A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held January 20,1975 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Crane, Lund and Rhodes.

Commissioner Brownell introduced to the Board members the newly appointed Secretary of Environmental Affairs, Dr. Evelyn F. Murphy.

Secretary Murphy summarized for the Board what she, as Secretary of Environmental Affairs, feels her role to be. She briefly overviewed her goals and objectives in relation to that role and posed several questions relating to the long range policies and programs of her office.

1. What is the state of the environment as it relates to the Department.
2. An assessment of where we are today and what is foreseen for the future.
3. Concern for the professionalism within the organization which she feels is important.
4. How to effectively involve the Board, include public participation, to provide checks and balances in the decision making process of policies and programs.

The Board offered their full support to the Secretary in working towards accomplishing her objectives.

In the absence of the Acting Chairman, William S. Brewster, Mr. Joseph W. Lund was elected Acting Chairman pro tem.

Commissioner Brownell presented the minutes of the December 19, 1974 meeting for approval and Professor Rhodes submitted the following correction to be made -

Page 2, paragraph 4, line 2, the acreage 916 should be changed to read 9.6 acres.

Following approval of the correction, as submitted, the minutes of the December 19, 1974 meeting were approved.

In reporting on Reorganization - Phase II, Commissioner Brownell stated that there were no new developments at this time.

Commissioner Brownell then presented to the Board a legislative package of all bills filed by the Department and brought to their attention those bills of major significance.

An Act Providing for Financial Assistance to Cities and Towns and Districts of the Commonwealth for Water Pollution Control Purposes.

This bill, the Commissioner said, requests a ten year extension of the $250,000,000 Bond Issue which expires in 1975.

An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Natural Resources to Enter Into An Agreement with the Department Of The Interior, Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife for the Exchange of Program Administration on Certain Lands Owned by Both Parties on Plum Island.

The Commissioner explained that the Commonwealth's land is located at the tip of Plum Island and in order to get to this land one must pass through the Department of Interior's Wildlife Refuge, this strip of land will be maintained by Interior. In exchange, he said, there is a strip of beach before you approach the Refuge and this would be that portion of Interior's land the Department of Natural Resources would take over the responsibility and maintenance of. He stated that it was first considered to exchange ownerships of these lands but was met with great opposition and it was then agreed that this would be the best approach. He added that the Department of Interior is in full accord with this exchange of program administration.

An Act Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to Convey Certain Lands of the Former Farmington River Water Power Company.

The Commissioner explained that when the Department purchased the Otis Reservoir in 1966 there were 24 privately owned structures which were partially on state owned land. This bill, he said, will authorize the Department to have appraisals made of these parcels and sell them to the owners at a fair market value.

An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Natural Resources to Lease a Portion of the Wompatuck State Park for the Development and Operation of Skeet, Trap and Pistol Range.

The land, he said, encompasses about 60 acres and the Department's Law Enforcement Officers as well as the Division of Fisheries and Game are very interested in this program.

An Act Further Regulating persons Engaged in the Business of Digging or Drilling Wells.

The Commissioner explained that the bill would make it mandatory for anyone engaged in such operations to report their results to the Division of Water Resources.

An Act to Restrict the Number of Commercial Fishing Licenses.

An Act to Permit aliens to Obtain Marine Fisheries Licenses.

Commissioner Brownell then brought before the Board for their consideration the Medfield Self-Help project #4, 242.5 acres at a Town cost of $831,000. If approved, he said, the Commonwealth will reimburse the Town on the basis of a 50% reimbursement with 25% cost shared by the Land and Water Conservation Fund. He stated that BOR funds have been almost totally obligated and therefore only a 25% reimbursement can be allowed from these funds. The Commissioner further stated that the parcel, known as Noon Hill, has been recommended for preservation in the MAPC's open space plan as well as the Department of Natural Resources' open space recreation plan. As a note of interest, he said, the property abuts approximately 100 acres of land owned by the Trustees of Reservations, and an additional parcel now privately owned but promised to the Trustees, abuts the 460 acre parcel of land recently turned over to the Department by the Medfield State Hospital.

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

VOTED - to approve the following self-help project and the stated amount made available for reimbursement.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Medfield #4	242.5	$831,000.00	$414,850.00

Commissioner Brownell brought before the Board the matter of placing modifications on coastal wetland restrictions in the Towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury, under Chapter 130, Section 105, which were adopted on February 21, 1974. He explained that since the Deed was recorded in the Registry of Deeds, it was discovered that several people were included in the restriction that should not have been since they do not own any wetlands and that they must now be deleted from the Orders of Restriction.

