat each year. He also stated that besides using a helicopter for law enforcement purposes it could be utilized for land surveys, forest inventory, insect pest control, forest fire control, water pollution surveys and transportation to meetings in distant parts of the state. Considerable discussion followed on the purchase and use of a helicopter. The Board was most enthusiastic about this type of aircraft, and authorized the Commissioner to procure further details on the purchase of a helicopter.

In commenting upon the inland wetlands study, the Commissioner said the Department's designee on this study has on charts, of the entire state, every parcel of inland wetland greater than 10 acres in area; estimated values; the values as to the best use of the areas, and the resource values. He further stated that this report will be ready for presentation at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Arthur Brownell was then asked by the Commissioner to attend the meeting to present propcsed self-help conservation projects.

Commissioner Yasi informed Mr. Joseph Lund that the appraisals for the Lincoln #7 project were undertaken by his firm and Mr. Lund then stated that he would refrain from voting on the Lincoln #7 project. Chairman Fulham concurred with Mr. Lund's decision.

The Amherst #4 project, Mr. Brownell stated, consists of 59 acres costing $10,000, which is the first opportunity for land purchase by the town on the Holyoke Range. He said this area will be maintained in its natural state for wildlife and passive recreation as well as an access point to the rest of the Range's higher elevation.

In commenting on the Dennis #3 project, 2.5 acres costing $2,000, Mr. Brownell said this land was appraised for $21,000. He also stated that this acquisition is in cooperation with the town of Harwich for conservation recreation, and will provide access to Harwich's conservation area for swimming, fishing, as well as preserve the view of Swan Pond.

Mr. Brownell said the Foxboro #3 project, 9.7 acres costing $4,500, adjoins land already under control of the commission and will provide access to the Rumford River. This acquisition will also protect the watershed of the Rumford River and will provide an excellent area for nature study, Mr. Brownell added.

The Lexington #2 project, 58 acres costing $158,000, Mr. Brownell said was appraised for $235,000. He also stated that Lexington has applied for and received favorable approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal reimbursement. He mentioned that the area to be acquired is for preservation of open space and a start of a potential greenbelt through the town as well as a nature study area for nearby schools.

In presenting the Lincoln #7 project, 12 acres costing $30,000, Mr. Brownell mentioned that Lincoln has applied for and received favorable approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal funds. This land, he stated, is to be acquired for the protection of the watershed of Sandy Pond; passive recreation and open space; nature trail development; and added that good forestry and wildlife practises will be carried on throughout the area.

Mr. Brownell said the Lynnfield #4 project, 35 acres costing $32,500, is to be acquired for its conservation value and as such to be kept primarily in its natural

state with passive recreation to be developed with natural trails and horseback riding. He added that there is a possibility of developing a dugout pond.

The Monterey #1 project, 2.8 acres costing $2,000, Mr. Brownell stated will give access to about 1250 feet of the Konkopot River for fishing and swimming, and also noted that the Commission's plans call for development of a small picnic area.

Mr. Brownell informed the Board that the New Bedford #1 project, 36 acres costing $2,800, is to be acquired in accordance with the City Master Plan and will link together land under commission control and complete an area that is being used for a nature trail. Also, Mr. Brownell said, this acquisition will connect future land acquisition by the town of Dartmouth.

The North Reading #2 acquisition of 3.9 acres costing $2,500, Mr. Brownell informed the Board is to be used for access to the Ipswich River for boating and fishing and protection of the river embankment.

In commenting on the Plymouth #1 project, 55 acres costing $30,000, Mr.Brownell said two appraisals had been made, one was $33,000 and the other $35,750. He stated that the area to be acquired is for open space in a rapidly developing area and will be developed for an outdoor recreation area for swimming and fishing. He added that there are two ponds on the site, 4 and 3 acres, which are ideal for fishing and swimming.

Mr. Crane asked Mr. Brownell if most conservation commissions applied for federal aid for their projects, and Mr. Brownell replied that in order to apply for federal reimbursement a town must be in a regional district.

