A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held January 14, 1964 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Brewster and McCabe.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Miller on account of unfavorable weather, it was moved and seconded that Mr. Brewster be elected Secretary pro tem.

The Chairman then called upon Commissioner Foster for a progress report concerning Department activities since the previous meeting.

The Commissioner outlined the extensive pollution abatement program recommended for the Merrimack River and advised the Board that the Governor's annual message had recommended substantial programs in the recreation and water resource fields. He stated that discussions were under way with Rhode Island and Connecticut concerning a tri-state conference of resource personnel during the month of March.

The Commissioner further reported that the Department's new Division of Conservation Services is in the process of organization and is expected to be fully staffed by the next meeting.

The Commissioner then brought before the Board his recommendation of the appointment of Francis B. Mahoney, of Framingham, as Director of the Division of Forests and Parks. He stated that Mr. Mahoney had been a career employee of the Department for more than twenty years and had recently completed outstanding service as Regional Forest and Park Supervisor and Chief Fire Warden.

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

VOTED - to approve the Commissioner's recommendation of Francis B. Mahoney as Director of the Division of Forests and Parks.

Director Mahoney was then invited to attend the meeting where he described in brief his recommendations concerning the future activities of the Division of Forests and Parks.

Commissioner Foster advised the Board of the dedicated services of John H. Lambert as Acting Director of Forests and Parks since the death of Raymond J. Kenney. Mr. Lambert was invited to attend the meeting to receive the Board's commendation and the Commissioner was directed to inform Mr. Lambert officially of the Board's appreciation by formal communication.

The Board next considered the acquisition of property of Thomas H. and Alice P. Connors as an addition to the Walden Pond State Reservation, and Mr. Frederick Bowers was requested to attend the meeting to describe the project in detail.

The Commissioner explained that the acquisition would further reduce an in-holding already approved for purchase by the Board. Upon motion of Mr. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to accept offer of Thomas H. and Alice P. Connors to sell 5,900 square feet of land and dwelling on the westerly side of Concord Road in Lincoln for the sum of $7,000; subject to the right to remove a small amount of shrubbery and the right to occupy premises until July 1, 1964.

The Board then considered the request of the South Hadley Conservation Commission for financial assistance in the acquisition of land for conservation and recreation purposes. Mr. Yasi and Mr. Bowers expressed the favorable recommendations of the Department concerning the green belt proposal of the South Hadley Conservation Commission and indicated that the project at hand was only one part of a carefully drawn long range plan.

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

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to reimburse the town of South Hadley for acquisition of 7 acres of Ittner land for conservation and recreation purposes for the sum of $2,500.

Next discussed was the application of the Danvers Conservation Commission for a self-help conservation project involving 16.1 acres of the former Endicott estate in Danvers. Mr. Yasi stated that the town had approved an appropriation of $130,000 for a joint undertaking shared by the Danvers Historical Society, the Danvers Conservation Commission and the town of Danvers.

The Board was unanimous in its commendation of this project as a model co-operative undertaking, and upon motion of Mr. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to reimburse the town of Danvers for acquisition of 16.1 acres of the former Endicott estate for conservation and recreation purposes for the sum of $10,500.

The application of the Concord Conservation Commission for financial assistance in relation to the acquisition of 11 acres of land for conservation and recreation purposes was next discussed by the Board. Mr. Bowers and Mr. Yasi pointed out that this acquisition had been recommended for approval by field personnel of the Department and fell within the master plan presented previously by the Concord Conservation Commission. Upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. McCabe, it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to reimburse the town of Concord for Project No. 7 for the acquisition of 11 acres of Flannery land for conservation and recreation purposes for the sum of $2,000.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. with the date of the next meeting set for February 11, 1964 in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston.

W D Brewster

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held February 11, 1964 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Brewster and Miller.

The minutes of the January 14, 1954 meeting were approved without correction.

The Commissioner then asked Mr. Henry G. McCarthy and Mr. Harold J. Greene to attend the meeting to present detailed information on the Governor's recommended 1965 budget.

Mr. Greene briefly summarized the Department's requests, and the Governor's recommendations and stated that the budget is now before the House Ways and Means Committee for consideration.

Mr. McCarthy commented that although no new positionswere allowed per general policy decision of the Governor, there is a possibility of reconsideration in those activities not supported by the General Fund.

The Commissioner noted the Annual Message recommendation of a $3 million bond issue for state parks expansion and an accelerated water resource program.

Following discussion of the 1965 budget requests and recommendations, the Board authorized the Commissioner to seek restitution of funds and positions wherever possible in line with the budget requests previously submitted.

Mr. Robert L. Yasi was then asked to attend the meeting to review the conservation law enforcement legislation, House 41. He stated that although the bill is being heard before the State Administration Committee, the Committee on Natural Resources is also interested in the bill. He further stated that questions have arisen as to whether the word "police" should be included in the designation of enforcement officers since it was felt that the word "police" might bring some fringe benefits to the enforcement personnel which other police officers now receive under the heart and hypertension bills. He reported that the rest of the questions concerning the bill were principally of a budgetary or administrative nature i.e. whether the grade increase should be written into the bill itself, whether a one grade increase would provide satisfactory compensation in lieu of overtime, and

whether the regulations on conduct of officers should be promulgated by the Commissioner rather than the Director. The Commissioner reported that the Department's draft of rules and regulations have been awaiting review by the Bureau of Personnel for more than three months. He then recommended that the rules and regulations be put into effect by March 1, 1964, at the latest, and the Board gave its approval to the Commissioner's recommendation.

In further discussing House 41, the Commissioner asked the Board if it was in agreement with the course of action being taken on this conservation law enforcement legislation, and Chairman Fulham stated that he felt the Department should continue working on the bill as outlined.

Commissioner Foster then reported that the Division of Fisheries and Game, as an outgrowth of the former Director's interest in outdoor recreation and land acquisition, has now embarked upon a proposed land acquisition program of its own and the Fish and Game Board has authorized the Director to seek legislation which would increase the licenses by $1.00 across the board, with this additional money being placed in the Inland Fish and Game Fund, matched by a similar amount from the General Fund, and the total earmarked exclusively for purposes of land acquisition. The Commissioner then said that there was a good chance that the increase of $1.00 in license fees would be approved but the availability of $300,000 in matching General Funds was extremely doubtful at the present time. As an alternate, he suggested an arrangement with the Division of Fisheries and Game similar to the Department's conservation commission self-help program utilizing recreation bond issue funds. Discussion followed on whether the two land acquisition programs should be kept strictly apart and it was the unanimous feeling of the Board that the Department should closely coordinate its activities and help the Division seek additional lands for the hunter and fisherman, as assistance of this sort will enable an acceleration of the Department's long range program to provide additional recreational opportunities for all the citizens of the Commonwealth. It was the further consensus of

the Board that it would look with favor upon assisting Division acquisition projects financially within the legal and budgetary limitations of the Department's recreational bond issue program if the Division's proposed program is authorized by the legislature. The Chairman then stated that he would inform the Chairman of the Fish and Game Board of the Board's decisions regarding the proposed land acquisition program of the Division of Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Brewster then recommended that the Chairman of the Fish and Game Board be invited to attend meetings of the Board of Natural Resources in an ex officio capacity in order to insure closer coordination of the programs of the respective agencies. The other members of the Board and the Commissioner were very receptive to this suggestion, and following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - that Chairman Fulham invite the Chairman of the Fish and Game Board to attend all subsequent meetings ex officio in order to improve communications and insure closer coordination of agency programs.

Commissioner Foster then asked Director Francis B. Mahoney and Mr. Frederick Bowers to attend the meeting for a discussion of the proposed agreement between the Department and the American Telephone & Telegraph Company for conveyances of state-owned land in Foxboro and Pittsfield and the necessary locations for a cross-country buried coaxial cable.

Mr. Bowers reported that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will exchange approximately 760 acres of land in Chesterfield and Warwick having a total value in the amount of $22,000 in return for a conveyance of sufficient land in Foxboro and Pittsfield for the construction of transmitter facilities. Mr. Bowers further stated that the American Telephone & Telegraph Company would convey to the Commonwealth approximately 800 acres of land in Warwick and Northfield having a total value in excess of $18,000 if the Department would grant a location for the installation of 2,783 linear rods of buried coaxial cable across state forest and park

land in Berkshire, Franklin and Worcester Counties. Mr. Mahoney pointed out to the Board that in this instance the fee would remain with the Commonwealth.

Commissioner Foster expressed the unanimous belief of the Department that these transactions would be in the interest of the Commonwealth and following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve a proposal to convey to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company - (a) a 90,000 square foot parcel of state forest land in Foxborough; (b) a 90,000 square foot parcel of state forest land in Pittsfield; (c) and a 71,555 square foot parcel of state forest land in Pittsfield in exchange for 448 acres of land in Chesterfield and 315 acres of land in Warwick having a total value in the amount of about $22,000, and to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute any agreements and deeds required for the completion of the transaction.

VOTED - to approve the granting of a location to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for the installation of a buried coaxial cable on various tracts of state forest land in Berkshire, Franklin and Worcester Counties and to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute any necessary agreements and deeds to complete said transaction and accept in return for said location approximately 800 acres of land in Warwick and Northfield having a total value of about $18,870.

Mr. Bowers then reported that Bernard G. Cambra had offered to sell 20,000 square feet of land and a building near Dighton Rock State Park for $5,200 which he said would be a valuable addition to the state park property. The Commissioner outlined the Department's long-range plans to acquire cottage lots of this type for protection purposes and following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 20,000 square feet of land and building near Dighton Rock State Park in Berkley from Bernard G. Cambra, et ux, for a consideration of $5,200.

The offer of Leon P. Wares to sell about 137 acres of land adjacent to the Willard Brook State Forest for $5,000 plus the 1964 taxes was next considered by the Board. Mr. Bowers pointed out that this property was near the Pearl Hill Brook area of the forest and had been considered for acquisition for a number of years. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of about 137 acres of land in Ashby, Fitchburg and Lunenburg from Leon P. Wares, et ux, for a consideration of $5,000. plus the 1964 real estate taxes amounting to approximately $174.

Mr. Bowers then said that the Dukes County Commissioner had requested a conveyance of 63,512 square feet of state forest land in Edgartown for the purpose of extending its airport runways. Director Mahoney pointed out that the airport was established on the Martha's Vineyard State Forest and the property was needed so that additional lights could be installed for landing purposes. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to approve a conveyance of 63,512 square feet of state forest land in Edgartown to the County Commissioners of Dukes County for the purpose of extending an approach light lane at the County Airport for a consideration of one dollar and to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute a deed conveying said land.

In commenting upon the request for the Board's approval to increase the consideration the Department had agreed to pay for certain parcels of land during 1963, the Commissioner said that the Department had encountered unforeseen delays in obtaining appraisals and title examinations, so that in some instances, despite signed agreements to purchase property, it has not been able to make payment to the owner within the current tax year. The Commissioner said that the added consideration for the payment of the 1964 real estate taxes would probably amount to about $5,000 on pending acquisitions and, in his judgment, constituted a legitimate obligation of the Commonwealth. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - that Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster be authorized to add to the considerations which the Department of Natural Resources has agreed to pay for various parcels of land during the year of 1963, any amount which the Collector of Taxes of the town in which the land is situated is willing to accept as a deposit for payment of the 1964 real estate tax, the total amount of said additions shall not exceed $5,000.