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

VOTED - to repeal the Order of Restriction insofar as it applies to the interest of the below listed owners of land in Tisbury, recorded as follows:

Tisbury Plan No. 1 of 3	Manuel M. Maciel Fannie F. Maciel Irene F. Wallack
Tisbury Plan No. 2 of 3	Joseph C. Allen Anne L. Allen Herb L. Baptiste Theresa M. Baptiste
Tisbury Plan No. 2 of 3	Paul S. Engley Lucille Engley Ernest W. Pachico Madeline E. Pachico Jean Swift Katherine A. Swift

VOTED - to repeal the Order of Restriction insofar as it applies to the interest of the below listed owners of land in Oak Bluffs, recorded as follows -

Oak Bluffs Plan No. 1 of 4	Louis S. Barry Isabelle C. Barry

The Board members signed the Certifications of Repeal and Amendment.

Director Gullion was then asked to attend the Board meeting to explain the proposed land swamp in the Freetown State Forest.

Director Gullion explained that the Algonquin Gas Company desires to construct a tank farm for oil storage on a portion of the Freetown State Forest. Of interest to the Gas Company is that portion of the Forest, approximately 738 acres, just east of Route 24. Included in this particular area, he said, is the so-called Indian Reservation consisting of 227 acres of land which was authorized by Chapter 384 Acts of 1939.

Director Gullion stated that the Reservation was formally established in 1945 and was recorded in the Bristol Registry of Deeds. He said, although plans were developed for homes, caretakers' quarters and a museum they were never implemented. Legally, the Indians can be provided an alternate site of suitable character and the Commonwealth has the latitude to change the location of the Reservation. Over the years, the Department has made several contacts with the Indian officials but they have never been able to decide what course of action they wanted to take and consequently have never submitted a planning proposal.

Director Gullion noted that the lands to be purchased by the Gas. Company and transferred to the Department are under present ownership of the Cranberry Corp. of America (614.8 acres) and one Clarence H. Clark (201.0 acres) located in the Towns of Freetown and Lakeville. These are abutting parcels, he said, with tremendous potential for providing suitable water based recreation which would include day-use and camping opportunities. Also, the tank farm will provide an increased energy source for South-east Massachusetts which may become crucial in a short period of time.

Further discussion centered around the relative values of the proposed land transfer, and it was the consensus of opinion that the Department as well as the public would benefit and the Board directed Commissioner Brownell to continue further investigations.

Discussion of the Department's land acquisition policy was deferred until the next Board meeting.

The Commissioner then asked the Board for their opinion on extending the time period for future Board meetings so that policies and programs of the Department could be discussed in some detail. In the past, he said, the Board's time has been taken up with land acquisition proposals and matters requiring their approval which left little time for these important discussions. The Board agreed to devote additional time at future meetings whenever it was felt necessary to do so.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for February 20, 1975 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner.

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

Frederick J. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on February 21, 1975 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Brewster, Lund, Crane and Rhodes.

The minutes of the January 20, 1975 meeting were approved as submitted.

Commissioner Brownell in reporting on legislation stated that the major legislation submitted by the Department was the $250,000,000 Water Pollution Control extension bill which, he said, has been heard and voted favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture. It has not been reported out as yet due to the backlog, but no problems are foreseen.

Mr. Luke Thompson was asked to attend the Board meeting to review the Deparment's fiscal 1975 and 1976 budgets.

Mr. Thompson reported that the Department has been placed in a serious pinch with respect to both 1975 and 1976 budgets and that the new administration has restricted the spending of funds which have already been authorized in the 1975 budget. He stated that the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs has been assigned to save $1.9 million of the 1975 budget with the Department's share being 25% of that budget figure which amounts to $467,351.00. With the no hire policy for year round positions, savings in other programs (such as Public Access), deficiencies to be met (such as Red Tide), and savings to balance the 1975 salary increases, will amount to a net possible savings to the Department of $561,752.98, which will allow $94,401.98 available for program use. This is a bare bone analysis and may not be as drastic, he said.