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

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

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	State Cost
Amherst #4	59	$ 10,000	$ 5,000
Dennis #3	2.5	2,000	1,000
Foxboro #3	9.7	4,500	2,250
Lexington #2	58	158,200	39,550
Lynnfield #4	35	32,500	16,250
Monterey #1	2.8	2,000	1,000
New Bedford #1	36	2,800	1,400
North Reading #2	3.9	2,500	1,250
Plymouth #1	55	30,000	15,000

The following Preliminary Application for self-help reimbursement was approved by Commissioner Robert L. Yasi -

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	State Cost
Lincoln #7	12	$30,000	$7,500

Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Francis B. Mahoney and Mr. Frederick Bowers to attend the meeting to discuss proposed land acquisition projects.

The Commissioner said that the so-called Cohasset Annex property acquisition is about to be finalized through the General Services Administration for a price of $311,100 for 2,877.33 acres, and in order to complete this transaction formal approval by the Board is necessary.

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

VOTED - to approve the purchase from the United States of America of the so-called Cohasset Annex, containing 2,877.33 acres, situated in Hingham, Cohasset and Norwell for a consideration of $311,100.

Mr. Bowers then presented the request of the Western Massachusetts Electric Company for an easement for the installation of a transmission line on the Pittsfield State Forest, stating that this is to widen their present line. He added that the Department expects to get land of equal value for this easement. Director Mahoney said that the Electric Company will keep the area mowed and will, in all probability, plant some type of growth to support wildlife.

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

VOTED - to approve a proposal to convey to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company an easement for the installation of a transmission line on the Pittsfield State Forest, said line being a 300 feet strip of land containing about 200 acres in Hancock and on a triangular parcel of land in Lanesboro containing about 8 acres, provided that, in exchange for said easement the Western Massachusetts Electric Company convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts tracts of land of equal value in locations selected by this Department.

Director Mahoney then brought to the Board's attention the request of the High Fidelity Company for an easement for the installation of a television tower and pole line on East Mountain State Forest.

Commissioner Yasi stated that if this request is approved the Department can anticipate many more requests of this type and was of the opinion that a report should be made by the Department's Regional Supervisor in the district concerned as to whether any private areas are available for erection of such towers. He then stated that he was of the opinion that the Department might contact the Department of Public Utilities, upon receipt of such requests, to obtain a report of public necessity for such an installation.

Following considerable discussion, Chairman Fulham expressed the consensus of the Board that since the Department has received so many applications for TV cable installations it will not entertain any more requests until a set of guidelines has been set up by the Board, and upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - that the Commissioner should (1) on each application have a Regional Supervisor make a report to determine whether there is any private area that can be used, and (2) to get a report of necessity from the Department of Public Utilities.

Director Mahoney then presented the request of the New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Company to store materials on the Myles Standish State Forest for two years which will be used in installing a transmission line on nearby land. He further stated that the Company will erect a chain link fence and gate to enclose the area approximately 100 feet by 200 feet. Following discussion, the Board gave its permission to this request.

Director Mahoney reported the results of his meeting with representatives of veterans groups relative to the erection of a war memorial on Mount Greylock, stating that it was most successful. He said it was agreed that the present memorial should be dismantled and the type of memorial now envisioned by the veterans is an interpretive center which could be used by all veterans' organizations and would honor veterans of all wars. Director Mahoney said this would be a low wooden building which would be heated and ramps would be provided into the building for the use of disabled veterans. He further stated that employees of the regular staff at Mount Greylock could operate and maintain the building. He added that the matter of the type of light to be installed at the summit will be discussed further by the veterans' organizations.

Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to this type of war memorial.

In reporting on his meeting with officials of the Corps of Engineers relative to the Department taking over the Bourne Scenic Park, Director Mahoney said the Corps is most anxious to have the Department take over jurisdiction of this area, which is situated on land owned by the Corps, and said they will meet with the Bourne Selectmen and Park Commissioners to further this arrangement. Director Mahoney again stated that this camping area would relieve conditions considerably at Nickerson State Park.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Willard to attend the meeting.

Chairman Fulham, on behalf of the Board, expressed the regrets of the Board to both Directors Mahoney and Willard upon the occasion of their retirement and commended them for their loyal public service to the Department and the Commonwealth. Mr. Fulham then asked if Directors Mahoney and Willard would apprise the Board of their future plans. Director Mahoney told of the position he had accepted with the Open Heart Association, and Director Willard told of his plans of recodifying the water laws of the Commonwealth.

