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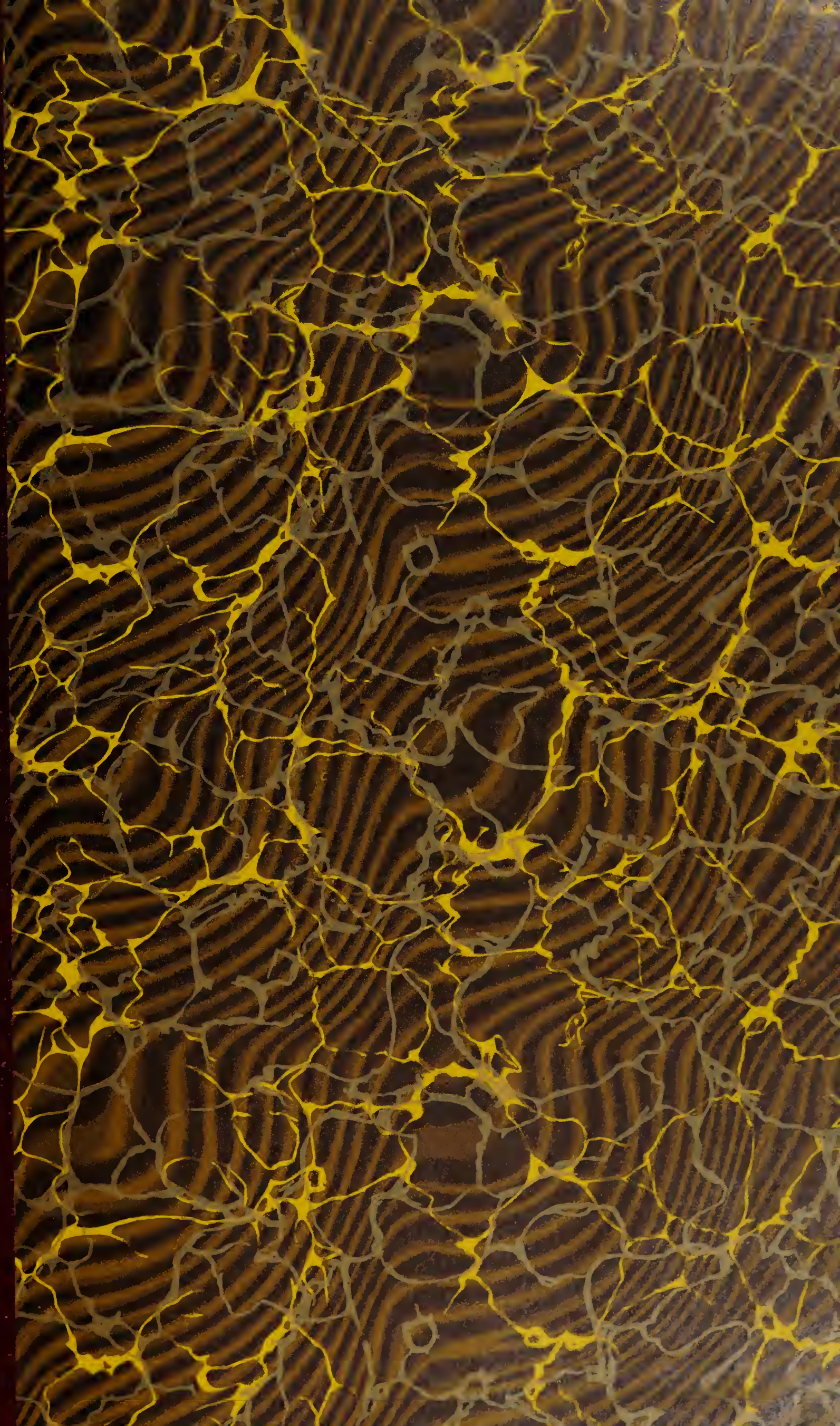

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held at the office of the Chairman, Thomas A. Fulham, 280 Northern Avenue, Boston, January 14, 1958, at 10:30 a.m. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Borden and Potter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

At the request of the Chairman, the Commissioner reviewed the activities of the Department since the previous meeting. He also mentioned that the first edition of the Department's monthly newsletter would outline the 20-year long range land acquisition and recreational program. This will be sent to all members of the Department at the earliest opportunity.

The Board recommended that the Commissioner have a study made of the question of wiring, electric or telephone, in connection with the proposed Forest Prison Camp for October Mountain State Forest as requested by the Department of Correction.

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to make a study of the Indian Head River area.

VOTED - to allot additional funds for recreational projects, previously approved by the Board, as follows -

Demarest Lloyd Park, day-use facilities, $50,000; Otter River Forest, road and bridge, $4,500; Pearl Hill Brook area, recreational development, $25,000.

VOTED - to reduce allotments for recreational projects, previously approved by the Board, at -

	Original Allotment	Reduction	Revised Allotment
Beartown Forest (day-use facilities)	$42,000	$35,000	$17,000
Savoy Mountain Forest (camping facilities)	35,000	15,000	20,000

VOTED - to accept offer of C.P. Davenport, Inc. to sell 974 acres at $7 per acre in Warwick and Northfield, provided price does not exceed appraisal value.