In reporting on the 1976 budget, Mr. Thompson said that the Department had previously submitted its budget to Secretary Foster totalling $25 million, but under the new administration the Department was instructed to make substantial reductions. These proposed reductions, if all are accepted, would result in a budget of $16,221.58, with sharp reductions in seasonal staffing, present vacancies to be continued, 31 presently filled year round positions to be terminated, no salary increases except step raises, no equipment purchases in almost all accounts, and no expansion packages to be considered. In short, he said, it is a complete bare bone approach with an eye towards eliminating programs.

Commissioner Brownell stated that he has taken no position on the revised budget and that it is being submitted on Monday next without any comments on his part. By law, he said, when the original budget was submitted, public hearings were held at strategic points throughout the State and additional hearings would have to be held on the revised budget if officially submitted to the Secretary. Since I will no longer be the Commissioner, he said, I feel that I am not in a position to comment.

Director Joel Lerner was asked to attend the Board meeting to present Self-Help projects.

Director Lerner first brought to the Board's attention the Topsfield #3 project, 9.6 acres at a town cost of $211,266.00. He reminded the Board that at the December Board meeting they had questioned the project and expressed their concern over the high cost of the acquisition and its use as a buffer area, and that they had requested a more definitive report. He said the application is being resubmitted today and the new report has defined the 9.6 acre parcel as part of a 34 acre parcel for which the Town is seeking partial reimbursement from BOR and that they feel the land is important as a screen and buffer for the open field which will be developed to meet the Town's recreational needs. Also, it would provide a buffer of green for the residence located across Route 1. He stated that the land is commercially zoned and was highly recommended in a townwide environmental impact zoning study by Metcalf & Eddy. This particular study, he said, indicates that the site is highly developable and should be considered for purchase by the Town. He added that BOR has approved the project for 50% reimbursement. Following discussion of the additional report, the Board approved the project.

The Board then discussed the Scituate #8 project, 357.0 acres at a Town cost of $215,000 which is under present ownership of Boston Sand & Gravel. Director Lerner stated that the parcel of land is located in the southern section of the Town bordering on the North River and that the Conservation Commission wished to purchase the property to protect the North River Estuary. The Town, he said, in an attempt to solve its solid waste problems needs to purchase the total holdings of Boston Sand & Gravel. This acquisition presents the Scituate Conservation Commission with the unique opportunity to gain control of the Marshes and give permanent protection to the North River Estuary.

Commissioner Brownell pointed out that the parcel in question was the holdup on the Scituate wetland restrictions and is the key as far as the North River is concerned.

The Board then discussed the Weymouth-Braintree project #1, 278.0 acres at a cost of $441,925.

Director Lerner stated that unlike other self-help projects, this application is being submitted by the Weymouth-Braintree Recreation-Conservation District rather than a conservation commission. This District, he said, was established by Chapter 790 Acts of 1973 and entitles the District to participate in the Self-Help Program. He stated that there is a 19 acre pond on the site which has a history of flooding the Weymouth Landing and the Corps of Engineers, as a flood control project, is re-building the dam to prevent flooding at Weymouth Landing. The acquisition will also preserve the natural resources of the area for passive recreation use as this is a largely populated area.

Director Lerner brought before the Board the Framingham #7 project, 1.5 acres at a cost of $8,000. He explained that the project had received previous approval of the Board in 1971 under Project #3 for $12,500. The parcel was ultimately taken by eminent domain and the Court awarded an additional $8,000 to the owner for damages.

Following discussion on the remaining Self-Help projects, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Professor Rhodes, it was -

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

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Amesbury #2	4.13	$ 3,000.00	$ 1,500.00
Boxboro #2	24.8	25,000.00	10,500.00
Framingham #7	1.5	8,000.00	4,000.00
Reading #9	294.0	60,000.00	30,000.00
Rowley #1	11.5	37,000.00	18,500.00
Scituate #8	357.0	215,000.00	107,500.00
Shirley #3	1.13	5,000.00	2,500.00
Topsfield #3	9.6	211,266.00	52,006.87
Westminster #2	148.0	5,000.00	2,500.00
Braintree-Weymouth #1	278.0	441,925.00	110,481.25

Directors Correia and Gullion were asked to attend the Board meeting to present land acquisition proposals.

In his presentation, Director Correia stated that the first three proposals being presented are in connection with the protection of the Holyoke Range. By law, he said, the Commissioner is required to protect 5,000 acres of land in the Holyoke Range, 1,800 acres of which are under Commonwealth, quasi-public and other agency ownerships. The remaining acres are under private ownership which the Department proposes to purchase, and, he said, appraisals of these lands are almost 90-100 percent complete. $3.3 million has been appropriated to accomplish the acquisition of these lands and the Department has estimated that it will cost about $2.5 million.