Director Mahoney then commended Commissioner Yasi for his plans to reorganize the Department and Director Willard said he was in agreement with the overall plan which would bring about improvements in personnel relations and morale.

Commissioner Yasi reported on the background of the top people seeking the appointment as Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control and stated that it is hoped that the appointment will be made early in December.

In reporting on the work of the two special commissions on transmission lines, the Commissioner said the Commission on Overhead Transmission lines deals principally with the aesthetics, and the Commission on Underground Transmission lines concerns itself with the economics of underground transmission lines, but the two Commissions will work closely together. He added that he has become convinced that the utility companies want some action to be taken in this area of concern.

Commissioner Yasi reported that at the November meeting of the Water Resources Commission, Professor Berger, of the Water Resources Research Center at the University of Massachusetts, stated that the University would be in a position to monitor the proposed professional study of the entire water pollution control program which will be made by professional engineers. The Commissioner further stated that in all probability the consulting firm of Camp, Dresser & McKee will conduct this study since it has already submitted a tentative 18-point program.

The Commissioner then briefly reported on the work of the Special Commission to study the development of Boston Harbor, of which he is a member, and stated that he had also been asked to work with the committee studying the selection of a site for an oceanographic laboratory.

In commenting on the Nantucket study, the Commissioner gave a background report of this study and stated that a topnotch inventory of the Island has been made and that Nantucket would now like to implement the recommendations. He further mentioned that the Department is now working on an economic study through the University of

Massachusetts which will be presented to the Department of Commerce and Development in order to procure funds for implementation of the study.

By unanimous action, Mr. Thomas A. Fulham and Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr. were re-elected Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Natural Resources.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Frederick G. Crane Jr.

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held December 20, 1966 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane, Lund, Brewster and Rhodes.

The minutes of the meeting of November 22, 1966 were approved without correction.

Chairman Fulham called the meeting into Executive session.

Commissioner Yasi then brought before the Board his recommendations for appointment as Directors of the Division of Forests and Parks, Law Enforcement and Conservation Services, respectively, Bruce S. Gullion, Kenneth A. Crossman and Albert H. Zabriskie.

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

VOTED - to approve the Commissioner's recommendations of -

Bruce S. Gullion as Director of the Division of Forests and Parks
Kenneth A. Crossman as Director of the Division of Law Enforcement
Albert H. Zabriskie as Director of the Division of Conservation Services

The Commissioner then informed the Board that at the December 12, 1966 meeting of the Water Resources Commission, Mr. Thomas C. McMahon was appointed as Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control, and stated that he will assume this position December 31, 1966. The Commissioner then gave a brief resume of Mr.McMahon's professional experience and explained the functions of this new Division.

The Commissioner then asked Messrs. Gullion, Beaujean and Bowers to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Yasi brought before the Board the request of the High Fidelity Company for an easement for the installation of a television tower at the top of Butternut Basin and added that a representative of the company had come to the office, at the Department's request, to present its proposal.

Mr. Gullion said the proposal is for a cable TV for the Great Barrington area which would have a possible tie in for 1600 homes and added that this the only location in the area where the Company can pick up Boston stations. Mr. Gullion stated that if the tower is erected at this site it will probably not be seen from the road. He further stated that the coaxial cable can be run up the mountain on

the present ski tramway and the voltage will be controlled by the safety code regulations. Mr. Crane said he was of the opinion that power should not be carried on ski lifts and asked if there was any other method of installing such cables. Mr. Gullion said the cable could be carried on trees without losing any aesthetic values.

Mr. Rhodes asked if there was any other location for the tower, and Mr.Gullion replied that the Company has a site on its own property but it is not suitable.

The Commissioner informed the Board that he was of the opinion that there appeared to be a public necessity for the TV tower and would like direction from the Board to work out a tentative agreement with the Company and then, at a later date, present it to the Board for confirmation. The Board authorized the Commissioner to undertake this proposal.

Considerable discussion followed as to future requests for television towers, and it was the consensus of the Board that the Department should have a set of guidelines to check each request received and then if the plans do not conform to the guidelines the request can be refused.

Mr. Frederick Bowers then brought up the request of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District that the Department convey approximately 70 acres of state forest land in Upton to them in exchange for land of equal value in locations selected by the Department and stated that the Regional School District will bear the cost of any necessary land surveys. Mr. Bowers further stated that this was the only suitable location that could be found to build the school.