The Commissioner then brought before the Board the matter of the land taking in Taunton authorized by the Board by vote on February 14, 1963. He reminded the Board that an interim taking had been voted to forestall a commercial operation on a portion of the land sold recently but that, fortunately, this development had not yet occurred. He stated that the Department was now ready to proceed with the second major acquisition needed to round out present holdings and suggested that a new order of taking be authorized by the Board. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to rescind vote of February 14, 1963, approving the taking of about 214 acres of land on South Precinct Street, Turner Street and Highstone Street, in Taunton, which is deemed necessary 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. Said land is shown on a plan entitled, "PLAN OF LAND IN TAUNTON TO BE TAKEN BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FEBRUARY 11, 1963, SCALE 1" = 200'" and to adopt the following vote -

VOTED - to approve the taking for conservation and recreation purposes of about 215 acres of land, including trees and buildings thereon, situated on South Precinct Street, Turner Street and Highstone Street in Taunton 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, said land is shown on plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND IN TAUNTON TO BE TAKEN BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FEBRUARY 10, 1964 SCALE 1" = 200'"

PARCEL NO.	SUPPOSED OWNER	AWARD (DOLLARS
1, 2	Heirs of Charles Richmond	300.00
3, 4	City of Taunton	200.00
5	Peter A. Deniz, et ux	100.00
6, 7, 8	Southeastern Construction, Inc.	10,500.00
9	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1.00
10	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1.00
11	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1.00
12	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1.00
13, 14	Eastern Mass. Street Railroad Co.	100.00
15	Heirs of Manuel Tavares, et al	5,200.00
16	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1.00
17	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1.00

18, 19, 20	Evelyn P. Santos	19,500.00
21, 22	John W. Lewkowicz	500.00
23	Ervin B. Westgate	300.00
24	Roger L. Westgate, et ux	550.00
	Total	$37,256.00

Commissioner Foster stated that the negotiations which he had been authorized to conduct with the Ipswich School Committee relative to a conveyance of land have now been mutually resolved and the Town of Ipswich is proposing to convey to the Department a 15 acre inholding adjacent to the Newburyport Turnpike in exchange for a 17.23 acre exterior parcel of the Willowdale State Forest to be used for school purposes. He further stated that the transaction is contingent upon favorable action on the School Committee's article in the town warrant for the purchase and exchange of this land. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve a proposal of the Town of Ipswich to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts approximately 15 acres of land in Ipswich in exchange for a 17.23 acre parcel of state forest land also in Ipswich, being a part of the Willowdale State Forest.

The status of the gypsy moth during 1964 was brought to the Board's attention by the Commissioner and he asked Chief of Insect Pest Control, Charles S. Hood, to participate in the meeting to give detailed information about the situation. Mr. Hood stated that as the result of careful ground and aerial surveys conducted during the summer and fall, there appears to be a prospect of substantial defoliation in western Massachusetts unless natural or artificial controls occur. He stated that he has held meetings with his staff to finalize possible areas for spraying and the maps showing areas of infestation are now being reviewed by the Department's regional personnel to determine the effect on forestry, recreation and aesthetic values. In addition, he said he has already started the usual process of notifying the cities and towns of the actual areas of infestation, and informing them that a member of the Department will call upon the local Moth Superintendent to discuss the situation.

The Commissioner said that by the next meeting of the Board the Department's recommendations will have been crystallized and the reactions of the towns to a control program will be known.

Commissioner Foster reported that he had been informed by the Governor that Massachusetts is already receiving a considerable number of inquiries from people planning to attend the World's Fair. On the basis of this information, the Commissioner said he had asked Director Mahoney and Chief of Rcreation Howard to put together suggestions for a temporary expansion of camping and trailer facilities during the life of the Fair, and he asked Mr. Arnold Howard to attend the meeting to explain the details of such an accelerated program. Mr. Howard said he had contacted all the Forest and Park Supervisors to find out what was available in undeveloped areas and, on the basis of the facts received, it was found that some 600 additional sites could be provided each year from a period of June to September for an expenditure of $38,260. In giving further details of the proposed program, he said that 23 forests and parks would be involved; additional personnel required would be 44 seasonal conservation helpers at a cost of $32,560; rental of toilet buildings would cost $5,000; and reactivation of drinking water supplies would require an expenditure of $700.

The Commissioner advised the Board that the Department was also considering an effective communications system between recreation areas so that if one area was filled it would be possible to find out what other facilities were available in the immediate vicinity.

Mr. Howard mentioned that he had written to the Director of Parks in New Jersey to find out what plans were being made in other states, and Mr. Miller suggested to Mr. Howard that he also contact Seattle to find out how campers were accommodated at its fair.

The Board expressed its interest in the proposed program and commended both Director Mahoney and Mr. Howard for such a fine presentation on such short notice.

The Board also was of the opinion that the Commissioner should advise the Governor of its plan for the accommodation of visitors to the World's Fair in New York, and seek the necessary operating funds if the program is approved.

In commenting upon Department activities, the Commissioner stated that numerous temporary promotions have taken place in recent months which are expected to be resolved shortly by Civil Service lists. He noted the Department's long-standing policy of re-employing seasonal employees who had worked for the Department in former years with satisfactory records, rather than hiring all new employees each season, and the Board was of the opinion that the Department should continue with such a policy.

The Commissioner stated that he had received a communication from Associate Commissioner of Public Works John D. Warner indicating his desire to work closely with the Department in the planning of highway locations and facilities. He also mentioned that a federal enforcement conference on the Merrimack River is being conducted today by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, at which he has been asked to testify regarding recreation, fisheries and water resources. He reported that the test case on salt marshes, which questions the Department's authority to modify dredge and fill projects in the interest of fisheries, has been postponed to February 18. Assistant Attorney General John E. Sullivan is handling the case for the Department.

The date for the next meeting was set for March 10, 1964 in the office of the Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Donald B. Mullen
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held March 31, 1964 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham and Brewster.

The Commissioner asked Mr. Robert L. Yasi to attend the meeting to report on the status of the Department's legislation. Mr. Yasi said that the Governor's proposed $3 million parks expansion program, as set forth in his Annual Message, is now in House Ways and Means Committee, and then briefly commented on the following bills -

H. 309 - Petition of Francis W. Sargent and Allan F. Jones for legislation relative to the closing of the fishing, hunting and trapping season (during forest fire emergencies) by proclamation of the Governor - legislation enacted and signed into law by the Governor.

H. 41 - State Administration Committee - Relative to the organization of the Department - received a favorable report as a result of the Department's redraft and has gone to House Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. Yasi then reported that all four bills filed by the Department - H. 37 relative to the powers of the Commissioner of Natural Resources as state forester and state fire warden; H. 38 expanding the authority of the Public Access Board to include inland waters as well as coastal waters for public access sites; H. 39 relative to the tagging of chlorinated shellfish; and H. 40 relative to clarifying the laws relating to the Department, were in the House Ways and Means Committee.

He further commented that the bill filed by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions for new conservation commission laws was reported favorably by the House Ways and Means Committee; four bills relative to lands of the Department were referred to the next annual session; balance of bills pertaining to surveys of the Department were referred to the next annual session, and all bills relating to the transfer of law enforcement are gone.

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Harold J. Greene and Mr. Henry G. McCarthy to attend the meeting to present information on the budget.

Mr. Greene commented that the budget recommendations of the House Ways and Means Committee had been approved by the House and were essentially the same as the recommendations of the Governor. He said that the Department's Administration and Conservation Services accounts remain as recommended by the Governor, and the changes

made by the House Ways and Means Committee from the Governor's recommendations were as follows - Forests and Parks account was cut $25,000, mostly in the fire and seasonal help accounts; the accelerated timber management program was cut about $6,000; Law Enforcement account was cut about $4,000 from the Governor's recommended $500,000; Public Access Account, for which the Governor had made no recommendation for funds, increased by $100,000, and the Marine Fisheries account was given consideration in terms of permanent personnel.

Director Francis B. Mahoney and Chief of Recreation Arnold E. Howard were asked to attend the meeting by Commissioner Foster for a discussion of requests for special events.

Mr. Howard said that the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges had again requested the use of the facilities at Regatta Point State Park, Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, on May 15-16, 1964, for the purpose of conducting its championship lightweight and heavyweight rowing regatta, which he said will be the fourth consecutive year this event has taken place on Lake Quinsigamond. He stated that the terms of the permit are similar to those of last year with the exception that children of 12 years of age and under will be admitted free of charge. All others will be charged $1.50 with the Department receiving the regular park fee of 25¢ for each admission. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr.Fulham, it was -

VOTED - to issue a special permit to the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges for the exclusive use of the facilities at Regatta Point State Park, Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, May 15-16, 1964, for the express purpose of conducting a championship rowing regatta.

The Board was then informed by Mr. Howard that the American Water Ski Association, a national non-profit organization, had requested the use of Regatta Point State Park for two different water ski events, one of which would take place August 6-9, 1964, and the other August 13-16, 1964. He said the permit which would be issued to this Association would conform to the terms of the permit issued to the Eastern

Association of Rowing Colleges. He further stated that the Lions Club would take care of all the parking outside of the state park and the Shrewsbury Police, in cooperation with Department employees, would assist in policing the area. Following discussion upon motion of Mr. Fulham, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to issue a special permit to the American Water Ski Association for the exclusive use of the facilities at Regatta Point State Park, Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, August 6-9, 1964 and August 13-16, 1964, for the express purpose of holding water skiing championship events.

Mr. Howard then brought to the Board's attention the request of the Amputee Veterans Association of America, Inc. of Boston, for a renewal of its five-year permit to maintain a recreational area for the use of its members at Cochituate State Park with the privilege of renewal for additional five year periods at the discretion of the Commissioner. The Commissioner said the Association has always had a very good program at the park and would recommend the renewal of the permit. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was -

VOTED - to issue a permit to the Amputee Veterans Association of America, Inc. of Boston for the use and maintenance of a recreational area at Cochituate State Park for a period of five years beginning April 1, 1964 with the privilege of renewal for five year periods at the discretion of the Commissioner.

Commissioner Foster then brought before the Board the request of the Mayor of Chicopee for the acquisition of 40 acres of land at Chicopee Memorial State Park for the development of an 18 hole municipal golf course adjacent to the state park. In addition to this area he said the city is also seeking the use of land for recreational purposes in conjunction with a proposed new school. In return, the city would turn over sufficient property for the construction of an upper reservoir as well as making available acreage for a new park entrance road. He said that Mr. Howard had met with the Mayor of Chicopee and his group regarding a possible exchange of land, and the Commissioner said he would like to have authorization to continue active negotiations. Following discussion, the Board indicated its interest in the project and authorized the Commissioner to continue to work out the necessary details.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that the U. S. Corps of Engineers had advised him of the availability of Lake Dennison within the Birch Hill Flood Control Reservoir. He said the Corps of Engineers had also advised him that the town of Winchendon has requested a 25 year license to operate the recreational facilities but the Corps felt the Commonwealth was a more proper licensee if it was interested. Mr. Mahoney stated that this was a fine lake, and a natural expansion area for Otter River, but should be scheduled for intensive planning and development before the Department took over any operation of recreation facilities. Following discussion, the Board was of the opinion that the Corps of Engineers should be advised of the Department's interest but its inability to assume responsibility prior to 1965.

In commenting upon the proposed gypsy moth control program, the Commissioner said that in response to a letter sent to the towns in southern Berkshire County, the towns had without exception requested that the Department undertake a control program. He stated, however, that the town of Stockbridge has now reversed its official position, and the town of Williamstown was considering similar action.

The Commissioner further stated that a gypsy moth field trip was held in southern Berkshire County March 26 and 27 with representatives from the Massachusetts Audubon Society, University of Massachusetts, Pesticide Board, local news agencies and private individuals attending in order that each might participate in the decision of the Department concerning the need for a control program. He said that the trip and the discussions were very worthwhile and it was the consensus of all concerned that a modified gypsy moth control program, where valid public nuisance conditions occur, would be preferable to an area-wide aerial spray project.