The first proposal, he said, consists of 320 acres of land in the Town of Amherst owned by Mr. Bruce G. Brown, at a cost of $418,250.00. If the Department agrees to purchase the 320 acres for the said amount, Mr. Brown will gift to the Department in the form of a deduction ($18,250.00) from the agreed purchase price, 243 acres of land in the Towns of Sunderland and Leverett. Also, he said, Mr. Brown has indicated that over a period of time he would gift to the Conservation Commission his remaining parcels in the area. He added that the proposed gift of land is contingent on the purchase of the 320 acres for the said amount.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 320 acres of land in Amherst, Massachusetts, owned by Bruce G. Brown at the agreed purchase price of four hundred eighteen thousand, two hundred fifty dollars ($418,250.00).

VOTED - to approve the acceptance of a gift of Bruce G. Brown to the Department of Natural Resources in the form of a deduction from the agreed purchase price in the amount of eighteen thousand, two hundred fifty dollars ($18,250.00).

VOTED - to approve the acceptance of a gift of Bruce G. Brown to the Department of Natural Resources of approximately 243 acres of land in the Towns of Sunderland and Leverett, Massachusetts, the majority of said approximately 243 acres being adjacent to the Mt. Toby State Forest.

VOTED - to approve that the proposed gift as stated in Item 3 is conditional on the consummation of Items 1 and 2.

Director Correia then asked the Board to consider the acquisition of 39 acres of land in the Town of Amherst owned by David and Claire Fortier, in the amount of $34,000 which is also a part of the Holyoke Range acquisition proposal. He stated that the Fortier's have indicated that they would grant a conservation easement on the remainder of their tract of land in Amherst.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 39 acres of land in Amherst, Massachusetts, owned by David and Claire Fortier, for the amount of $34,000.

Director Correia then presented the proposal to acquire 38.9 acres of land in the Town of South Hadley from John F. Tehan, in the amount of $12,000, also in relation to the Holyoke Range acquisition proposal. Director Correia pointed out that the parcel is situated on a ridge with no frontage and therefore not as costly as other acquisition proposals.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 38.9 acres of land in South Hadley, Massachusetts, owned by John F. Tehan, for the amount of $12,000.

Director Correia then presented a proposal to purchase 10.1 acres of land in Westfield owned by EPON REALTY TRUST, in the amount of $154,000. The parcel, he said, is adjacent to the Pequot Pond State Park and is essential for the proper development of the beach area. The owner, he said, maintained a very lucrative construction activity at the site and, included in the acquisition is an office building, shops and garages in excellent condition that will require very little alteration in order to be utilized by the Department. Director Correia indicated that the Department had made two substantial purchases some years ago which were also part of the Pequot Pond Park, namely, Kingsley and Lambert Beaches. As a note of interest, he said, the area is industrially zoned.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 10.1 acres of land, with improvements, in Westfield, Massachusetts, owned by the EPON REALTY TRUST, for the amount of $154,000.

Commissioner Brownell gave the Board members a copy of the Memo he had submitted to Secretary Murphy outlining the Department's acquisition, design and construction program for fiscal 1975 and 1976.

Commissioner Brownell then brought before the Board the matter of lifting a certain restriction under General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40A in the Town of Dedham. Three wetland sites, he said, nos. 34, 35 and 36, owned by the Readville Realty Trust (Stop & Shop Inc.) were restricted under date of November 14, 1974. The Readville Realty Trust opposed the restriction on wetland no. 35 and requested further investigation. The Department's subsequent investigation proved that the area in question was in fact totally dike with no inlet and outlet and it was therefore recommended that the restriction be lifted on wetland no. 35.

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

VOTED - to repeal the Order of Restriction insofar as it applied to wetland no. 35, owned by the Readville Realty Trust in Dedham, Massachusetts, and to record the Certificate of Repeal and Amendment in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds.

The Board members signed the Certificate of Repeal and Amendment.

In discussing the resignation of Commissioner Arthur W. Brownell, the members of the Board of Natural Resources wished to go on record in expressing their gratitude and appreciation to Arthur W. Brownell for his six years of devoted and constructive service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Department of Natural Resources.