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

VOTED - to approve a proposal to convey to the Mendon-Upton Regional School District approximately 70 acres of state forest land in Upton provided that they convey to the Commonwealth land of equal value in locations selected by the Department of Natural Resources and bear the cost of any necessary land surveys.

Mr. Bowers then presented the offer of the Eagle Street Realty Corporation to sell to the Department approximately 2,051 acres of land in New Ashford, Lanesborough and Cheshire for the sum of $49,099.91, plus the 1967 real estate taxes. He further stated that about 2,000 acres are continguous to the southwestern boundary of the Mount Greylock Reservation. Mr. Bowers told the Board that the Lands Committee felt an appraisal of the land was not necessary because of its low value and also because the Department is aware of the prices paid by the Eagle Street Realty Corporation for the property during its purchases over the past 10 years.

Commissioner Yasi said that the transfer legislation which gave jurisdiction of the Mount Greylock Reservation to the Department, contained a firm clause stating that the Department may grant a lease for private development of skiing facilities at Saddleball and that inquires were being made of the Department.

The Commissioner then said the Department hopes to try out a new theory relative to development of skiing areas on privately owned land adjacent to state property. He stated that he felt the Department should have some control over such private areas as in this way the Department could be assured of the development. This, the Commissioner said, would not be a dictatorial attitude, but would require a professional application and a study by persons recognized in the skiing field. The Board felt that this theory should be explored.

Following discussion on the purchase of the land from the Eagle Street Realty Corporation, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 2051 acres of land in New Ashford, Lanesborough and Cheshire from the Eagle Street Realty Corporation for a consideration of $49,099.91 plus real estate taxes for 1967.

Commissioner Yasi then informed the Board of his meeting with Commissioner Ribbs, of the Department of Public Works, relative to the preparation of a memorandum of understanding, authorized by the Governor, concerning three major areas which he outlined as follows:

1. That the Department of Public Works continue to have control of engineering and construction at Great Ponds with the Department of Natural Resources enforcing the regulations and preserving the integrity of the Commonwealth's ownership.

2. That the Division of Beaches, Department of Public Works, construct beaches but upon completion turn them over to the Department of Natural Resources for administration, and that the present Division of Beaches be transferred to this Department.

3. That the Division of Waterways still remain in the Department of Public Works, although there is legislation to transfer the Division to the Department of Natural Resources, and that its engineering staff continue to supervise development with the Department of Natural Resources enforcing the regulations once the construction has been completed.

This memorandum of understanding, the Commissioner said, will be first submitted to the Governor and then presented to the Board for its consideration.

The Commissioner then asked Mr. John E. Sullivan to attend the meeting to present the restrictive order under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105, prohibiting dredging, filling, removing or otherwise altering or polluting coastal wetlands adjacent to the North River in Pembroke.

Mr. Sullivan gave Chairman Fulham a copy of the order which he read to the Board members, and Mr. Sullivan showed the plan of the area to be restricted.

Professor Rhodes asked Commissioner Yasi if the Department is obligated to buy this land in the event one of the owners takes the matter to court. The Commissioner replied that the Department was not so obligated, and added that the Department is in a position to change the order of any one of the particular individuals involved when it is ascertained what the owner's objections are and what his plans are for the use of his land. He also added that should this land be sold, the restriction will still remain and the only way the restrictive order can be changed is by action of the Board of Natural Resources.

Following further discussion, the Board members signed this restrictive order and Mr. Sullivan said it will now be recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds.

Commissioner Yasi then informed the Board that the Board of Fish and Game would like to hold a joint Board meeting on December 28, 1966, and Chairman Fulham asked the Commissioner to inform the Fish and Game Board that this date was agreeable.

Chairman Fulham then requested the Commissioner to have a list made of all bills affecting the Department which have been filed for the next legislative session.

Commissioner Yasi told the Board that he had been approached by a newspaper editorial writer relative to the Department taking over the Franklin Park Zoo, or assuming responsibility for a new zoo. He added that the proposition was to take the zoo out of Boston and set it up in a natural, rural setting.

Chairman Fulham said his feeling was that a zoo should be run by a private organization as it could be operated far better by private ownership than by public ownership. Although the Board was interested in such a proposal, the consensus was that it ought not be a function of the Department.