Mr. Charles S. Hood, Chief of the Bureau of Insect Pest Control, pointed out that the present gypsy moth outbreak is nearing the end of its cycle, as evidenced by increasing numbers of key parasites and predators, and although many areas show large numbers of egg masses these masses are smaller than normal indicating a stage of the outbreak primarily of nuisance value rather than one which would create substantial economic losses. He further stated that a ground-based spray program, in

his opinion, would satisfactorily control the infestation around homes or recreation areas threatened by the gyspy moth. He also mentioned that the chemical SEVIN, which is of a non-persistent nature, could be used in a ground-based spray program and those areas where objections to spraying have been recorded could be avoided entirely.

If the Board is agreeable to a modified program, Mr. Hood said that each of the areas where heavy infestation is present would be revisited and meetings would again be held with the Selectmen and Moth Superintendents. He said it will be the local responsibility to survey the areas to find where valid nuisance conditions exist, and once the need for spraying has been verified, the Department will, upon the request of the local Moth Superintendent, supply a mist blower, experienced personnel, and the choice of either DDT or SEVIN insecticide. Commissioner Foster pointed out that the Department does have a responsibility to the towns which have expressed a definite interest in a spray program and are anticipating difficulties.

Following discussion, the Board concurred with the Department's recommendation that conditions of infestation warrant a modified gypsy moth control program this spring in Berkshire County and directed the Commissioner to inform the towns affected accordingly.

The Board also concurred with the Department's recommendations that the proposed program should provide assistance to municipalities only where valid public nuisance conditions occur and it authorized the use of ground-based rather than aerial equipment and the utilization of chemicals of a non-persistent nature in all but the most unusual circumstances.

The progress report of the Department's parks expansion program from 1959-1963, which had previously been sent to the Board members, was then brought to the attention of the Board by the Commissioner. Following considerable discussion, upon the suggestion of Mr. Brewster, the consensus of the Board was that the report should be

sent immediately to key legislative and administrative leaders and a further distribution be made later where it would be most effective.

The date for the next meeting was set for April 21, 1964 in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston.

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

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held April 24, 1964 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Brewster and Miller.

The minutes of the February 11, 1964 and March 31, 1964 meetings were approved without correction.

Upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, the previous action of the Board at the March 31, 1964 meeting with reference to the issuance of special permits for the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges, American Water Ski Association, and the Amputee Veterans Association of America was confirmed.

Commissioner Foster reported that the Department's budget is now in the Senate with virtually no changes as to what was included by the House. He stated that the recreation bond issue of $3,000,000 which passed the House, is now in Senate Ways and Means Committee and mentioned that the question of earmarking bond issue funds for special projects has been raised.

In reporting on House 41, the conservation law enforcement legislation, the Commissioner said the measure was reported favorably into the House and is being held in House Ways and Means Committee for clarification of the transfer of fish inspectors to the Department of Public Health.

In commenting on federal legislation, Commissioner Foster said that S. 627, which would authorize a federal-state research and management program for marine fisheries is moving along very well with an added impetus due to the earthquake in Alaska and the problems of the Alaskan fishermen. He said it was his feeling that the legislation would be enacted this year. The Land and Water Conservation Fund bill, H. 3846, which would set up federal funds for recreation and land acquisition is now awaiting a favorable report from the Rules Committee before being acted upon by the House. He also mentioned that Massachusetts was successful in having an item of $325,000 inserted in the federal appropriation bill for a study of the offshore lobster fishery.

In commenting on the internal affairs of the Department, the Commissioner stated that a fifth region has now been established in the Connecticut valley on an administrative basis and Kenneth M. Dubuque has been assigned as Regional Forest and Park Supervisor of this new region thereby completing the projected system, at least from an operating point of view.

In connection with the proposed coastal wetlands project for next year, Commissioner Foster said that the Massachusetts Conservation Council, a private conservation group, will consider sponsorship of the program at its May meeting.

The Commissioner reported that despite the substantial appropriation received last year for replacement of fire equipment, problems with the contractor now make it doubtful that the new trucks will be available for use during the spring fire season. In mentioning the spring forest fire season, Commissioner Foster also stated that a pilot fire prevention program had been originated in Norfolk County with the cooperation of area fire officials.

In accordance with regulations of the federal Bureau of Public Roads, the Commissioner said the Department has been invited by the Department of Public Works to review all highway plans in relation to effects on conservation or recreation values.

The results of the tri-state conference on natural resources which was held at Nichols College, Dudley, April 7-8, were very gratifying, the Commissioner commented.

In further reporting on his activities, the Commissioner said he had participated in meetings of the Connecticut River Basin Coordinating Committee, the Interagency Committee on Recreation, and the U. S. Public Health Service, which had again called upon the Department for a more effective enforcement effort due to another outbreak of hepatitis along the North Atlantic coast.

The Commissioner then asked Mr. Arnold E. Howard and Mr. Frederick Bowers to attend the meeting.

Mr. Bowers said the Plymouth County Commissioners have requested a conveyance of 71,250 square feet of state forest land in Plymouth for the relocation of Long Pond Road, Plymouth. Following Commissioner Foster's recommendation that this conveyance be approved, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to approve a proposal to convey to the town of Plymouth for a consideration of one dollar, 71,250 square feet of state forest land in Plymouth deemed necessary for the relocation of Long Pond Road.

Mr. Bowers reported that Western Massachusetts Electric Company had agreed to pay $1,917.45 for a location for the installation of a pole line to provide electrical service to an American Telephone & Telegraph Company micro-wave relay tower on the Pittsfield State Forest. Commissioner Foster pointed out the advantage of this line to any future development work. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr.Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve a proposal to convey to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company, for a consideration of $1,917.45, a location for the installation of a pole line to provide electrical service to an American Telephone & Telegraph Company micro-wave relay tower on the Pittsfield State Forest, and to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute a deed granting said location under the authority and provisions of Section 34A, Chapter 132 of the General Laws.

Mr. Bowers then brought to the Board's attention its previous vote of December 11, 1962 authorizing the sale of the Department's power line at Mt. Grace State Forest to the New England Power Company for $1,900. He said that in reviewing prior correspondence it was found that the consideration should have been $3,000 rather than $1,900 and the utility should have been its subsidiary, the Massachusetts Electric Company. Upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to rescind vote of December 11, 1962 approving the sale of the power line at Mt. Grace State Forest Warwick, to the New England Power Company for $1,900 and to adopt the following vote -

VOTED - to approve the sale of the power line at Mt. Grace State Forest, Warwick, to the Massachusetts Electric Company, of Worcester, for a consideration of $3,000.

The request of the Massachusetts Electric Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for an extension of the existing pole lines near Laurel Lake, Erving State Forest, to serve some existing cottages along Laurel Lake was presented to the Board by Mr. Bowers. Upon the question of consideration, it was stated that the extension was minor in nature and had customarily been granted without charge. Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the granting to Massachusetts Electric Company and New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of a location for the installation of a seven pole distribution line near Laurel Lake on the Erving State Forest as described in Department of Public Utilities No. 14110.

The Commissioner then brought up for discussion proposed land exchanges with the Metropolitan District Commission at Quabbin Reservoir and illustrated on topographic maps the pattern of ownerships now existing. He said that before any exchanges are finalized, he would like to have authorization from the Board to start official negotiations with the Metropolitan District Commission for the land. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to proceed with official negotiations with the Metropolitan District Commission for an exchange of land at Quabbin Reservoir.

In connection with the Board's approval on February 11, 1964 of the land exchange in Ipswich for a new school, the Commissioner said a public hearing was held in his office on April 17 and there was no opposition registered to the exchange of the land.

Commissioner Foster said that in accord with previous policy, the Department would like to present a draft master plan of the Decas property in East Taunton, and asked Mr. Howard to comment on the plan. Mr. Howard outlined briefly the acquisition and development program contemplated and said that the overall cost for the construction of recreation facilities would be $1,300,000 including 14 miles of road construction. It was Mr. Howard's opinion that if the proposed bond issue

is approved, the project should be given a high priority. Commissioner Foster said that no formal action was required at this time, and the Board expressed its appreciation to Mr. Howard for his fine presentation.

The matter of issuance of special use permits was again brought to the attention of the Board by the Commissioner who said that the Department receives many requests for special use permits and would like to receive advice from the Board as to the policies and procedures which should be followed in this matter. Following discussion the Board asked the Commissioner to draw up for its consideration at a later meeting those types of action which should be presented for Board approval and those which should be handled administratively by either the Commissioner, the Director of Forests and Parks or the Chief of Recreation.

The Commissioner reviewed the background of Hopkinton State Park which was turned over to the Department in 1947 by the Metropolitan District Commission and for which preliminary engineering studies have already been made. He then asked Mr. Howard to comment on the previous study of the area who said that the engineers recommended a three stage development program - 1) day-use facilities ($327,000), 2) swimming facilities ($812,000), and 3) boating facilities ($445,000). Mr. Howard siad that it was his feeling that construction should be started with stage No. 2, the swimming area, and mentioned that from preliminary conferences with the engineers the estimated cost of such plans and specifications would be $45,000.

Upon questions by the Board, Mr. Howard stated that William A. Fisher Company, Inc., the previous engineers, had performed competently and by virtue of their specialized knowledge of the project, would be the logical choice to proceed with further plans.

The Commissioner then stated that $95,000 is available in the contingency fund from present bond issues which has not been used because contracts have been well within engineering estimates and he would recommend that $45,000 of this sum be allocated for the preparation of construction plans for Hopkinton State Park.

Following considerable discussion, upon mption of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr.Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to allocate $45,000 from the contingency fund and to authorize the Commissioner to engage William A. Fisher Company, Inc. for the preparation of construction plans for swimming facilities at Hopkinton State Park.

In discussing personnel and salary grades, the Commissioner said that the legislature, at the Governor's request, had recently established a professional category which increased the salaries of personnel declared professional by 10%, thereby creating inequities with certain administrative positions which now receive lesser salaries. It was his belief that the Department should have an official schedule of positions and grades, reviewed and approved by the Board at regular intervals, which could be established through budgetary action. Following discussion upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - that the Commissioner be instructed to draw up a master plan of Departmental positions and grades for the future consideration of the Board.

A field meeting of the Board was set for May 21, 1964 in southeastern Massachusetts, and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Donald B. Miller
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held May 27, 1964 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Brewster and Miller.

Upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, the minutes of the April 24, 1964 meeting were approved without correction.

Commissioner Foster then gave the Board a detailed report of the current forest fire at the Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth, and showed on a map the pattern of the fire which has already burned 5,000 acres. Because of suspected arson in connection with the fires, he stated that a special unit of enforcement personnel from the Department has been assigned to investigate the current series of fires and would work closely with the Department of Public Safety and local fire officials in this regard.

In order to avoid stripping other parts of the state of men and equipment, he said the Department is exploring the possibility of supplemental assistance from the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Compact, which pledges the six New England states and the state of New York to a program of mutual assistance in the event of unusual forest fire conditions.

In commenting upon the damage caused by the fire, the Commissioner said that 23 private cottages at Charge Pond were destroyed as well as all of the Department's public recreational facilities at this area. In discussing the cottages which were destroyed, it was the consensus of the Board that permission should not be granted to rebuild and that the entire Charge Pond area should be withdrawn from public use until reforestation had been completed.