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

Following discussion on a replacement for the position of Commissioner, the Board agreed that they would submit their recommendations for a replacement in writing to Secretary Murphy and to request that she give serious consideration to appoint someone from within the Department with knowledge and expertise in the affairs of the Department of Natural Resources.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for Wednesday, March 19, 1975 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner.

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

Frederick G Crane Jr

A special meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on February 27, 1975 in the office of William S. Brewster, Acting Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources, 140 Federal Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Brewster, Lund and Rhodes.

Acting on the instructions of Dr. Evelyn F. Murphy, Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, a special meeting of the Board was called to discuss a replacement for Commissioner Arthur W. Brownell due to his resignation effective February 28, 1975.

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

VOTED - to appoint Joseph H. Brown, Jr. as Acting Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, effective March 1, 1975.

Under date of February 28, 1975 via telephone conversation between Messrs. Lund, Crane and Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - to grant a leave of absence to Joseph H. Brown, Jr., from his position of Deputy Commissioner, for an indefinite period, while serving as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

VOTED - to establish Commissioner Joseph H. Brown, Jr.'s salary at $24,864.00 while serving in this capacity.

Frederick G. Crane Jr

Frederick G. Crane
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on Wednesday, March 19, 1975 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Brewster and Lund.

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

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held April 16, 1975 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Brewster, Rhodes, Lund and Crane.

The minutes of the February 21, 1975 meeting were approved as presented.

The Commissioner Brown first brought before the Board the proposed adoption of an order under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105 regulating and restricting approximately 3,096 acres of coastal wetlands in the Town of Eastham. He asked Director Kennedy to attend the Board meeting and explain the order.

Director Kennedy first noted that there are 279 landowners involved in the restriction and that a public hearing was held in Eastham on the restrictions on September 26, 1973. He explained that the hearing was conducted under the new Amendment by which a dual hearing was held, that is, it included both coastal and inland restrictions. However, he said, the Department is not ready to begin the inland restriction process due basically to the shortage in manpower. He then outlined on a map the coastal area to be restricted.

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

VOTED - to adopt the order as presented under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105 regulating and restricting coastal wetlands in the Town of Eastham, County of Barnstable, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to file the order with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds.

The Board members signed the order of restriction.

Director Kennedy then presented the proposed adoption of an order under General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40A regulating and restricting approximately 855 acres of inland wetlands in the Town of Needham, which, he said, involves 188 separate landowners.

Director Kennedy explained that a public hearing was held in April, 1973 and unlike the coastal wetland restriction process, the Department must obtain the approval of the Board of Selectmen and within thirty days following the hearing they must either sign the restriction or notify the Department in writing that they do not

concur, which then forces the Department into a six months delay to try and satisfy the differences. At the end of this period, the Department can then go forward and place the restriction without their approval. This, he said, was the course of action followed by the Needham Board of Selectmen and, now that the six month waiting period is up the Deparment will proceed to place the restriction in the Town of Needham.

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

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

The Board members signed the order of restriction.

Commissioner Brown then brought before the Board the matter of appointing an acting director of the Division of Law Enforcement, as authorized by statute. He asked the Board's approval to designate Mr. Sam Ameen as the Acting Director. Mr. Ameen, he said, is the Assistant Director in that Division at the present time.

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

VOTED - to approve the designation of Mr. Sam Ameen as Acting Director for the Division of Law Enforcement in the event of the Director's absence from duty.

Commissioner Brown informed the Board that the Department has been requested to submit a revised budget to reflect a ten percent reduction in all division accounts in the current fiscal year appropriation. He noted that this would be the third budget prepared by the Department.

Director Gullion was asked to attend the Board meeting to discuss the proposed changes in the rules and regulations governing the Division of Forests & Parks and he presented copies of same to the Board members. He explained that the major changes are certain increases in user fees especially at the camping facilities. One of the

more significant increases, he said, is the cottage permits on the Myles Standish State Forest. This fee, in the calendar year 1976 will be increased from $160.00 per year to $240.00 per year with the exception of Fearings Pond which will remain the same due to the fact that there is no electricity there. Cottage site fee at Ashmere Lake to be increased to $160.00 per year, and campsite permit fee increased to $50.00 per year. He added that public hearings have been held on the proposed changes and rate increases were not met with much favor.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the matter of eliminating the cottages on these areas, and the Board felt that serious consideration should be given in the near future to the cancellation of all such cottage permits.