The Commissioner said that the coterminous legislation has been filed again this year and the only state agency exempted from this bill is the Department of Education. Discussion followed on the Board's position relative to this legislation and the Commissioner's role in making statements on this bill. Commissioner Yasi offered the suggestion that perhaps outside organizations could be contacted for assistance in testifying in favor of the Department being continued in its present status. Following discussion of this suggestion, the Board advised the Commissinner to look into this possibility.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for January 26, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner.

The Commissioner then asked the newly appointed Directors of Forests and Parks, Conservation Services and Law Enforcement to attend the meeting where the Board members congratulated them on their appointments.

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

Fred G. Crane Jr.
Secretary

DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME
and
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

JOINT BOARD MINUTES

DATE: December 28, 1966

PLACE: Parker House, Boston

PRESENT: Chairman Darling, members Tierney and Burns, Director Shepard, Assistant Director Cookingham, Superintendent Bridges, I & E Chief Chaplin; Natural Resources Board Chairman Fulham, members Lund and Rhodes, Commissioner Yasi, Directors Wilbour, Crossman, Gullion and Zabriskie.

1. Commissioner Yasi introduced newly appointed Directors Gullion (Forests & Parks), Zabriskie (Conservation Services), and Crossman (Law Enforcement), and outlined the newly established table of organization of the Department of Natural Resources.

2. Minutes of the previous joint meeting were briefly discussed and placed on file.

3. Director Shepard outlined the recent deer proposal and results of the open season. He stated that employees of the Department as well as the Division should not prejudge the kill figure and specifically not make judgments on it publicly since the Division was still studying it. He requested the full support of the Department in whatever changes, recommendations and procedures might be determined again, as in the past.

4. Director Shepard outlined progress of the Quabbin Hatchery. Camp, Dresser and McKee estimate that final plans and specifications may be ready January 15 for submission to the Bureau of Building Construction. He stated that low water problems have caused some concern but that it appears these can be overcome in the final design. An initial request for construction under Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funds will be submitted shortly. He stated that an appropriation of 1.2 million dollars from bonds has been approved but that BOR funds should not be utilized to repay this since the products of fish hatcheries are utilized by nearly a half-million non-licensed fishermen and, therefore, the licensed fishermen should not have to pay the entire cost. He stated that, with this hatchery, the Division should easily meet the some 450,000 pounds of fish requested by managers as their evaluation of requirements of the several districts.

5. Director Shepard introduced a resolution, as follows:

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Division of Fisheries and Game as required by Section 25 of Chapter 131 of the General Laws is the only agency of the Commonwealth which in acquiring land must first obtain permission of the local board or boards of Selectmen in the town or towns in which the tract lies or in the province of cities permission of the mayor and city council, and,

Whereas the Division of Fisheries and Game has embarked on an expanded land acquisition program to provide necessary land and water areas to assuage an increasing demand for public recreational hunting and fishing areas, and,

Whereas, the Division of Fisheries and Game has been hindered in its acquisition efforts in two towns of the Commonwealth through reluctance of the local boards of Selectmen to grant the required permission, and,

Whereas, the Division of Fisheries and Game has filed necessary corrective legislation to expedite the land acquisition program.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Boards of the Department of Natural Resources and the Division of Fisheries and Game actively support legislation in the form of a revision of Chapter 131 of the General Laws further defining the powers of the Director relative to acquisition of land and water areas for fish and wildlife purposes.

Burns commented on the problems that lack of approval of selectmen has caused during his 25 years of selectmen. There being no motion to adopt, it was the consensus of the joint boards that support of legislation mentioned in the resolution be worked out by Director Shepard and Commissioner Yasi. Yasi commented that the intent of the legislation was certainly correct, but that it must be more carefully handled because of possible misunderstandings that this might be an "attack" on home rule, when actually it was not that at all.

6. Director Shepard and Commissioner Yasi announced that they have appointed Assistant Director Cookingham and Director Gullion to serve respectively as interagency coordinators to improve communications, and actions on mutual programs and concerns of the Division of Fisheries and Game and the Department of Natural Resources. Commissioner Yasi stated that these two men would have this as a day-to-day responsibility, however, he and Director Shepard would be making every effort to discuss mutual matters as well.

7. Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.