The Commissioner said that Otis Air Force Base had provided assistance by sending 15 men trained in fire work to the scene of the fire, and that the Department of Public Works had supplied a helicopter which had been extremely useful in spotting breakouts of fires. He especially commended the work of the men at the forestry prison camp who, besides doing repair work on equipment, had helped with the suppression of the fires.

Mr. Fulham, who accompanied the Commissioner to Plymouth, commended Department personnel very highly for the work done in controlling the forest fire.

The Commissioner then asked Mr. Robert L. Yasi to attend the meeting to report on the status of the Department's legislation, and he commented as follows -

H. 3541 - (formerly H. 41) relative to the reorganization of the Department is now in the Senate, having been through the House, and is expected to reach the Governor's desk shortly.

H. 3543 - transfer of fish inspectors to Department of Public Health is in the enactment stage in both branches.

Chapter 234 - this bill, submitted by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, removes the $15,000 limit as the maximum amount a city or town may appropriate to its conservation commission.

Chapter 322 - this bill assigns to the Commissioner of Natural Resources the statutory duties of state forester and state fire warden.

Chapter 365 - permits the granting of easements by the Department for communications and power transmission lines.

Chapter 438 - empowers the Public Access Board to provide public access sites and facilities on rivers and other inland waters in addition to Great Ponds.

Mr. Yasi further reported that the Governor's proposed $3 million parks expansion program was amended in the Senate by the addition of $300,000 and the House has voted to concur.

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Frederick Bowers to present details of the proposed land exchange at Walden Pond. The Commissioner briefly reviewed the Department's position in relation to the Walden Pond State Reservation stating that although the Reservation is not an official responsibility of the Department, the Board had felt in the past it should cooperate with the Reservation in the matter of acquiring land because of the recreation benefits that would accrue to the Commonwealth as a whole.

Mr. Bowers stated that the proposed exchange of land is in anticipation of a road relocation by the Department of Public Works which would leave existing Route 126 as an interior park road. He said that the Commonwealth would convey to the Emerson Realty Trust approximately 3 acres of back land, unsuited for recreation purposes, which was included in a taking dated January 11, 1963 in return for a 2 acre parcel of interior ownership now scheduled for subdivision by the Trust. Following considerable discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to convey to John E. Moore, Trustee of Emerson Realty Trust, a 3 acre plus 4,890 square feet parcel of state park land in Concord and Lincoln in exchange for three parcels of land in said towns having a total area of 2 acres plus 15,064 square feet.

Mr. Arnold E. Howard was then asked by the Commissioner to attend the meeting to present the request of Northeastern University for a special permit at Ashland State Park. Mr. Howard said that several conferences have been held with engineers from Northeastern University relative to the construction of a beach and service road on the south end of Ashland Reservoir now under the control of the Department. He stated that the University has purchased land nearby for the Warren Center for Physical Education and Recreation and is requesting a permit for the construction of a beach to carry out the physical education and water activities of this program. Mr. Howard said it was his feeling that the construction would not conflict with any future long range plans for recreation at the area. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to grant a permit to Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, to construct a beach area, approximately 200 feet long by about 150 feet wide, and to provide a service road thereto, as shown on a plan entitled "Warren Center for Physical Education and Recreation, Northeastern University" Ashland, Massachusetts, Scale: 1" = 50', January 3, 1964.

Commissioner Foster then stated that since savings have been accomplished over anticipated construction costs for 1963 bond issue projects, he would like to

recommend additional authorizations for the current construction season. Following presentation by Mr. Howard and discussion by the Board, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to authorize the allocation of $133,500 from available bond issue funds for the following construction projects:

BEARTOWN STATE FOREST	
New entrance road to Benedict Pond	$ 25,000
CHICOPEE STATE PARK	
Boundary fence	13,500
New entrance road	30,000
DEMAREST LLOYD STATE PARK	
Parking area (picnic area), roads and paths (beach area), water outlets	10,000
Comfort station - picnic area	15,000
COOKSON PROPERTY (New Marlborough)	
New entrance road	25,000
COCHITUATE STATE PARK	
Comfort station conversion	15,000
	$133,500

Commissioner Foster said that under Chapter 383, Acts of 1963, coastal cities and towns are now authorized to enforce certain sections of the marine fisheries laws, subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the Department. In connection with this new local police authority, the Commissioner reported that regulations had been drafted calling for uniform reporting procedures, a public hearing had been held as required by law, and the Department would recommend their approval by the Board. Mr. Brewster inquired if the Department's present enforcement authority was in any way restricted by the act or the regulations, and the Commissioner replied in the negative. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to promulgate official rules and regulations relating to the enforcement of certain marine fisheries laws by local police officers in accord with the provisions of Chapter 383, Acts of 1963.

The next meeting of the Board was tentatively set for June 29, 1964 as a field meeting with the Board of Fish and Game in southeastern Massachusetts.

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

Donald B. Miller

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held June 29, 1964 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holdsworth Natural Resources Center, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Miller and Sweet.

Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sweet, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Commissioner Foster then described to the Board the circumstances at Charge Pond, Myles Standish State Forest, and stated that a notice of permit revocation had been mailed to all of the cottage owners with sixty days allowed for the removal of those cottages not destroyed by forest fire. The Commissioner mentioned the hearing conducted by himself and Director Mahoney for the benefit of the cottage owners and the appeals he had received for permission to reoccupy and rebuild.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the Commissioner be authorized to explore the situation further and arrange an equitable solution, the primary objective being to regain the use of Charge Pond for public recreational purposes.

The Board was then informed that Chapter 524, Acts of 1964, authorized the reorganization of the Division of Law Enforcement in accord with the recommendations filed by the Department, and it was anticipated that an emergency preamble would be affixed by the Governor making the measure effective immediately. It was stated that the measure permits the Commissioner, with the approval of the Board, to promulgate regulations governing the conduct and duty of enforcement officers within the Department.

Commissioner Foster then called upon Director of Law Enforcement Howard S. Willard to outline changes in the personnel regulations first discussed with the Board at its meeting October 28, 1963, and Director Willard reviewed the individual amendments recommended as the result of further discussion within the Department and the passage of Chapter 524. Following considerable discussion, upon motion of Mr. Sweet, seconded by Mr. Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to promulgate rules and regulations governing the tours of duty, hours of work, assignment and conduct of the enforcement officers of the Division of Law Enforcement in accord with Section 6E of Chapter 21 of the General Laws.

The Commissioner then brought before the Board his recommendation that a ten member citizens Forestry Policy Advisory Committee be instituted during the next five months to review the forestry programs of the Department. Director Mahoney noted that the Accelerated Forest Management Program was nearing its fifth season of activity and should be reviewed as to effectiveness. He further stated that the five year report of the U. S. Forest Service for Massachusetts had recently been received and contained several policy recommendations which might well be considered by an impartial, outside policy group.

The Board expressed its pleasure in learning that former member Robert P. Holdsworth was willing to accept the chairmanship of such a committee, and upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was -

VOTED - to authorize the appointment of a Forest Policy Advisory Committee by the Commissioner to review the forestry programs and policies of the Department.

Director of Conservation Services Bruce S. Gullion was next asked to present a status report of conservation commission activities. He described Dr. Scheffey's survey of conservation commissions in the New England area, being conducted under a grant from the Conservation Foundation of New York, and stated that requests for assistance were increasing in number as commissions became more active.

Following a detailed discussion of the procedures for reviewing self-help conservation projects, it was the consensus that in the future Board approval should precede the preliminary notice of approval forwarded to each conservation commission by the Department prior to actual acquisition of the property in question.

Director Gullion then presented for Board approval thirteen projects warranting financial assistance from the Department. Following a review of project details, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sweet, 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	Natural Resources Portion
Concord #8	25	$20,000	$10,000
Concord #9	13	10,400	5,200
Lunenburg #2	24	550	275
Lunenburg #3	60	1,300	650
Lunenburg #4	8	200	100
Wayland #2	10.07	5,000	2,500
Sudbury #2 (continuation of #1)	47.4	40,000	20,000
Rehoboth #1	10	5,000	2,500
Littleton #2	8.4 and 28	7,280	3,640
Hopkinton #1	11.2	1,045	523
Framingham #1	26.7	33,000	16,500
Hudson #1	4.75	10,000	5,000
Chelmsford #1	30	30,000	15,000

Following review of the agenda for the Joint Board meeting to follow, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Donald B. Mullen
Secretary

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME

MINUTES OF JOINT BOARD MEETING

DATE: June 29, 1964
PLACE: University of Massachusetts
PRESENT: Natural Resources Board Mr. Fulham, Mr. Sweet and Mr. Miller; Fisheries and Game Board - Chairman Williams, Secretary Darling, members Mikelk, Burns, Tierney.
Guests: Bruce Gullion, F. Mahoney, H.S. Willard, Russell A. Cookingham, Allan Kennedy, Colton Bridges, Dr. Sheldon, Dr. Greeley, Dr. Sheffey and Dr. McCahn, Outdoor Writers Henry Moore and Stanley Berchulski.

Roger Williams, Chairman of the Fisheries and Game Board, presided. Introduction of guests was made. Mr. Williams announced the Fisheries and Game Board's acceptance with regrets of the resignation of Allan S. Kennedy.

Director Shepard was introduced and he made a brief report on Chapter 48 of Resolves, 1964. He announced the hiring of a interim Law Student to assist in this study.

Commissioner Foster was introduced.

He commented on Chapter 48 and indicated that the Department will fully assist in this study. He summarized Chapter of the resolves of 1964 which became effective that day, June 29, 1964. This reorganization bill will bring all Conservation Officers and Coastal Officers under one Division Section and they will be called Natural Resource Officers. They will receive a one-step upgrading and will not be affected by the State's overtime regulations. The Department will make rules and regulations relative to conduct; Fish Inspectors will be transferred to Public Health etc.

The Commissioner reported on the Coastal Wetland report printed January 1964, Senate Resolve #855, and which is a companion to Senate #635 reported in January 1963. No reprints are presently available now but more will be printed.

He emphasized that 45,000 acres of high value marsh is threatened for destruction unless put under public ownership. The Mass. Conservation Council recently voted a coastal wetland protection program; Nature Conservatory is providing funds for carrying out preliminary approval work on coastal wetlands. A team of three professionals representing Natural Resources, Fisheries and Game, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will carry out this initial appraisal work.

Mr. Williams presented the following resolution to the joint Boards which was unanimously accepted.

Whereas, The Department of Natural Resources has conducted an interim coastal wetland inventory with recommendations concerning coastal wetland preservation, a concept actively supported by the Division of Fisheries and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Be it resolved, that the Boards of the Department of Natural Resources and the Division of Fisheries and Game acknowledge and support the individual interests and priorities of both the Department and the Division in acquiring the important and significant coastal wetland habitat areas of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Shepard reported on the Division's land and water acquisition program and pending legislation for 1965. He explained the Division's various I &E efforts being undertaken to sell this program. He further indicated his desire to have a representative of the Department of Natural Resources as one member of the Division of Fisheries and Game Realty Committee.

Mr. Williams presented the following resolutions to the joint Boards which was unanimously accepted.

Whereas the Division of Fisheries and Game has embarked on an accelerated land acquisition program for suitable fish and wildlife areas constituted of wetlands, forest game lands, multiple use uplands, and ponds and streams

Be it resolved, that the Boards of the Department of Natural Resources and Division of Fisheries and Game support necessary legislation for the accelerated land acquisition program to promulgate maximum public use benefits and recreational hunting and fishing on land and water areas of the Commonwealth acquired for these specific purposes.

Dr. Sheldon was next introduced by Chairman Williams, who gave a brief explanation of the Wildlife Unit and its research programs.