Commissioner Brown presented the Board with copies of the Rink, Pool and Tennis Court Study which, he said, is the result of a mandate of last year's session of the General Court, directing this Department to accomplish this study in conjunction with the Departments of Education and MDC and members of the private sector. This report, he said, was presented to the Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture on Tuesday, April 15, 1975.

Commissioner Brown highlighted the major recommendations of the report. He stated that he hoped the report would bring about a more cooperative working relationship in the planning area with other state agencies and private facility owners. Also, produce a standard criteria to construct such facilities which obviously has been lacking up to now. And, that the state should not construct any more skating facilities for the next two years. He stated that the Department is faced with two problems - one is that the Department has been mandated by the General Court to construct two more rinks in the Central Hampshire and Southern Berkshire Counties, and that additional rinks have been proposed for Rockland, Harwich and Red Bridge. Also, he said, the report indicates that there should be no additional pools constructed until some type of program is established to transfer the facilities to community

operation. He noted that the entire recreation budget is approximately $9 million and that the rink and pool program is one half this sum.

The report was met with the Board's approval and they concurred with the recommendations set forth.

Commissioner Brown and Director Correia then brought before the Board the South Cape Beach acquisition proposal which comprises approximately 400 acres with the largest landowner being the New Seabury Corporation. It was noted that appraisals approximates $1.8 million and that a property exchange between the Town of Mashpee and the Department will be necessary.

Commissioner Brown reported that he had recently met with the Mashpee Board of Selectmen and they indicated their approval for eminent domain taking provided the Department conducts public hearings. He also reported that the Department has submitted a BOR application for contingency funds for fifty percent reimbursement and that it has $900,000 to negotiate purchases. He stated that a public hearing would give the Department a better barometer by which to obtain public opinion and he asked the Board's approval to hold a public hearing to allow the Department to outline its proposal to the general public. Director Correia showed on a map the area under discussion.

The Board expressed its favor of the proposal and directed Commissioner Brown to go forward with the public hearing.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for Wednesday, May 21, 1975 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner.

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

Joseph W. Lund

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held at 10 a.m. on May 21, 1975 in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Brewster, Lund and Rhodes.

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

The minutes of the April 16, 1975 meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Brown and Mr. Luke Thompson outlined for the Board the Department's 1976 fiscal year budget.

Commissioner Brown reported that the Department had submitted its 1976 budget to the then Secretary of Environmental Affairs, Dr. Charles H. W. Foster, in the amount of $25 million. He said, the current year appropriation is approximately $17.7 million but to fully fund all existing programs and positions would require approximately $19 million for the current fiscal year. Under the new administration the Department was directed to reduce its 1976 budget by 10 percent below the existing appropriation to reflect a total budget of $16 million and to rank its programs in order of priority.

To comply with this request, Commissioner Brown said, each Director was asked to resubmit a budget in accordance with the priority ranking system and reflecting another 10 percent reduction. This was accomplished within one week's time and resubmitted to the Secretary's office. The Commissioner then gave the Board members a copy of the final budget and a summary outlining the affects the reductions would have on the Department. In actuality, he said, the final budget reflects a 20 percent reduction of the original budget request. Personnel, he said, is the most seriously affected in that 153 year round positions will cease, 65 year round positions converted to seasonal, and 168 positions will either be discharged, downgraded or some other method of reduction initiated as of July 1st. The Commissioner and Mr. Thompson further outlined other major policy implications that will result if and when the proposed budget becomes effective.

Commissioner Brown then brought before the Board the proposed adoption of an order under General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40A regulating and restricting approximately 242 acres of inland wetlands in the Town of Eastham.

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

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

The Commissioner then presented the proposed adoption of an order under General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40A regulating and restricting approximately 225 acres of land in the City of Waltham.

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

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

The Board members signed the orders of restriction.

Directors Correia and Gullion were then asked to attend the Board meeting to present several acquisition proposals in connection with the Holyoke Range. Director Correia first outlined the Department's long range plan of acquisition and in so doing presented the several proposals which, he said, are part of the Department's ultimate program to acquire private land holdings within the bounds of the Holyoke Range. He pointed out on a map the location of the areas of acquisition being presented.

Director Correia's first presentation was a proposal to acquire approximately 3.2 acres of land in the Town of Amherst. The parcel, he said, is being offered

for sale for the sum of $1,150 by the owner Mr. Vincent P. Cavanaugh. Following discussion, upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 3.2 acres of unimproved land in Amherst, Massachusetts (Holyoke Range) owned by Vincent P. Cavanaugh for the sum of $1,150.