VOTED - to reject proposal of Planning Board of Bridgewater that Lot 192, a 58 1/2 acre parcel of State Forest land, be conveyed to the Town of Bridgewater for reforestation purposes since Lot 192 is part of the Department's demonstration forest lot.

VOTED - to reject offer of Lupien to sell 150 acres of land in Hopkinton for $100 per acre.

VOTED - to accept offer of John E. Bannish to sell 120 acres of land in Worthington at $5.00 per acre

VOTED - to reject the proposal of the Western Massachusetts Electric Company that the Department convey to them in fee a portion of State Forest land in Becket, rather than a location, which had been previously approved by the Board.

VOTED - to accept offer of Ely Merriam heirs to sell two parcels of land in Princeton, supposed to contain 62 1/2 acres, for $2,000.

VOTED - to accept the verbal offers of the following persons to sell land in Hawley provided the total cost does not exceed the total appraisal:-

	Acres	Price
Kenneth and Clifford Fairchild	69	650
Frederick Call	145	725
Howard M. Richardson	116	650
Fred R. Styles	100	750
Kenneth B. White	130	800
Fred Carroll	100	750
Fred Carroll	140	1,050
David and Eugene Blassberg	100	750
Mrs. Lee Roy Hunt	90	500
Penobscot Lumber Co.	354	2,124
Marion Flagg Waltermire	68	540
Ellen Gould Estate	175	1,400
	1,587	$10,689

VOTED - to reject offer of Johan Anderson to sell land in Hopkinton due to high price.

The public hearing having been held on the revised Rules and Regulations for the government and use of state forests, state reservations, and parks, under the control of the Division of Forests and Parks it was -

VOTED - to approve the revised Rules and Regulations for the government and use of state forests, state reservations, and parks, under the control of the Division of Forests and Parks.

The date for the next meeting was set for February 11, 1958 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Robert P. Holdsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place, February 11, 1958, at 10:30 a.m. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Borden and Miller.

The amended minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

After discussion of the aerial spraying program of the Department, it was recommended that the Commissioner make a detailed report, to be presented at the next Board meeting, of the gypsy moth spraying program this year as follows -

1. Survey of areas of infestation - which areas are most dangerous and where a flair up might be expected.

2. Status of the incidence of the gypsy moth - any proposed control measures this year and where and what is proposed for spraying.

3. Review of history of concentration of sprays used to date.

It was recommended that the Commissioner report on the status of plans for the prison camp at October Mountain State Forest at the next meeting.

VOTED - to approve the allotment of funds for additional projects as shown below:

CLARKSBURG PARK	$ 1,600	$
Entrance Road (Forestry Camp Project)	800	2,400
Beach Development (Forestry Camp Project)		
COCHITUATE PARK		
Contact Station	2,000	
Entrance Gate and Wall	3,000	
Parking Area	15,000	20,000
DOUGLAS FOREST		
Telephone and Electric Power Line		2,000
ERVING FOREST		
Service Building		45,000
NICKERSON PARK		
Improvements to Water System	3,000	
Improvements at Lodge	5,000	8,000
PEARL HILL BROOK AREA		
Additional Recreational Facilities		16,000
WINDSOR FOREST		
Improvements at Windsor Jambs (Forestry Camp Project)		1,200
BRIMFIELD FOREST		
Telephone Line to Dean Pond		1,000
MISCELLANEOUS		
Lumbering Operations	2,000	
Equipment Purchase	2,500	
Material and Supplies	2,000	6,500
CONTINGENCIES		7,900
	TOTAL -	$110,000

At the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that no vote would be taken on the matter of reducing Mr. Bower's request for $75,000 for land acquisition and $11,000 for surveys and other services but that Mr. Howard and Mr. Bowers should coordinate their activities in such a manner that the available funds could be used in the best possible way to have them encumbered as rapidly as possible.

Following the discussion of a request to have the recreational area at Watson's Pond, Taunton, named "PONDSBROOKE STATE PARK" in memory of John Gilbert, it was -

VOTED - that if there is no legislative implication to the connotation of "Watson's Pond" the area will be named "PONDSBROOKE STATE PARK" - otherwise a suitable commemorative plaque will be erected.

VOTED - to accept offer of Philip Gunderson, Trustee, to sell about 12.25 acres of land in Hopkinton for $2,000.

VOTED - to accept offer of Israel A. Lupien to sell about 152 acres of land in Hopkinton at $67.50 per acre.

VOTED - to accept offer of John J. Giordano to sell approximately 300 acres of land in Townsend at $35 per acre.

VOTED - to refer offer of John F. and Thomas J. Troy to sell two lots of land at Plum Island for $666 to next Board Meeting.

The Chairman recommended that the Commissioner report, at the next Board meeting, the plans of the Department on the Plum Island development.

VOTED - to approve the request of Ralph F. Blanchard for a permit to install a pole line, approximately 300 feet long, on the so-called Brewster Lot in Plymouth.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for March 11, 1958 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Donald B. Miller
Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place, March 11, 1958, at 10:30 a.m. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Potter and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Commissioner reviewed the activities of the Department since the previous meeting mentioning that plans for the opening of the Youth Service Camp at Nickerson State Park, Brewster, are proceeding satisfactorily with the hope of opening prior to June 1.