Mr. Bridges was introduced and presented a summary of the Division's fisheries program on the Quabbin Reservoir.

The meeting than adjourned and the group was conducted on a field trip to the Prescott Peninsula of the Quabbin Reservation where professionals from the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries and Game, and University of Massachusetts described their various programs and management problems.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on July 24, 1964 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Miller, Brewster and McCabe.

The minutes of the June 29, 1964 meeting were approved without correction.

The Commissioner then brought to the attention of the Board the conveyance of 10,000 square feet of state land in Sandisfield to the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. which is part of the original agreement with the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. authorized by the Board in February, 1964, for the construction of a relay station and cross-country coaxial cable line. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute a deed conveying to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company a 10,000 square foot parcel of state forest land situated on the westerly side of Bosworth Road in Sandisfield together with an easement for the installation of a spur cable on adjacent state forest land.

Commissioner Foster then stated that at the February 11, 1964 meeting of the Board the American Telephone & Telegraph Company had been granted a location for the installation of a buried coaxial cable on various tracts of state forest land. Since that time legislation has been enacted which permits the Department to grant easements for utility purposes, and the American Telephone & Telegraph Company has now requested an easement on this state property. Following discussion of the term of such an easement for communications and power transmission lines, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McCabe, it was -

VOTED - to amend vote of February 11, 1964 approving the granting of a location to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for the installation of a buried coaxial cable line on various tracts of state forest land by deleting therefrom the word "location" and inserting in place thereof the words, "easement not to exceed twenty-five (25) years."

The naming of the new state park in East Taunton was then brought to the Board's attention and the Commissioner said that in accordance with the Board's previous decision that state forests and parks should be designated by historical or Indian names, the Old Colony Historical Society in Taunton had suggested the name of Massasoit as being historically and geographically correct for the name of

this new park. The Commissioner said that the Department also hoped to recognize the contribution of Elizabeth Pole, foundress of the city of Taunton and the first white woman to settle on the site of this new park. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - that the new state park situated in East Taunton be named the Massasoit State Park and that a suitable tablet be erected within the park in commemoration of Elizabeth Pole.

The Commissioner then said that he would like confirmation of his execution of a license with the U. S. Army Cops of Engineers for the use of certain portions of the flood control areas at Buffumville and East Brimfield Reservoirs for recreation purposes. In the case of the East Brimfield Reservoir, he said that the Division of Fisheries and Game is interested in the remainder of the area for wildlife purposes and intends to seek a separate license from the Corps of Engineers. In response to questions, he reported that the construction of recreation facilities to date has been entirely at federal expense and the Department is only responsible for the public use of the area in season. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to confirm the acceptance by the Commissioner of the terms of the licenses issued by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for the operation of recreation facilities at the Buffumville and East Brimfield Flood Control Reservoirs.

The allocation of the 1964 bond issue was then brought before the Board and the Commissioner explained in detail the recommended general allocations.

Construction projects		
Modernization of existing facilities	$ 420,000	
Expansion of existing areas	840,000	
Development of new areas	1,000,000	$2,260,000
Land acquisition projects		750,000
Conservation Commission projects		100,000
Planning studies		20,000
Overhead and contingencies		170,000
		$3,300,000

The following proposed construction projects for the development of new areas and expansion of existing areas and the funds to be allocated for such projects were next outlined by Director Mahoney at the Commissioner's request.

Development of new areas

Hopkinton State Park - day-use facilities	$ 600,000
Wells State Park - camping facilities	200,000
Decas property, East Taunton - day-use facilities	200,000
	$1,000,000

Expansion of existing areas

Leominster State Forest - day-use facilities	$280,000
* Shawme-Crowell State Forest - camping facilities	150,000
Willard Brook State Forest - new dam	100,000
Bradley Palmer State Park - camping facilities	100,000
October Mountain State Forest - new dam	50,000
* Mt. Grace State Forest - camping facilities	50,000
* D. A. R. State Forest - camping facilities	50,000
Douglas State Forest - day-use facilities	50,000
* Erving State Forest - beach extension	10,000
	$840,000

* Forestry camp projects

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Arnold E. Howard to present in detail the proposed plans for the modernization of existing facilities at the following state forests and parks.

Clarksburg State Park - conversion	$ 15,000
Pittsfield State Forest - new dam	20,000
Sandisfield State Forest - bathhouse complex	35,000
Erving State Forest - conversion and water supply	35,000
Mohawk Trail State Forest - conversion	15,000
Brimfield State Forest - conversion	15,000

Douglas State Forest - conversion and water supply	$ 25,000
Leominster State Forest - conversion	15,000
Otter River State Forest -- conversions (3)	45,000
Spencer State Forest - conversion	15,000
Rutland State Park - fence and chlorinator	20,000
Willard Brook State Forest - conversions (3)	45,000
Myles Standish State Forest - power line and conversions (3)	55,000
Ames Nowell State Park - service building	35,000
Freetown State Forest - conversion	15,000
Watson Pond State Park - conversion	15,000
	$420,000

Following discussion of the proposed allocation of the $3,300,000 bond issue, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. McCabe, it was -

VOTED - to authorize $420,000 for modernization of existing facilities; $840,000 for expansion of existing areas; $1,000,000 for development of new areas; $750,000 for land acquisition projects; $100,000 for conservation commission projects; $20,000 for planning studies, and $170,000 for overhead and contingencies, and

VOTED - to authorize all modernization projects so listed for immediate construction and all remaining projects for planning and design.

Commissioner Foster then brought to the Board's attention the continuing matter of cottage owners at Charge Pond, Myles Standish State Forest. He advised the Board that the owners of cottages not destroyed by fire this spring have been notified by letter that their cottages must be removed from state property within 60 days, but have also been given permission to use their cottages for the balance of the season. Director Mahoney said that owners of cottages at Charge Pond are of the opinion that the Department should provide compensation under such circumstances, and reported that the owners of other cottages on adjacent ponds are equally concerned over the future of their permits.

The Board then reviewed in detail the terms of outstanding permits as well as correspondence addressed to private cottage owners following the 1957 forest fire (copies attached).

The Board was of the opinion that the Department's long range intentions for the recreation development of these privately occupied ponds had been clearly enunciated in the past and should be reaffirmed at this time.

In discussing the Department's financial responsibility to the cottage owners, the Commissioner said there was apparently no legal responsibility to compensate the cottage owners because of their occupancy under annual permit only, but confirmation of this interpretation by the Attorney General was recommended at this time.

Following considerable discussion on the course of action to be followed relative to the cottage owners, the Board authorized the Commissioner to seek an official opinion from the Attorney General as to whether the Department may properly compensate cottage owners if its intention is to destroy the camps immediately to clear the area for recreation development.

Commissioner Foster then asked Director Frederick C. Wilbour, Jr. and Dr. Robert F. Hutton to attend the meeting for discussion of the application of the M. DeMatteo Construction Co. to fill more than 300 acres of marshland in Saugus. He explained to the Board that this application was made under the provisions of Chapter 426, Acts of 1963, which gives the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries the right to modify dredging and filling projects in the interest of marine fisheries.

Director Wilbour showed on a map the area in Saugus which the De Matteo Construction Co. was filling and proposed to fill. He commented on the recent surveys undertaken in the Saugus and Pine Rivers which disclosed every evidence of a highly productive estuarine environment.

Dr. Robert F. Hutton then reported on the findings of his chemical and biological investigations conducted with the cooperation of the Department of

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTS AND PARKS
15 Ashburton Place, Boston

June 19, 1957

Cottage Owner
Myles Standish State Forest
Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

I have before me your letter relative to rebuilding a cottage at College Pond which was unfortunately destroyed by the recent forest fire.

This application came before the Board of Natural Resources at a recent meeting and I feel that I should write you in some detail for your guidance.

Entirely apart from the situation created by the forest fire, the Board has determined it must proceed now with plans for expanding the public recreational facilities at the Myles Standish State Forest because of the overcrowded conditions on the public areas.

This will mean that undoubtedly many of the private cottages will have to be removed in order that facilities can be provided for the general public.

Our planning experts are studying the situation now and we cannot say at this time where the developments will materialize and what cottages must be removed, but we do know that the eventual development will affect a large number of cottages.

In view of the fact that this development could well include the area where you propose to rebuild your cottage, I feel that in fairness I should give you advanced information as to the plans of this department.

With this explanation, permission is now given you to rebuild your cottages but it would be only a prudence on your part to anticipate your developments and construct your cottage in such a manner that it could be removed from the premises without any damage to the structure itself.

Very truly yours,

Director of Forests and Parks

Public Health, and stated that the chemical analyses disclosed leaching from the fill of a quantity and quality lethal to shellfish and fin fish.

Director Wilbour showed on a map the area on which the dumping should be confined and stated that he would also recommend that dikes be constructed where the area borders flats or marshes to prevent spilling and leaching of fill on the marsh and coastal waters.

Commissioner Foster stated that a meeting had been held with representatives from the Departments of Public Health and Public Works relative to the proposed modification of this filling operation, and the Department had been assured that a health menace would not ensue if the dumping and filling activities of the M. DeMatteo Construction Co. were so modified.

Following discussion of the investigations and recommendations of the Division of Marine Fisheries, the Board authorized the Commissioner to notify the M. DeMatteo Construction Co. that it will be restricted to filling the area already filled and will not be allowed to proceed beyond the limits designated by the Division of Marine Fisheries in the interest of existing marine fisheries values.

The date for the next meeting of the Board was set for August 28, 1964.

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

Donald B. Mullen
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held August 28, 1964 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Miller, Brewster and Sweet.

The minutes of the July 24, 1964 meeting were approved without correction.

Commissioner Foster asked Director Francis B. Mahoney and Robert L. Yasi to attend the meeting for discussion of granting an easement to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for the laying of an underground cross-country coaxial cable across various lands of the Department.

Chairman Fulham then invited Mr. George W. Mott and Mr. Lemut F. Lutz, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, to attend the meeting and asked Mr. Mott to present the viewpoint of the Telephone Company relative to the matter.

Mr. Mott said that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was not satisfied with the decision of the Board to grant an easement with a 25 year limitation, and further stated that it had been his understanding all along that both parties were negotiating in terms of a permanent arrangement. It was his opinion that the Telephone Company had paid a substantial amount for the land which it intended to exchange and should not be expected to make an additional payment at the end of 25 years.

Mr. Brewster questioned Mr. Mott as to whether the Telephone Company would actually be using the land for 25 years, and Mr. Mott replied that the facilities constructed would have a life expectancy of at least 50 years.

Mr. Fulham then asked Mr. Mott if the Company would be willing to accept the terms of a 25 year easement if a renewal clause for another 25 year period was added. Mr. Mott said this would be agreeable to the Company if the renewal would be for the same price. Mr. Fulham commented that it would not be possible to put in writing what the price of the land would be in 25 years. Following considerable discussion by both parties on the terms of the easement, an agreement was reached and upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to rescind the vote of July 24, 1964 and grant an easement to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for construction and maintenance of an underground coaxial cable across property of the Commonwealth for a term of 25 years with a renewal clause for a further 25 year period if renegotiation of consideration is accomplished satisfactorily.

Pending formal acceptance and approval of the necessary instruments, and at the exclusive risk of the Telephone Company until that time, the Board further agreed to grant permission to proceed with construction at Sandisfield, Otis, Becket, Shutesbury, Petersham and Hubbardston State Forests.

Mr. Mott then stated that he had two other proposals to present to the Board for consideration involving additional state lands: 1) 4 additional acres of state land at Foxborough State Forest for the expansion of existing transmitter facilities; 2) additional acreage at October Mountain State Forest and Robinson State Park for a supplementary coaxial cable. He said the Company was now working on plans for these three sites and would like to have authority to go ahead with the work. Following discussion, the Board suggested that officials of the Telephone Company meet with Director Mahoney and Commissioner Foster to work out the details for subsequent presentation to the Board.