He then presented for the Board's consideration an acquisition proposal of approximately 10 acres of land in the Town of Amherst, owned by D. Ruben Pomeroy for the amount of $3,500. Following discussion, upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 10 acres of unimproved land in Amherst, Massachusetts, owned by D. Ruben Pomeroy for the sum of $3,500.

The Board then considered the proposal to purchase approximately 10 acres of land in the Town of Amherst, owned by Lawrence L. Lashway for the sum of $3,500. Following discussion, upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 10 acres (2 parcels) of unimproved land in Amherst, Massachusetts, owned by Lawrence L. Lashway for the sum of $3,500.

Director Correia pointed out that it was not necessary to bring these three proposals before the Board because they were under $5,000 but was doing so to show the relationship of the parcels to the overall acquisition proposal.

The Board then considered the proposal to purchase approximately 105 acres of land in the Town of Granby, owned by Wilbur H. Easton for the sum of $26,250. Upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 105 acres of unimproved land (11 parcels) in the Town of Granby, Massachusetts, owned by Wilbur H. Easton for the amount of $26,250.

Director Correia then presented a proposal to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in the Town of Amherst, owned by Homer W. Cowles, for the sum of $21,750. Upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of 44 acres (2 parcels) of unimproved land in Amherst, Massachusetts, owned by Homer W. Cowles for the sum of $21,750.

Also in connection with the Holyoke Range proposal, Director Correia presented a proposal to purchase an undetermined number of acres of land in Amherst under ownership of Edward J. Kaniecki and Ninna M. Kaniecki. He stated that because of the uncertainty of ownership and the location of the parcels the exact acreage has not been established. However, he said, it has been determined that the area will not exceed 25 acres and the established price per acre will be $350.

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

VOTED - to approve the purchase of land (not to exceed 25 acres) at a cost of $350 per acre in Amherst, Massachusetts (Holyoke Range) owned by Edward J. Kaniecki and Ninna M. Kaniecki.

The Board then discused the proposal to acquire 18 acres of land located in Amherst, owned by the Elf Hill Corporation (Edward R. Markert) for the sum of $6,300.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 18 acres of unimproved land in Amherst, Massachusetts, owned by Elf Hill Corporation (Edward R. Markert) for the sum of $6,300.

Lastly, Director Correia asked the Board to consider the acceptance of a gift of land encompassing approximately 2900 square feet from Edward R. Markert and Clara D. Markert. The parcel, he said, is within the bounds of the Holyoke Range and adjacent to property which the Department purchased from the Markert's several years ago.

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

VOTED - to approve the acceptance of a gift of Edward R. Markert and Clara A. Markert (husband and wife) to the Department of Natural Resources of approximately 2900 square feet of land in Amherst, Massachusetts. The mentioned land is adjacent to the Holyoke Range.

Commissioner Brown stated that it was his intention, with the Board's approval, to continue to purchase the Holyoke Range properties in fee before the Department considers easements, takings, etc. The Board agreed that Commissioner Brown's suggestion was the best approach and gave its approval for him to continue in this fashion.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for June 19, 1975 in the office of the Commissioner.

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

Frederick J Crane Jr

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held June 25, 1975 at 10 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Brewster, Crane and Lund.

Dr. Evelyn F. Murphy was present for the meeting to introduce to the Board the new Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, Dr. Bette Woody. Following the introduction, Dr. Murphy discussed with the Board the matter of a waiver of fees at the Mt. Tom Reservation. The Secretary first explained that due to recent legislation, as of July 1, 1975 the Mt. Tom Reservation will be transferred from the Hampshire County Commissioners authority to the Department of Natural Resources. Up to the time of transfer, she said, there has never been a user fee established at this area and the County Commissioners have expressed their concern with what impact a fee system will have on the general public. The Commissioners have requested that a waiver of fees be considered by the Department so that an orderly transition could take place, and also, to avoid public disorder. The Secretary indicated that she would be in agreement to the waiver of fees request, at least for one year.

Following discussion, it was the Board's opinion that it was a reasonable request, to which they gave their approval. They suggested that it should be made clear to the Commissioners that the request would be honored for this season only and that the area would then be placed under the Department's user fee system, henceforth.