It was reported by the Commissioner that the plans for the prison camp at the October Mountain State Forest are progressing and the Department is negotiating for the purchase of two acres of land and buildings to be used for prison camp purposes, with power and water already available, at a new location.

Following an outline of the problems of the Division of Insect Pest Control, Dutch Elm disease and Gypsy Moth control, and the recommendation of the Board at its previous meeting that this Division make a detailed report on its aerial spraying program, Harold L. Ramsey presented to the Board a memorandum covering a survey of the infested areas, proposed control measures for this year, and a review of previous concentrations in aerial spraying. The Board was unanimous in its opinion that this was an excellent and informative report. (Copy of report attached to minutes).

The Chairman recommended, in view of the public relations problem in connection with aerial spraying, that this report be made into a carefully prepared news release to be distributed to areas particularly where there is opposition to aerial spraying; to seek the endorsement of our limited and carefully regulated aerial sparying program from various organizations who may otherwise oppose the program.

In connection with the problem of the control of the Dutch Elm disease and removal of diseased trees along state highways, a cooperative function of the Department of Public Works and Department of Natural Resources, the Commissioner stated that he and Mr. Ramsey would arrange to have a meeting with Commissioner DiNatale, Department of Public Works, to discuss more effective cooperation between Departments.

The Commissioner reported on the many current pieces of legislation including bills for the development of Plum Island and informed the Board that a master study plan has been recommended for the departments concerned with Plum Island before any further action is taken there.

VOTED - to reject offer of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. to sell 1,050 acres of land in New Ashford for $21,000 and wait for a lower price.

VOTED - to reject request of Raymond Forte that the Commonwealth convey to him 4½ acres of land in Freetown.

VOTED - to accept offer to buy the Troy land, two lots, Plum Island for $666.

VOTED - to accept offer of the Town of Hawley to sell 100 acres of land for $650.

VOTED - to accept offer of Ernest W. Moore to sell 56.55 acres of land in Plainfield and Windsor for $1,750.

VOTED - to accept offer of Grace B. Barodek to sell two acres of land with buildings in Becket for $8,350., subject to the right to occupy the house without rent until October 31, 1958.

VOTED - to accept offer of Fred A. Taylor to sell 19.96 acres of land in Hopkinton for $2,500.

VOTED - to accept offer of Margaret E.D. Roberts to sell 5 acres of land in Pittsfield for $75.00 plus cost for perfecting title.

VOTED - to encumber funds for the payment of land taken by eminent domain as follows:-

1. ACCOUNT NO. 8256-09 - $39,628.00

To provide payments for settlements as follows:

(a) PILGRIM SPRING STATE PARK

Taking No. 83 - March 27, 1956

Ye Eastern Harbor Great Beach Proprietors	$25,000

Taking No. 84 - March 27, 1956

Minnie W. Small, Parcel 1	$ 300
Grace E. Bessay, Parcels 2, 3	550

Taking No. 86 - July 10, 1956

Grace E. Bessay, Lots 497, 498, 499	$ 400
Abraham Katz, Lots 659-676	500
Trustees of Avon College, Lots 698,699,848,849,865,866	400
Junia H. Curtin, Trustee, Parcel A	350
Henry Crowe, Lots 201, 202	300
Frederick W. and Edith P. Hopkins, Lot 255, Parcel B	350
Owner unknown, Lot 267	100
John A. Erickson, Lot 274	100
Minnie E. Seavey, Lot 447	100
Mina B. Kimball, Lots 452-455	200

(a) PILGRIM STATE PARK (cont.)

Taking No. 86 - July 10, 1956 (cont.)

Gertrude F. Neary, Lot 469	$ 100
Addie Steere, Lot 486	100
Eldo C. Fessendon, Lot 488	100
Thomas McHugh, Lot 489	100
Alton F. and Margaret M. Chandler, Lot 495	100
Arnold Klein, Lots 700, 701	100
Annette M. Cowles, Lot 821	50
Ethel A. Kramer, Lots 867,868,871,872,876-879	300
Thomas Kiljawa, Lots 873, 874, 875	150
Otto A. Both, Lots 880-884	100
William Rollins, Parcel H	200
Total -	$30,050

(b) DIGHTON ROCK STATE PARK - $9,578.00

Taking No. 74 - December 16, 1955

Miguel Corte Real Memorial Society, Inc.,Lot 115	$ 9,528
David E. Marshall, Lot 118	50
Total -	$9,578.

2. ACCOUNT NO. 8255-05 - $2,100

To provide payment for settlement as follows:

(a) PROFILE ROCK - FREETOWN

Taking No. 68 - March 3, 1955

Heirs of Milton I. Dean, Lot 3	$ 550

(b) LEOMINSTER STATE FOREST

Taking No. 77 - January 26, 1956

William Mathews, 56 acres	$ 1,200

(c) PEARL HILL BROOK - TOWNSEND

Taking No. 81 - December 20, 1955

Wilfred Stanton, Lot 6	$ 350
Total -	$ 2,100

3. ACCOUNT No. 4010-15, Chapter 687 Acts of 1954 - $34,887,06

To provide payment of settlements as follows:

MARTHA'S VINEYARD BEACH

Taking No. 69 - July 21, 1955

Leo J. Convery, Lots 9, 19	$ 2,968.50
Leo J. Convery, Lots 13, 21	3,628.70
Delphine G. Lopes, Lots 11, 20	3,298.60
Joseph W. Yowell, Lot 14	4,521.38
Joseph W. Yowell, Lot 22	20,049.88
Lawrence Meyer, Lot 24	420.00
Total -	$34,887.06

The date for the next Board meeting was set for April 8, 1958 at the home of Richard Borden, Concord.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Robert P. Hardcastle

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place, April 8, 1958, at 10:30 a.m. The following were present: Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Commissioner reviewed the activities of the Department since the previous meeting mentioning hearings on current legislation and apprised the Board of the amended eminent domain clause in the Bill for the long-range land acquisition and recreational development program, which was approved by the Board.