Commissioner Foster then brought before the Board the matter of private cottage owners at Myles Standish State Forest stating that a vigorous letter campaign is being conducted towards the Governor, Governor's Council and the press inferring that they have been treated unfairly in being asked to vacate and remove their cottages. He said most of these letters have been written by cottage owners whose locations are on ponds other than Charge Pond and are presently unaffected by the notice to vacate. Director Mahoney advised the Board that a notice to remove the cottages was sent to the owners on June 18, 1964 giving them 60 days to vacate, and it was now felt that this period should be extended to October 31 to permit completion of the recreation season. Director Mahoney said the original permit to the cottage owners ran through December 31, 1964 and that checks for the refund of

the permits which had been sent to the cottage owners had been returned to the Department. He also said that quite a few of the cottages are coming onto the market for sale with the Department having the first option to buy. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to notify the owners of cottages on Charge Pond, Myles Standish State Forest, that permission to continue in possession of their lots is extended to October 31, 1964 for the purpose of removing their buildings, but that this authorization shall neither be construed as a renewal of said use permit nor affecting in any way the actions taken by the Department by letter dated June 18, 1964 in which the use permit was cancelled.

Discussion followed as to any action which should be taken concerning the private cottages on the other ponds at Myles Standish State Forest, and it was the consensus of the Board that since the Department was not recommending that these ponds be reclaimed at the present time that the cottages could remain but that substantial changes in the permits issued to these cottage owners should be considered for next year.

The Commissioner then brought before the Board the offer of Evelyn Santos to settle damages in the taking of 13.28 acres of land in Taunton for $21,500. He explained that this acreage was part of the land-taking in Taunton which was authorized by previous action of the Board in which the Department offered to settle damages for the sum of $19,500. He stated that two appraisals were made resulting in the figures of $19,450 and $21,450, and that these appraisals had been discussed informally with an Assistant Attorney General who recommended that the Department settle for the asking price of $21,500. Since this recommendation was not in writing, Mr. Fulham said that he did not feel that the Department should settle for that amount and recommended that an award of $21,450 be offered to Evelyn Santos instead of the previous sum of $19,500. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Sweet, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to rescind the vote of February 11, 1964 and award Evelyn Santos $21,450 for damages in the taking of 13.28 acres of land in Taunton.

Director Gullion was then asked to attend the meeting to present the request of the Wrentham Conservation Commission for financial assistance for the acquisition of 25 acres of land known as Craig Meadow under the self-help conservation program. He said that the original application for this project was made in 1962, that the area had been reported by the District Forester as an extremely worthwhile project, and that the delay in consummating the transaction was due to the interest of a sportsmen's club in the land. Since circumstances of the purchase have now changed with the probability that the land may fall into adverse ownership, Director Gullion said the Wrentham Conservation Commission was most anxious to receive approval for the purchase of this tract for conservation and recreation purchases for the sum of $1,350. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to reimburse the town of Wrentham for Project No. 1 for the acquisition of 25 acres of land known as the Craig Meadow for conservation and recreation purposes for the sum of $675.

The Commissioner then reported on the expansion program at the D.A.R. State Forest which was first authorized by the Board in 1958, stating that since that time the Department has been negotiating without success for a piece of interior lake-front property owned by the Bishop of Springfield. He noted that the land is unused at the present time, and pointed out its critical relationship to the newly completed road system and proposed camping facilities. Chairman Fulham stated that he would be willing to meet with the Bishop of Springfield to see if negotiations could be worked out, and asked the Commissioner to make the necessary appointment.

The Clam River Watershed program in Berkshire County was then brought to the Board's attention by the Commissioner who stated that this is a flood prevention program involving the construction of 7 reservoirs by the Water Resources Commission

and the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. By new federal legislation, the Commissioner said, cost sharing is permitted for the development of recreation facilities and for an additional cost of $11,000 approximately 100 acres of permanent water could be incorporated in the West Lake and Abbey Flood Control Reservoirs as part of the project. Mr. Howard stated that preliminary investigations had disclosed a high recreation potential for future development if the permanent water is provided and intervening lands are acquired. Following discussion of this flood control project, upon motion of Mr. Sweet, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to allocate $11,000 in contingency bond issue funds in order to provide permanent water in the Abbey Flood Control Reservoir site of the Clam River Watershed for recreation purposes.

The Commissioner then discussed in detail the program submitted to Governor Peabody under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. The program was prepared, he said, in one week's time and delivered to the Governor's office, with copies being sent to the Board members. He then showed on a map the permanent installations and work training camps which would be set up as close to urban areas as possible, and mentioned that all of the camps would be operated with federal funds. He recommended an entirely new division to handle the programs of the camps rather than dividing the work among the various divisions of the Department.

At the present time, the Commissioner said, the Department's proposal is in Washington for review by the office of Economic Opportunity, and he further stated that Massachusetts is the only state, to his knowledge, which has made such a proposal to date.

Following discussion of the Department's proposed program, upon motion of Mr. Fulham, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - that the members of the Board of Natural Resources highly commend the personnel of the Department for the preparation of the Economic Opportunity Program.

Commissioner Foster in commenting on the activities of the Department noted that all federal legislation in which the Department had an interest had either been enacted or was awaiting final passage.

In connection with the Department's restriction of the M. DeMatteo Construction Company from further filling marsh land in Saugus, the Commissioner said he had had several conferences with the Governor and Mr. DeMatteo and the Governor had received assurances from the Department of Public Health that no public health crisis would result from restricting the filling of the marsh lands.

Mr. Sweet then gave the Commissioner and Board members a copy of the following-

Motions to be presented to the Board of Natural Resources

1. The Board requests that the present Table of Organization of the Department of Natural Resources be brought up to date, to include the names of all personnel, down through the rank of supervisor.

   Also, all allied commissions or fields of activity in which the Board of Natural Resources is presently engaged be encompassed in the above Table of Organization.

   Incorporate this motion into the minutes of the Board Meeting, and set a deadline of December 1, 1964.

The purpose of this request is to place before each board member exactly what is under our jurisdiction, so that we can carry out our duties, as prescribed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in a logical, intelligent, and efficient manner.

2. The Board requests for each board member, an up-to-date map of the State of Massachusetts, framed and mounted on suitable backing for display in our respective places of business. This map is to show holdings of all state-owned properties (including the Fish and Game Division), all existing and proposed highways, all city and town Conservation Commission holdings, all national parks, national monuments, and historical sites, and all other allied places of interest within the purview of the above.

   Incorporate this motion into the minutes of the Board Meeting, and set a deadline of January 1, 1965.

Following discussion of Mr. Sweet's motion, the Commissioner said he would look into the material requested and report progress at the next meeting.

The date for the next meeting was set for September 30, 1964 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner.

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

Donald B. Miller

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held September 30, 1964 at 10:30 a. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs Fulham, Miller, Sweet and McCabe.

The minutes of the August 28, 1964 meeting were approved without correction.

The Commissioner then brought before the Board the use of the athletic field a Quinsigamond State Park by the Worcester Trade High School and St. Peter's Catholic High School. He noted that the proposed permit is similar to those issued in previous years which have proven completely satisfactory to the Department. Upon motion of Mr. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Miller it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to issue a permit for the use of the athletic field at Quinsigamond State Park to the Worcester Trade High School and the St. Peter's Catholic High School for the purpose of carrying out their 1964 football schedules.

The Commissioner also requested Board approval for the execution of a lease with the City of Newburyport for the continued operation of the shellfish purification plant. Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McCabe, it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute a lease with the City of Newburyport for fiscal year 1965.

Director Francis B. Mahoney and Chief Fire Warden Kenton A. Beaujean then joined the meeting to describe the current forest fire situation. Mr. Beaujean indicated that the 1964 season had extended without relief from early April and added that the Department's capabilities had been materially increased by the delivery of new fire and patrol trucks during the early fall.

The Board expressed its appreciation to the Bureau of Forest Fire Control for the manner in which its responsibilities had been carried out.

A proposed acquisition of 100 square rods of land and building adjacent to Massasoit State Park, Taunton, was presented to the Board by the Commissioner, and Mr. Frederick Bowers was asked to explain its relationship to the development of the tract for park purposes. Mr. Bowers explained that the property in question had been foreclosed by the Mechanics Co-operative Bank and was a key parcel at the perimeter of the state park.

Upon motion of Mr. Sweet, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to accept the offer of the Mechanics Co-operative Bank to sell 100 square rods of land with building thereon in Taunton for $7,500.

The Commissioner then stated that the Department had been offered an 80 acre tract of land within the Swann Forest, Beartown State Forest, Monterey. He noted that the property was owned by Mr. Earle Stafford of Santa Barbara, California, a former forest supervisor, who wished to make a gift in appreciation of his length of service with the Department. Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. McCabe, it was -

VOTED - to accept the gift of 80 acres of land from Earle Stafford at Swann Forest, Beartown State Forest, Monterey and instruct the Commissioner to write an appropriate letter of appreciation on behalf of the Board.

Director Bruce S. Gullion then joined the meeting for a presentation of self-help conservation projects within the towns of Wilbraham, Beverly, Dartmouth, Lunenburg and Lincoln. Mr. Gullion described in detail each local project stating that the proposed acquisition had been reviewed by field personnel of the Department and had been approved by the Department's Lands Committee and the Commissioner.

It was his recommendation that the projects be approved by the Board for 50% reimbursement. Following discussion upon motion of Mr. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to approve the preliminary applications under the self-help conservation program in accord with the schedule below -

	Acreage	Town Cost	Dept. Cost
Wilbraham #1	4 1/2	$ 6,000	$ 3,000
Beverly #1	30	15,000	7,500
Grafton #1	28	3,500	1,750
Dartmouth #1	23	1,150	575
Lunenburg #5	23	556	278

and it was further -

VOTED - to approve the final application under the self-help conservation program in accord with the schedule below -

Lincoln #4	1.89	4,000	2,000

and it was further -

VOTED - that the Lincoln #3 application under the self-help conservation program, as acted upon at the July 18, 1963 meeting, be corrected to show 3.2 rather than 1.5 acres of land acquired.

Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Yasi were then asked to attend the meeting for a discussion of the recently enacted Land and Water Conservation Fund (P.L. 88-578). The Commissioner informed the Board that the Governor had been requested to designate a state agency to administer the provisions of the Act which has been estimated to yield just under $2 million annually in matching funds for recreation planning, acquisition and development projects.

The Commissioner described the work of the Interagency Committee on Recreation established at the direction of the Governor and stated that the new federal act now provides the incentive for improved coordination of state and local recreation programs. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that th Department should continue to serve as the responsible state agency until such time as the legislature determined otherwise.

It was also the Board's feeling that the Department should be assisted in project formulation and allocation of funds by an interagency committee representative of state and local recreation interests.

Director Frederick C. Wilbour, Jr. and Dr. Robert F. Hutton were asked to attend the meeting for a discussion of the Commercial Fisheries Act of 1964. Director Wilbour outlined the provisions of the act which, upon appropriation, will provide approximately $300,000 annually on a 75:25 federal-state basis for programs of marine fisheries research and management.

The Commissioner advised the Board that the Governor had already designated th Department of Natural Resources as the agency to administer funds under this act.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the Department should limit its projects to those which would benefit a significant segment

of the commercial industry of the Commonwealth, be consistent with the recommendations of the 1960 and 1961 Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission reports, and be of sufficient merit to qualify for the full measure of federal funds.