The matter of Commissioner Woody's salary was then discussed, and upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - that the salary of Commissioner Bette Woody be established at $24,864 per year.

The minutes of the May 21, 1975 meeting were approved as submitted.

Mr. Brewster informed Commissioner Woody that the Board wished to go on record in expressing their appreciation to Mr. Joseph H. Brown while serving in the capacity of Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources and requested that the following resolution be placed in the minutes of the meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Natural Resources expresses its sincere appreciation to Joseph H. Brown, Jr. for his services as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources from March 1, 1975 to June 30, 1975. He has handled the affairs of the Department in an orderly and efficient manner during this period. Particular administrative ability and unusual effort were required to recast the departmental budget to meet the requirements of the Commonwealth's financial crisis, and we commend Mr. Brown for the effective way in which the budget information was assembled and presented in order to permit cabinet and state level decisions to be made on the various operations of the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Joseph H. Brown, Jr. and Dr. Evelyn F. Murphy, Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

Director Richard Correia was then asked to attend the Board meeting to present an acquisition proposal in connection with the Holyoke Range, and in so doing, the Director first outlined on a map those areas which have been purchased to date, those the Department has had some agreement with the owners, and those being proposed for future acquisition.

Director Correia then presented the proposal to purchase approximately 3.9 acres of land in the Town of Amherst, owned by Frank & Ignace (Eugene) Mosakiewicz for the sum of $1,600.00.

In keeping with the Board's policy to acquire as much land in the Holyoke Range area as is possible in fee, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was-

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of approximately 3.9 acres of unimproved land in Amherst (Holyoke Range), Massachusetts, owned by Frank & Ignace (Eugene) Mosakiewicz

Director Bruce Gullion was asked to attend the Board meeting to present a land acquisition proposal. In presenting the proposal, Director Gullion first explained that the former Nike Site located in North Weymouth has been declared government surplus property and the Department has expressed its interest to the General Services Administration to acquire the site. The area, he said, would be used as a maintenance access to the Boston Harbor Islands, namely, Great Bumpkin and Slate Islands. Located north and east of the Nike Site is a 14 acre parcel of land known as Fort Point (Weymouth) and, if the Department acquires the Nike Site this particular area would

be crucial to the Department as a means of protection against development, and to provide a companion holding to the area for park, recreation and conservation purposes. To this end, he said, the Department is seeking the Board's approval to have an appraisal made of the 14 acre parcel.

Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to have an appraisal made of the 14 acres of land known as Fort Point, Weymouth, for purposes of future acquisition.

Director Joel Lerner was asked to attend the Board meeting to present Self-Help applications.

Director Lerner first indicated that with the applications being presented today in the amount of $402,057 there will be a remaining balance of $1,029,451 of the $5,000,000 appropriation. He pointed out that there were approximately $3.6 million in applications on file, to date, of which $2.6 million have been approved at town meetings.

In discussing the many applications being presented, the Board was of the opinion that they should only act on those projects that were considered crucial, due to the diminutive balance and until such time as a decision is forthcoming on any new Capital Outlay funds. The Board directed Director Lerner to prepare a priority criteria system to which the Board could refer for future self-help applications.

Director Lerner first presented the Dennis project #20, 23.4 acres of land at a town cost of $371,000. This parcel, he said, is located in the west central section of the town along the Bass River and the Conservation Commission wishes to acquire the land as it is the last remaining parcel along the River still in its natural state. The Board approved the project.

In presenting the Norwood #3 project, 37.23 acres of land at a town cost of $94,000, Director Lerner stated that the parcel was located adjacent to the school and recreation department's properties. He said the area was the last large open

space area in the town and should be preserved for conservation and passive recreation uses. The Board approved the acquisition.

The Director then presented the Haverhill #2 project, 74.0 acres of land at a town cost of $146,000. This project, he said, was given preliminary approval by the Board in September, 1974 which, at that time, was to be cost shared with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation's Land and Water Conservation Fund, but due to the many restrictions placed on the project under the BOR program the town has determined not to seek these funds and are therefore requesting an additional 25 percent ($36,500) under the Self-Help program. The Board approved the action.

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	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Dennis #20	23.4	$371,000.00	$185,000.00
Haverhill #2	74.0	146,000.00	36,500.00
Norwood #3	37.23	94,000.00	47,000.00

The date for the next Board meeting was set for Thursday, July 17, 1975 in the office of the Commissioner.

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

Frederick J Crane Jr