Chairman Fulham suggested that a distinctive helmet be issued to forest fire fighters in order that they may be easily identified as employees of this Department. It was recommended that the Commissioner look into this matter.

In connection with the proposed Youth Service Camp at Nickerson State Park, Brewster, the Board was informed that $5,000 additional funds were needed to be used to install a new heating plant, plumbing, tiling and structural changes in the Lodge and following discussion it was -

VOTED - to allot the sum of $5,000 from available bond issues for the improvements to the Lodge at Nickerson State Park, Brewster. This sum to be in addition to the amount of $5,000 voted at the meeting of February 11, 1958.

A committee representing the Inland Conservation Officers, John Broderick, Chairman, was introduced to the Board to present its case, as a result of the Barrington appeal, of inequality in pay between Marine and Inland Officers. The Board and Commissioner were asked to take appropriate and favorable action on the request for an equalization of pay, retroactive to October 1, 1956, and a formal vote by the Board, on their behalf, was requested. The Commissioner stated that he would take every appropriate step to accomplish the salary readjustment. During the discussion of this upgrading of pay the Commissioner suggested that the committee also obtain a formal vote from the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game since some of the funds to accomplish this equalization in pay would come from that Division. Chairman Broderick stated that he would follow this suggestion.

VOTED - to actively support the Inland Conservation Officers in their appeal for an equalization of their pay scale rate.

VOTED - to accept offer of Raymond Hathaway to sell 150 cares of land in Hawley for $1,050.

VOTED - to accept offer of Arthur C. Noyes to sell approximately 180 acres of land in Wendell for $1,800.

VOTED - to accept offer of Rich Lumber Co. to sell approximately 504 acres of land in Wendell for $4,500.

VOTED - to accept offer of Orange Lumber Co. to sell approximately 62 acres of land in Wendell for $500.

VOTED - to accept offer of Eagle Street Realty Corp. to sell a tract of land in Great Barrington, supposed to contain 284.33 acres, for $7,500.

VOTED - to accept offer of Morgan C. Pritchard to sell approximately 13 acres of land in Pittsfield for $215.50.

VOTED - to reconsider vote of January 14, 1958 "to accept offer of C.P. Davenport, Inc. to sell 974 acres at $7 per acre in Warwick and Northfield, provided price does not exceed appraisal value" - and voted to accept offer of C. P. Davenport, Inc. to sell 974 acres of land in Warwick and Northfield for $7,305.

VOTED - to increase consideration of offer of Howard M. Richardson to sell 116 acres of land in Hawley by $50 to pay for an apportionment of taxes, thereby increasing the previous vote of January 14, 1958, accepting the land for $650., to $700.

VOTED - to accept offer of Emily L. Stearns to sell three parcels of land in Pittsfield and one parcel in Lanesboro at a total cost of approximately $171.50 including apportionment of taxes.

VOTED - to accept offer of Wilma L. Deinboll to sell approximately 30 acres and buildings in Plainfield for $7,500.

The date for the next meeting was set for May 13, 1958 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of Richard C. Potter, Worcester Natural History Society, 21 Cedar Street, Worcester.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Peter P. Holdsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held at the home of Richard Borden, Great Meadow Road, Concord, at 10:30 a.m. on May 13, 1958. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Borden, Miller and Potter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

In reviewing the activities of the Department since the previous meeting the Commissioner reported, among other things, that the plans for the Hanover-Pembroke area are progressing very satisfactorily and it has turned out to be a better and larger area than expected.

Letters addressed to each member of the Board from the President of the North Adams Chamber of Commerce opposing Senate 610 and 658 were read by the Board and the Commissioner's reply was favorably noted.

Following discussion of the control of aerial spraying it was determined that Legislative action should designate one state agency to regulate aerial spraying. The Board was in agreement that legislation on this matter should be introduced by an interested non-governmental organization and recommended that Mr. Borden look into this matter further.

VOTED - to approve the placing of a memorial plaque, in memory of John Gilbert, in in Watson's Pond State Forest, Taunton, and to approve the following wording on the plaque -

JOHN GILBERT
BORN IN ENGLAND IN 1580,
CAME TO AMERICA IN 1635,
WAS ONE OF THE 46 COHANNET PURCHASERS
SETTLED NEAR THE GREAT WEIR IN 1638,
WAS REPRESENTATIVE AT THE GENERAL COURT IN 1639,
IN 1641 FOR HIS SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF TAUNTON,
HE WAS GRANTED THE LAND NOW OCCUPIED BY THIS PARK.
HE BUILT HIS FARM HERE AND NAMED IT "PONDSBROOKE",
AND HE LIVED HERE UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1657.
HIS BODY IS BURIED NEAR THIS SPOT.