It was the Board's determination that the Division of Marine Fisheries solicit recommendations from the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission on any proposed projects, but that final action on the initial set of projects be subject to further approval by the Commissioner and the Board.

The date for the next meeting was set for October 28, 1964 as a field trip to Berkshire County.

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

Donald B. Miller
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held at the home of Donald B. Miller, Rossiter Road, Richmond, on October 28, 1964 at 10:30 p.m. Members present included Thomas A. Fulham, Chairman, and Donald B. Miller, Secretary.

In the absence of a quorum, approval of the minutes of the September meeting were deferred until November.

Chairman Fulham stated his appreciation of the field trip to Chicopee Memorial State Park, Butternut Basin (Monterey), and Lower Spectacle Pond (Otis) scheduled by the Department, and he asked that the minutes formally express the gratitude of the Board for the hospitality furnished by Mr. Miller.

Commissioner Foster stated that a summary memorandum of the Department's fiscal 1966 budget requests had been prepared and would be distributed for discussion at the November meeting. He then asked Executive Assistant Robert L. Yasi to review recommendations for legislation to be filed with the Department's annual report the first Wednesday in November.

Mr. Yasi stated that two measures would be filed relating to marine fisheries: one to automatically extend the fisheries jurisdiction of the Commonwealth to any new boundary established by international agreement and, the other, to further strengthen the penalties relating to the scrubbing of eggs from egg-bearing lobsters.

The only major legislation which the Department intends to file, Mr. Yasi reported, would be the financing of the conservation district, conservation commission, and Division of Conservation Services programs through the establishment of a Massachusetts Conservation Fund. The present state real estate transfer tax would be increased 45¢ per $500 of valuation for every transaction in excess of $500, and one-quarter of the total excise would be segregated in this special fund for an estimated return of between $500,000 and $800,000 annually.

Commissioner Foster pointed out that the additional levy would be an insignificant item to the seller of real estate, and it would seem entirely appropriate that property transactions help support the Commonwealth's land use programs. He noted that the anticipated proceeds would place these functions on an entirely self-supporting basis, would provide for at least a doubling of the program of financial

assistance to conservation commissions and districts, and would also provide substantial relief to the General Fund of the Commonwealth and the state parks expansion program.

After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the items proposed should be filed as Departmental legislation.

Commissioner Foster then reminded the Board of the 2,378 acre tract of land in New Marlborough, including East Indies Pond, acquired from Beatrice Straight Cookson last year, and he reported that the Commonwealth had already received one-third of the standing timber as a gift with the remainder scheduled to follow in succeeding years.

In the light of this unusual generosity, it was the Board's feeling that the property should be designated the Cookson State Forest, and the Commissioner was instructed to advise the former owner accordingly.

The proposed taking of Bald Hill in Boxford was next presented to the Board, and Mr. Frederick Bowers was asked to review the history of special legislation and local interest leading to this proposal. The Board was informed that a proposed subdivision had been temporarily blocked by court action initiated by the town and that the selectmen were strongly of the opinion that the tract should be acquired by the Commonwealth as an addition to the adjacent Boxford State Forest.

The Commissioner explained that interested local citizens had already pledged gifts of land equivalent to the 184 acres in question and that although the area was primarily of scenic or reservation character, the special circumstances more than justified the present recommendation for acquisition by the Department.

Following discussion and review of appraisals, the Board authorized the preparation of an instrument of taking for the November meeting and an award of $32,300 for the property.

Director of Conservation Services Bruce S. Gullion then placed before the Board the following schedule of preliminary and final applications under the self-help conservation program and described each in detail with the assistance of topographic sheets and field examination reports.

Preliminary Applications

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Dept. Cost
No. Adams #2	110	$25,000	$12,500
Mendon #1	2 1/2	22,000	11,000
Dartmouth #2	16.5	9,900	4,950
Warren #1	3.7	1,000	500

Final Application

Concord #4	7.53	$ 4,518	$ 2,259

The Board advised Director Gullion of its tentative approval pending formal action at the November meeting of the Board.

The proposed Public Law 566 impoundment within October Mountain State Forest for flood control, recreation, and fish and wildlife purposes was next considered by the Board, and Chief of Recreation Arnold E. Howard was asked to comment on the various proposals for reservoir levels and their approximate costs. Mr. Howard noted that at elevation 1768 the Department could receive a permanent water body of 300 acres for an outlay of $162,480, and preliminary studies by Department consultants had indicated the area as highly desirable for recreation.

Mr. Miller pointed out that this 14,000 acre state forest now has no water area available for public outdoor recreation. Following a review of other alternatives, it was the consensus of the Board that construction to elevation1768 would provide the most surface water for the least unit cost.

Director of Forests and Parks Francis B. Mahoney reminded the Board that the Public Law 566 program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture also provides opportunities for cost-sharing on actual recreation facilities, but it was the feeling of

the Department that no realistic commitment could be made on the extent and location of facilities at this time.

The Board concurred in this conclusion and authorized the Commissioner to advise the Water Resources Commission and the Department of Agriculture of its interest in additional storage for recreation purposes with the added costs to be borne by the Commonwealth.

Due to the lateness of the hour and the absence of a quorum, the discussion of land acquisition procedures and policies was postponed to the November meeting.

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

Donald B. Tuttle

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held November 25, 1964 at 2:00 p.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Miller and Brewster.

The minutes of the September 30, 1964 and October 28, 1964 meetings were approved without correction.

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. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the following designations of Acting Directors -

Division of Conservation Services	-	Arthur W. Brownell
Division of Forests and Parks	-	Arnold E. Howard
Division of Marine Fisheries	-	Dr. Robert F. Hutton
Division of Law Enforcement	-	Maurice P. Shaw

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Henry G. McCarthy and Mr. Harold J. Greene to attend the meeting for a discussion and review of the Department's fiscal 1966 budget requests. Mr. Greene gave each Board member a summary of the 1965 and 1966 budget requests and the appropriations received in 1965, and commented that the 1966 budget requests are approximately the same as in 1965.

Mr. Brewster questioned the Bureau of Recreation's request for $1,525,677, which is $300,000 more than last year, and Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Greene indicated the bulk was in added engineering and field staffing.

In commenting upon the capital outlay for fire equipment, Mr. Greene said that the requested appropriation of $270,850 was principally for fire tower replacements and, if allowed, the fire service will be entirely modernized for the first time in history.

Following discussion the Board gave its approval of the 1966 budget requests.

Director Francis B. Mahoney and Mr. Robert L. Yasi were then asked to attend the meeting for discussion of the disposition of private cottages at Charge Pond, Myles Standish State Forest. Commissioner Foster reported to the Board that an opinion had been received from the Attorney General stating that owners of the camp

buildings are neither entitled to payment for damages thereto nor a refund of license fees as a result of cancellation of camping permits by the Department; that the Department may not exercise its options to purchase the camp structures with the intention of destroying them immediately to clear the area; that the expenditure of public funds to make such purchases would bestow a gratuity on private individuals; and that if the permit-holder does not act within the time specified by the Department to remove his cottage, the Department has the authority to dispose of the buildings in whatever manner it considers appropriate without further legal process. Discussion followed on an extension of time within which the cottages should be removed and it was the consensus that the time should be extended to December 31,1964, and that a copy of the letter from the Attorney General be enclosed with the letter to the cottage owners. Upon motion of Mr.Fulham, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to extend the date for the removal of private cottages at Charge Pond, Myles Standish State Forest, to December 31, 1964 and to advise the cottage owners that the Department will not be held responsible for personal property left in the cottages if not removed before demolition commences on January 1, 1965.

Mr. Arnold E. Howard was then asked to attend the meeting for the presentation of the proposed 1965 parks rules and regulations. The Commissioner stated that whenever changes are made in the rules and regulations the Department is required by law to hold a public hearing, and this hearing has been scheduled for December 11, 1964. Mr. Howard said the most important recommended changes in the camping regulations were the raising of the fee for camp sites from $1.50 to $2.00 per day and moving the check-out time from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. He also added that campers will be permitted to bring cats to state-owned camping areas for the first time. Another change in camping regulations, he stated, would be a rule that all camp sites must be occupied immediately after the camper has registered and paid the fee.

In discussing the changes in day-use regulations, Commissioner Foster brought to the attention of the Board the requests of non-profit organizations that buses

be admitted to all day-use areas at half price upon proof that the group is a bona fide non-profit agency. The Board, following discussion, was agreeable to this proposed change.

Mr. Howard then said it is proposed to close all day-use areas at 8:00 p.m. instead of one-half hour after sunset; that water skiing will be barred at all state forests, parks and reservations except Cliff Pond, Nickerson State Park; Long Pond, Rutland State Park; and the former Metropolitan District Commission reservoirs, and that no water skiing will be permitted on those ponds between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday or holidays during July and August. He further stated that it is planned to continue the no-reservation policy for camp sites and the official opening and closing dates of May 1 and October 15.

Following discussion of the proposed changes in the 1965 parks rules and regulations, the Commissioner was instructed to present these recommendations at the public hearing on December 11,1964.

Director Bruce S. Gullion and Arthur Brownell then attended the meeting to present self-help conservation projects. The projects tentatively approved at the Board meeting on October 28, 1964 were reviewed and, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

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

Preliminary applications

	Acres	Town cost	Dept. Cost
No. Adams #2	110	$25,000	$12,500
Mendon #1	2½	22,000	11,000
Dartmouth #2	22	1,100	550
Walpole #3	16.5	9,900	4,950
Warren #1	3.7	1,000	500

Final application

Concord #4	7.53	4,518	2,259

Director Gullion then explained in detail the four preliminary applications of the town of Natick for self-help conservation funds which he said were very worthwhile projects since they would provide additional acreage adjacent to an existing town forest.

Mr. Arthur Brownell then presented the proposal of the No. Attleboro Conservation Commission for the acquisition of 110 acres off Route 1, which would allow reconstruction of a dam and reservoir by the County Commissioners. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

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

Preliminary applications

	Acres	Town Cost	Dept. Cost
Natick #2	.5	$ 150	$ 75
Natick #3	13	2,600	1,300
Natick #4	12	2,400	1,200
No. Attleboro	110	23,000	11,500

Mr. Frederick Bowers was then asked to attend the meeting to explain the request of the City of Chicopee for a conveyance of 42.5 acres of land in Chicopee for a municipal golf course. He noted the legislative directive to this end which also enabled an exchange of land by the City to provide a potential reservoir site for state park expansion purposes. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute a deed conveying to the City of Chicopee a 42.5 acre tract of land in Chicopee for a municipal golf course, as authorized by Section 1, Chapter 542 of the Acts of 1964.

In connection with the proposed taking of 184 acres of land at Bald Hill in Boxford and Middleton which was tentatively approved at the Board meeting held October 28, 1964, Mr. Bowers gave a brief review of the area to be taken by eminent domain. Upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to approve the taking of 184 acres of land at Bald Hill in Boxford and Middleton, for conservation and recreation purposes, as authorized by Chapter 499 of the Acts of 1961, and to award damages to the supposed owners - William B. Ball, Trustee of the Bald Hill Trust - the sum of $32,300.

The Commissioner then brought to the attention of the Board the situation at Plum Island stating that before formal eminent domain proceedings were instituted, it was his feeling that the Department should complete its discussions with private cottage owners and town officials and attempt to negotiate amicable settlements. He advised the Board, however, that land takings would definitely be required due to condition of title. The Board agreed to defer final action until the December meeting.

The date for the next meeting was set for 10:30 a.m. December 29, 1964, to be followed by a joint luncheon meeting in Boston with the Fish and Game Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Donald B. Mullen
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held December 29, 1964 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Brewster and Miller.