The request of the Civil Defense Agency for further use of Bradley Palmer State Park for the purpose of establishing a pistol and revolver range was discussed and it was

VOTED - to reject the request of the Civil Defense Agency to establish a pistol and revolver range at Bradley Palmer State Park since it was not the intent of the donors of Bradley Palmer State Park that the park be used for such purposes and was against the policy of the Board to use such areas except for quiet family outdoor recreation.

The Board decided, after considerable discussion of the request of the Trustees of Avon College to be given life tenancy for the use of their seasonally occupied camp in the new Pilgrim Spring area in Truro, that in view of the fact that this area is expected to become a portion of the proposed National Park and would then be administered by the National Park Service, no long term agreement by this Department would be applicable. Also, since the building has been owned by a corporation which would not make life tenancy appropriate it was -

VOTED - that no specified term of occupancy be given to the Trustees of Avon College but instead a permit, revocable by the Department, be given indicating that when the location is required for public use a six months' notice of termination will be given.

The request of the North Shore Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, that certain property on Hood's Pond, Bradley Palmer State Park, which the Childrens' Summer School, Inc. plans to discontinue use of and their desire to convey their holdings to the North Shore Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, was discussed in detail. The Board was sympathetic to the request to convey the property to such a worthy organization as the Boy Scouts but was of the opinion that such a conveyance would not clearly carry out the intent of the donor of Bradley Palmer State Park and it was -

VOTED - that the Department exercise its rights to take over the property on Hood's Pond, Bradley Palmer State Park, upon the discontinuance of the Childrens' Summer School, Inc.

Following discussion of the request of Gifford Enterprises, Inc. (Sperry-Hutchinson) for authorization to take water from Lake Cochituate, not to be used as a primary water supply, but as an auxiliary to the present water supply of the Town of Natick, for the purpose of emergencies and weekly hydrant and sprinkler tests, Chairman Fulham recommended,in light of Chapter 621 Acts of 1956, with the agreement of the other Board members, that the Commissioner notify Gifford Enterprises, Inc. that the Board was receptive to their request and that an agreement be prepared to be presented at the next Board meeting. Incorporated in the agreement should be a statement that the water taken from Lake Cochituate be paid at the local water rate of the Town of Natick with

payment for the meter at the expense of Gifford Enterprises, Inc. The agreement should also clearly define the meaning of the word "emergencies."

The agreement between the Mayflower Marine Service, Inc. and the Department of Natural Resources that the Department shall have the right to use certain property of the Mayflower Marine Service, Inc., 37,500 sq.ft. on the summit of Manomet Hill situated in the Town and County of Plymouth, for the construction and maintenance of a communication building and antenna and for the maintenance and replacement of the existing forest fire observation tower was signed by the members of the Board.

The Commissioner reported on a meeting with the Wheelers' Fish and Game Club, Inc., Paralyzed Veterans of America, and presented their request that a permit be given them for use of a portion of the Ashland State Park for their members and it was -

VOTED - that a permit be given to the Wheelers' Fish and Game Club, Inc., Paralyzed Veterans of America, to use a portion of the Ashland State Park and the building to be erected on the property by members of the Club be designed by the Department of Natural Resources taking into consideration the specifications of the Wheelers' Fish and Game Club, Inc.

VOTED - to reject offer of Mary S. Johnson to sell two parcels of land, with buildings, in Hancock, total area 186 acres, for $12,000, subject to the right to occupy or rent the premises through June 30, 1959, and to make an offer of $10,000 for the property.

VOTED - to accept offer of Eagle Street Realty Co. to sell -

156 acres in Hancock for	- $300.
74 acres in Hancock for	- $1,000.
10 acres in Pittsfield for	- $250.

VOTED - to table offer of Warren E. Lovelace to sell 50 acres of land in Becket, including buildings, some appliances and carpeting, for $19,170. and procure further information.

VOTED - to approve conveyance of land from Western Massachusetts Electric Co. valued about $1,500.

VOTED - to accept offer of Parker B. Kimball to sell 40 acres of land in Warwick for $750.

VOTED - to accept offer of Josephine M. Giordano to sell two parcels of land in Townsend at $35.00 per acre.

1. 15 acres near Lunenberg line - asking $525.
2. Parcel of land on the west side of the New Fitchburg Road, area not known, probably 15 acres - asking $525.

VOTED - to accept gift of Massachusetts Turnpike Authority of land as follows -

1. Land in Natick - Tract 1 - 0.40 acre
   Tract 2 - 298 sq.ft.
2. Land in Wayland 0.86 acre
3. Land in Framingham - Tract 1 - 814 sq. ft.
   Tract 2 - 1,400 sq. ft.

VOTED - to accept offer of Clarence L. Wyman to sell approximately 18 acres of land in Townsend for $1,600.