Commissioner Foster brought to the attention of the Board that the minutes of the November 25, 1964 meeting should be corrected to state that the Commissioner is authorized by statute to name Acting Directors, not each Director. Following this correction, the Board gave approval to the minutes.

The Board was then informed by the Commissioner of the death of Egbert Hans, long-time planning consultant for the Department and designer of the Boston, West Springfield and New Bedford Flower Shows for many years. The Board asked Commissioner Foster to extend its condolences to the family of Mr. Hans.

The Commissioner then informed the Board that the examination for Chief Fire Warden had been held and that Howard F. Hurley, former Regional Forest and Park Supervisor, had been appointed to the position. He said that Kenton A. Beaujean who had been Acting Chief Fire Warden during the past year had done an excellent job in that capacity and suggested that the Board invite him to the meeting to express its appreciation. Mr. Fulham then asked Director Francis B. Mahoney and Kenton A. Beaujean to attend the meeting. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Fulham thanked Mr. Beaujean for the superlative work he had performed as Acting Chief Fire Warden in the disastrous spring and fall fire seasons and stated that he had asked Commissioner Foster to write him a formal letter of commendation on behalf of the Board.

In commenting upon activities of the Department, the Commissioner said that conferences had been held with the staff of the Governor-elect; that the Coastal Wetlands Conference held on December 28 was an outstanding success; that Governor-elect Volpe will in all probability make recommendations in his inaugural message for the preservation of the coastal wetlands as mentioned in his speech at the Conference, that in connection with a directive of the federal Bureau of Public Roads, the Department of Public Works will prepare scenic highway plans with the assistance of the Department, but it was his opinion that the Department should recommend that this joint study be extended beyond the January reporting date because of insufficient time to do the job properly.

The Commissioner then stated that a meeting had been held in his office with representatives of the cottage owners at Charge Pond, Myles Standish State Forest, who stated that they will remove their personal possessions from the cottages and will have appraisals made of their cottages, which the Department will review in the event of legislative inquiry. The cottage owners, the Commissioner said, intend to file legislation seeking payment for their cottages which will be removed by the Department.

In connection with several recommendations of the Forest Policy Advisory Committee, the Commissioner said that he felt that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Board to discuss their proposals and recommendations regarding the forest tax law and accelerated forest management program. Following discussion, the Board asked the Commissioner to invite these members of the Committee to the January meeting.

Commissioner Foster then asked Director Bruce S. Gullion and Arthur Brownell to attend the meeting to present self-help conservation projects. Mr. Gullion commented that there have been four allocations from bond issue funds since 1961 for self-help conservation projects and, if approvals are given today for the seven preliminary applications, there will be a balance remaining of $58,000 for the 12 preliminary projects which are being looked over in the field at the present time.

Mr. Brownell then commented on Wayland project #3 stating that the objective was to preserve open space within an extensively developed area and to prevent building on wetlands. He said that Wayland project #4 was part of a long-range plan to connect town-owned land off Route 126 with the educational marsh management area developed cooperatively by the Sudbury Valley Trustees and the Carling Conservation Club.

Mr. Brownell then presented the Lynnfield #1 and #2 projects which would establish a green belt area westerly from the existing Lynn Woods.

Director Gullion stated that the Sandwich #1 application was for the preservation of marshland and would add a publicly-owned area for improved access to Scorton Creek off Route 6A. The Commissioner added that the Barnstable County Study conducted by the Department recommended the preservation of this area.

In commenting on the Wrentham #3 request, Mr. Brownell stated that the acquisition of this 100 acre tract would insure protection of a pond from pollution, as well as retention in its natural state, immediately adjacent to the Foxboro State Forest.

In setting forth the Lexington #1 request for 5 acres of land he stated that the land will permit expansion of the town forest within this highly developed community.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brewster, 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	Department cost
Wayland #3	1.29	$ 2,500	$1,250
Wayland #4	4.8	8,000	4,000
Lynnfield #1	4.2	1,000	500
Lynnfield #2	16	2,500	1,250
Lexington #1	5	3,000	1,500
Sandwich #1	17.17	5,000	2,500
Wrentham #3	110	10,000	5,000

Mr. Brewster was of the opinion that one town should not take on too many self-help conservation projects, to the exclusion of other towns, and that perhaps guide lines should be set up by the Department for such purposes. He also asked what conditions were put on the areas which were approved for acquisition, as perhaps in years to come the areas could be used for purposes other than conservation and preservation. Following considerable discussion, the Commissioner asked Director Gullion to draft suggested policies and guidelines for future self-help conservation projects to be reviewed at a later date by the Board.

Mr. Bowers was then asked to attend the meeting to present land acquisition matters. He outlined the offer of Annie Laurie Bagley to sell 5 parcels of land in

Townsend containing about 95 acres for $14,000 and stated that most of the land was along Pearl Hill Brook and all of the acreage is adjacent to state owned property. He also mentioned that gravel is being sold from the property at the present time. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 95 acres of land in Townsend from Annie Laurie Bagley for the sum of $14,000; referred to as Clark Mill lot; Bowen lot; Copp-Baker Lot; Perry Lot; Ware Lot.

In presenting the taking of 2 acres and building owned by the October Mountain Club in Washington, Mr. Bowers stated that in 1963 the Board voted to purchase the property for $5,700 but the title was found to be in such poor condition that eminent domain proceedings are now the only means by which it can be obtained. He said the Department had received approval from the Selectmen for this taking. Following discussion upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute an order of taking of a 2 acre parcel of land in the Town of Washington, for conservation and recreation purposes, under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 132A of the General Laws and to award damages to the supposed owners - Trustees for October Mountain Club - the sum of FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED (5,700) DOLLARS.

In discussing the proposed taking of 5.30 acres and 11 cottages at Plum Island, the Commissioner reviewd the present situation and outlined the interest of the Ipswich Selectmen in removing present in-holdings. He noted that the taking would be subject to the approval of the Town of Ipswich. He said that many of the cottage owners would agree to a taking if they were allowed to stay for a period of years under a permit agreement, and he, therefore, would like authority from the Board to negotiate such permits for a period not to exceed five years.

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

VOTED - to approve the taking for conservation and recreation purposes of 73.24 acres of land situated at the southerly end of Plum Island in Ipswich as indicated on plan entitled, PLAN OF LAND IN IPSWICH TO BE TAKEN BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Scale 1" = 100'; December 29, 1964," 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. For damages sustained by persons in their property by reason of said taking the following awards are hereby made:-

LOT NO.	SUPPOSED OWNER	AWARD (Dollars)
300	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
302	William J. Hannon, et ux	1,000.00
303	Frances F. Roode	4,500.00
304-306	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
307	Harold F. Stevens	5,000.00
308	Heirs of Carroll T. Martin	5,500.00
309-310	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
311	Thomas J. Troy, et ux	1,000.00
313	Greenleaf Martin, et al	5,000.00
314	Elisabeth L. Allen	5,000.00
315	Ronald M. Filmore	3,500.00
316	Arthur A. Johnson, et al	1,000.00
317	Werner C. Kaatz	1,000.00
333-339	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
340	Gordon Cooper, et ux	800.00
341-348	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
349-351	Ruth B. Fyrburg	7,000.00
352	Heirs of John D. Ellis	4,000.00
353	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
354	Heirs of Percival Andrews	800.00
355	Roland J. Roberge, et ux	1,000.00
362-374	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
375	Gordon Cooper, et ux	5,700.00
376-382	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
386	Werner C. Kaatz	1,000.00
387-389	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
390	Llewellyn D. Chadbourne	1,000.00
391-392	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
393	Henry Lay, et als	5,500.00
394	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
402	Ralph E. Thurlow, et ux	4,500.00
403	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
405-483	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
514	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
A	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
B	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
C	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	0.00
D	Heirs of Oscar O. Thurlow	2,500.00

Commissioner Foster then informed the Board that approximately three quarters of a million dollars is now available for land acquisition and that the Department

has a number of recommended areas for acquisition which would fall generally into three categories: proximity to metropolitan areas; proximity to interstate highway locations; lands associated with reservoir construction projects where permanent water will be available for recreation. He would like to receive guidance from the Board as to such land acquisition policies due to the relatively higher cost of such properties over those purchased previously.

He cited the Baldpate Pond area in Boxford as a potential metropolitan area acquisition where the establishment of an industrial complex nearby might raise land prices in excess of $1000 per acre. Following discussion on the policy of spending such a sum for one recreation area, Mr. Brewster made it known that he would not look with favor on such an acquisition unless all other possibilities had been exhausted. Mr. Miller commented that that a high price for land today might appear relatively cheap fifty years in the future. Mr. Fulham was of the opinion that each area should be judged on its own merits and, if possible, visited by the Board before any final judgment was made as to its suitability as a recreation area for the stated expenditure.

In connection with the development of recreation facilities at Massasoit State Park, the Commissioner said the Department has run into engineering difficulties of such a magnitude that the construction plans should be turned over to a consultant engineering firm for completion, In consequence, he stated that a contract had been drawn up with the firm of Charles T. Main, Inc. for a maximum of $10,000, to develop a complete master plan and construction drawings for the first recreation complex in the area. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to enter into a contract with Charles T. Main, Inc. to a maximum of $10,000 for recreational planning and development at Massasoit State Park, East Taunton.

Commissioner Foster reported no opposition recorded at the public hearing held on December 11, 1965 relative to the proposed changes in parks rules and regulations, and he would, therefore, recommend approval with minor changes of the draft submitted to the Board at its November 25, 1964 meeting. Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the 1965 parks rules and regulations and authorize their promulgation by the Department.

The date for the next meeting was set for January 19, 1965 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. to attend the joint meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Fish and Game at the Parker House, Boston.

Donald B Miller
Secretary

A joint meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Fish and Game was held December 29, 1964 at 12:30 p.m. at the Parker House, Boston. Members present included Messrs. Thomas A. Fulham and Donald B. Miller, Board of Natural Resources, and Messrs. Roger D. Williams, F. Stanley Mikelk, Martin H. Burns, Harry C. Darling and Edward J. Tierney, Board of Fish and Game.

Director Shepard outlined Division of Fisheries and Game legislation and stated that his Division is seeking ways to secure passage of land acquisition legislation. He stated that he will ask for a representative of the Department of Natural Resources to sit with the Division of Fisheries and Game realty committee, and proposed that the Department of Natural Resources and the Division of Fisheries and Game exchange maps of all holdings. He outlined provisions of H. 1005 and suggested that state park personnel might be asked to sell licenses.

A discussion of liaison regarding land acquisition between the two departments ensued. It appeared that the Division of Fisheries and Game has provided recommended acquisitions in a number of instances to the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Mahoney stated that liaison at the field level was most effective and that many cooperative efforts had been conducted without the staff getting involved.

Commissioner Foster outlined acquisition activities of the Department of Natural Resources. Between 1958 and the present, 21,000 acres of land and water have been acquired at a cost of $1,250,000.00. Prices varied from $40 per acre to $200 per acre.

Director Shepard pointed out that in some states easements have been found less desirable than acquisition in fee. Commissioner Foster stated that the Department of Natural Resources would probably acquire few wetlands except those owned by the Division of Fisheries and Game, and that Director Shepard will have a review of the wetlands program to be proposed.

Commissioner Foster outlined legislation being entered by his Department, including bills to change the lobster law, extend territorial limits in view of potential international agreements regarding marine fisheries, and a bill to provide a conservation fund by separating a portion of the real estate transfer tax revenues.

Director Mahoney described development plans of recreational facilities at Hopkinton State Park.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.