VOTED - to accept offer of Bernard B. Fleming to sell 200 acres of land in Middlefield for $1,400.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for June 24, 1958, at 10:30 a.m. in the office of Richard C. Potter, Worcester Natural History Society, 21 Cedar Street, Worcester.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held at the office of Richard C.Potter, Worcester Natural History Society, 21 Cedar Street, Worcester, at 10:30 a.m. on June 24, 1958. Present were Messrs. Potter, Holdsworth and Miller. 265

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

In reviewing the activities of the Department since the previous meeting the Commissioner mentioned that in accordance with a previous vote of the Board, January 15, 1954,"not to extend further special privileges to any group or organization for use of the Commonwealth's Parks or Recreational areas", he had turned down several requests from large private groups for the use of our state parks.

He then stated that the authorized study of Skinner Park, Mt. Holyoke, had been made and the model prepared by Perry, Shaw, Hepburn & Dean completed. He further informed the Board that it will require over one million dollars to finish this project.

The Commissioner reported that under the Governor's Student Internship Program the Department has been assigned two interns for a ten week period, being paid by funds from the Department. The interns will spend a week or more with each Division and at the end of the their program will submit a written report on the Department.

Donald B. Miller and the Commissioner informed the Board of the visit they made to Colonel A.D. Budd, Notch View Farm, Windsor, to look over his property which he is considering placing under state ownership in the near future. After discussion of this property for a state forest the Board advised the Commissioner to write to Colonel Budd to inquire what further steps he would like to have the Department take in connection with this possible gift of land to the Commonwealth.

Following a discussion of the meeting which the Commissioner had with officials of the General Electric Company of Pittsfield for the installation of a high voltage transmission line across ~~the~~ state owned land and the proposal that General Electric donate certain lands to the Department in exchange for such land as would be required for this installation, it was recommended that the Department compile several parcels for the proposed exchange to be considered by the Board at its next meeting.

The Commissioner informed the Board that the suggestions made in the Auditor's report, March 11, 1957 to February 8, 1958, are being attended to.

It was reported by the Commissioner that the 1,000 acres in the Provincetown area, for which the Department has funds to take by eminent domain, are practically ready for the taking with title examinations having been completed.

The Board after discussing the desirability of acquiring the Sawmill River Valley area located in the towns of Montague, Leverett and Shutesbury, recommended that the Department proceed with a master plan and survey of the area.

The property known as the Land of Oz, in New Marlboro, was brought before the Board for discussion inasmuch as the present owners now wish to offer for sale approximately 2,400 acres of their land. Since this area is known to the Department, having been considered for acquisition in past years, it was recommended that this proposed offer to sell be looked into further.

VOTED - to allot the sum of $2,500 from available bond issue funds for further improvements to the open slope ski area at Mt. Grace State Forest.

VOTED - to allot the sum of $2,500 from available bond issue funds for the installation of a two-way radio system at the Myles Standish State Forest.

VOTED - to allot the sum of $3,000 out of available bond issue funds for further improvements to the park entrance road at Dighton Rock State Park in Berkley.

VOTED - to allot the sum of $1,500 from available bond issue funds for painting the exterior of the bathhouse at Robinson State Park, Agawam.

VOTED - to allot the sum of $2,000 from available bond issue funds for the installation of electric wiring in the workshop at the Myles Standish State Forest.

VOTED - to accept offer of Mary S. Johnson to sell 186 acres of land and buildings in Hancock for $10,300.

VOTED - to accept offer of Kenneth F. McCloud to sell a tract of land in Colrain containing 150 to 160 acres at $8 per acre.

VOTED - to accept offer of John P. Leary to sell two parcels of land in Conway containing 103 acres - 83 acres for $550 and 20 acres for $150.

VOTED - to accept offer of William T. Turner to sell about 235 acres of land in Hawley for $2,130.

VOTED - to table offer of John Messelaar to sell land and buildings at Plum Island for consideration at next Board meeting.

VOTED - to approve the objective of buying 4 acres of land in Wareham for $5,000 from Melville C. Beaton for the use of the Division of Marine Fisheries provided the Department has the authority to acquire land for such purposes.

VOTED -to reject offer of Warren E. Lovelace to sell 50 acres of land and buildings in Becket for $17,000.

VOTED - to reject offer of Peter L. Trudeau to sell 14 acres of land and buildings in Becket for $15,000.

VOTED - to approve the taking of 447.02 acres of land at North Sugarloaf Mountain in Deerfield and gave approval to make settlements with land owners for the appraised value or less.

VOTED - to approve the offer of C.P. Davenport, Inc. to sell 974 acres of land in Warwick and Northfield for a total of $7,905, which includes payment of 1958 taxes of $600.

A list of land acquisitions by the Department, from January 1, 1957 to May 1958, was given to each Board member. (copy of list attached to the minutes).

The date for the next Board meeting was set for July 22, 1958 as a joint meeting with the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game to be held in Essex County.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Peter P. Holdsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held at the Harold Parker State Forest, Boxford, on July 22, 1958 at 10:30 a.m. Present were Messrs. Holdsworth and Potter. 271

Due to unavoidable circumstances a quorum was not present.

In reviewing the activities of the Department since the previous meeting, the Commissioner discussed certain changes in duties in the Bureau of Insect Pest Control; the supplementary budget request; status of the forest inventory and other related matters. He also stated that he has designated Lewis Carter, as his representative, to investigate areas which are being considered as possible gifts to the Commonwealth.

Following a discussion of complaints received about comfort stations at the various parks, it was recommended that a priority list be prepared for eventually modernizing the toilet facilities at all of the more crowded recreation areas.

Land matters were brought before the meeting but in view of a quorum not being present, a vote could not be taken but the decision of the members present was to approve the following land matters and ratify their recommendations by vote at the next meeting: -

1. Offer of John Parsons to sell 25 acres of land in Brimfield for $225.
2. Offer of Samuel Sahagrian to sell 35 acres of land in Erving for $350.
3. Offer of Gertrude H. Lambson to sell about 91 acres of land in Peru, subject to 2 year cutting rights, for $557.
4. Request of Town of Freetown that 1.81 acres of state forest land be conveyed for highway purposes.
5. Request of Town of Erving that 0.86 acres of state forest land be conveyed for highway purposes.

On the following land matters it was decided to postpone any action until the next meeting:-

1. Request of Erving Paper Mills that they convey to the Department approximately 85 acres of land in Erving in exchange for a 12 acre tract of state forest land.
2. Request of Allister MacDougal that we reconsider his offer to sell 4 acres of land in Ashby for $7,000.
3. Submission of report on investigation of Connors Pond in Petersham.

Due to the nature of the request of the General Electric Co., of Pittsfield, that 33 acres of the October Mountain State Forest be conveyed to them in exchange for 106 acres of land, the members present stated that there would be very little question but that the Board would votes its approval of this land exchange if the Marshall land was also included in this conveyance. The members present recommended that their views be made known to the Chairman and with his approval the Commissioner should then inform the General Electric Co. of the Board's additional recommendation. Authority was given to proceed with title examinations for this land exchange.

Following the recommendation of the Board, the Chairman was contacted and gave his approval to proceed with this transaction with the General Electric Co. as approved by the other members.

Improvements and expansion of the recreational areas at the Harold Parker State Firest were discussed at length and a tour of the areas, Stearns Pond, Berry Pond and Sudden Pond was made. After looking at these areas, it was considered that to make all the necessary improvements - hard topping roads and parking areas, constructing new parking areas, installation of plumbing facilities, water systems - and expanding the facilities for swimming, picnicking and camping, the cost might be approximately one million dollars. It was agreed that this area should be considered a high priority project when funds for development are provided.

Meeting was adjourned for lunch.

2:00 p.m. - Joint meeting of the Board of Natural Resources and the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game. Members present from the Board of Natural Resources were Messrs. Holdsworth and Potter. Members from the Board of the Divsion of Fisheries and Game were Messrs. Cesan and McLaughlin.

The Commissioner opened the meeting.

After discussion of land acquisition it was agreed that the Commissioner and the Director of the Division of Fisheries and Game should work more closely on land acquisition matters, particularly if the Department's long range land acquisition and recreational development program, now before the Legislature, is acted upon favorably.

Director McLaughlin reported that the Division of Fisheries and Game and the

Division of Law Enforcement have been working together toward better cooperation between the Divisions and meetings had been held with groups of Law Enforcement Officers to better acquaint them with the policies and regulations of the Division of Fisheries and Game.

Director Willard, Division of Law Enforcement, stated that another series of regional conferences are being planned with Director McLaughlin and the Law Enforcement Officers prior to the opening of the hunting season. It is planned to have three such meetings each year.

The problem of multiple use of bass ponds at Harold Parker State Forest was discussed at length. Frederick McLaughlin, of the Board of Fisheries and Game, stated it would be very costly to replace the bass ponds should they be lost through their use for recreational purposes.

In order to make plans for the multiple use of the ponds both Boards viewed Collins Pond, Brackett Pond and Field Pond. It was the opinion of both Boards that Field Pond was the most desirable multiple use area, provided there is no fertilization of this pond, and it was recommended that the Commissioner and the Director work out appropriate arrangements for such use.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Robert P. Holdsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the Commissioner's office at 10:30 a.m. on August 12, 1958. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller, Borden and Potter.

The minutes of the June 24 and July 22 meeting were approved.

The Commissioner reviewed the activities of the Department since the previous meeting.

Following discussion it was

VOTED - to allot the sum of $3,000 from available bond issue funds for the purchase of materials and employment of skilled help in connection with the construction of buildings at the Brimfield Saw Mill area.

VOTED - to allot the sum of $2,500 for an emergency development of a drinking water supply (driven well) at the Ashland State Park.

VOTED - to reduce the allotment of funds for the Demarest Lloyd State Park by $100,000.

A copy of the status of the Bond Issue Funds, as of August 7, 1958, was given to each Board member. (copy attached to minutes).

The Commissioner reported that petitions have been received from campers regarding limitations of time for occupancy of tenting areas. After considerable discussion, Chairman Fulham suggested that since it is the policy of the Department to provide as much natural recreational facilities to the greatest number of people, with complete reciprocity between states, that the Division of Forests and Parks look into this matter of time limitation for camping and report at a future meeting.

The Board, after discussing plans being prepared for a new tenting area and the relocation of the trailer area at Nickerson State Park, recommended that the Department proceed with the plans.

Following a report by the Commissioner on requests received for group camping in the wilderness areas of the state forests and parks, the Chairman recommended that a study be made by the Division of Forests and Parks as to how this type of camping is handled by other states with a report and recommendations to be submitted at a future meeting.

The Commissioner informed the Board of his plans to hold a meeting, sponsored by the Department, to be held in the fall in an effort to resolve the problem of the unregulated use of chemical insecticide sprays. The Board was in Agreement that such a meeting should be held.

It was voted to ratify the recommendations of the members present at the July Board meeting to -

1. Accept the offer of John Parsons to sell 25 acres of land in Brimfield for $225.
2. Accept the offer of Samuel Sahagrian to sell 35 acres of land in Erving for $350.
3. Accept the offer of Gertrude H. Lambson to sell about 91 acres of land in Peru, subject to 2 year cutting rights, for $557.
4. Grant the request of Town of Freetown that $1\frac{81}{}$ acres of state forest land be conveyed for highway purposes.
5. Grant request of Town of Erving that $0\frac{86}{}$ acres of state forest land be conveyed for highway purposes.

VOTED - to postpone the proposal of the General Electric Co., of Pittsfield, that 33 acres of the October Mountain State Forest be conveyed to them in exchange for 106 acres of land and that Donald B. Miller contact the General Electric, personally, to again request that further negotiations be made to have the Marshall property included in the conveyance.

VOTED - to table the latest proposal of the Erving Paper Mills that they convey to the Department approximately 85 acres if land in Erving in exchange for a 12 acre tract of state forest land until a decision has been received from the Department of Public Works as to the amount of land that Department is planning to acquire for the relocation of Route 2.

VOTED - to reject the offer of Allister MacDougal that we reconsider his offer to sell 4 acres of land in Ashby for $7,000.

VOTED - to reject the offer of John T. Messelaar to sell land an buildings at Plum Island for $4,500.

The report on the investigation of Connors Pond, in Petersham, was noted and tabled.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for September 16 and 17 at Nickerson State Park.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Peter P. Holbrook

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on September 16, 1958 at 11:30 a.m. Nickerson State Park, Brewster. Present were Messrs. Borden, Potter, Miller and Holdsworth. 281

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Commissioner and the Department Secretary, Henry McCarthy, reviewed the activities of the Department since the previous meeting.

Following discussion of the offer of Mrs. Alfred F. Intemann to convey to the Commonwealth, as a gift, approximately 1,000 acres of land in the Town of Mount Washington, Berkshire County, with the conveyance of approximately 200 acres this year and the balance of the acreage over two or three years, with a restriction against hunting and fishing and trapping except as the Department considered necessary, and with the Commissioner recommending the acceptance of this gift of land it was -

VOTED - to accept the offer of Mrs. Alfred F. Intemann to convey to the Commonwealth, as a gift, approximately 200 acres of land in the Town of Mount Washington, Berkshire County, with a restriction against hunting on such land.

VOTED --to approve the request of Metcalf & Eddy, Engineers, on behalf of the City of Pittsfield, to convey approximately 2,880 square feet of State Forest land in the town of Washington to the City of Pittsfield for water supply purposes.

VOTED - to accept the offer of Fred Feldsieper and Fred Peemoller to sell a tract of land in Plainfield supposed to contain 126 acres for $1,850.

VOTED - to approve the offer of the American Sumatra Tobacco Co. to release damages in the taking of 60.10 acres of land in Deerfield for $2,621.56.

VOTED - to postpone, for a future meeting, the request of the County of Worcester that 0.45 of an acre of State Forest land in Upton be conveyed to the County for highway purposes.

VOTED to approve the request of the General Electric Company, of Pittsfield, that approximately 33 acres of State Forest land at October Mountain be conveyed to them in exchange for approximately 106 acres of land, and in addition to the conveyance of land the General Electric Company will continue to negotiate with Mr. Arthur Marshall for the acquisition of land on the easterly side of October Mountain, just south of Roaring Brook, and will contribute $5,000. toward the purchase of said land if it is acquired within five years.

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Messrs. Kenney, Howard, Bowers and Hills joined the meeting for discussion on the critical areas at Nickerson State Park.

Following luncheon, Senator Edward C. Stone joined the meeting and a tour of Nickerson State Park was made to view the areas under consideration for future installation of camp sites and trailer sites.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Robert P. Holdsworth

Informal meeting of the Board - September 17, 1958.

Messrs. Borden, Miller and Holdsworth accompanied by Commissioner Sargent and Herny McCarthy, Department Secretary, made a tour by jeep of the area being considered for a National Park on Cape Cod and the Board was favorably impressed with the possibility of preserving this area in its natural state.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held at the Mohawk Trail State Forest Headquarters on October 23, 1958 at 11:00 a.m. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Borden and Potter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Commissioner reported on the activities of the Department since the previous meeting and explained in detail Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1958, which directs the Department to establish a long-range program for the development of state parks, state forests, and recreation areas and authorizes the acquisition of land therefor by eminent domain with certain safeguards. He also reported that one million dollars were provided, inthe capital outlay legislation, to initiate the program.

On the recommendation of the Chairman it was -

VOTED - to commend the Commissioner for his interest and work in obtaining favorable Legislative action for the long-range land acquisition and recreational development program which will prove of benefit to subsequent generations.

The Commissioner commended Henry McCarthy, Department Secretary, for his untiring assistance on behalf of this legislation.

Upon the Commissioner explaining the work done by Dr. George C. Shattuck as Chairman of the Citizen's Committee for Open Spaces, formed to promote public support for the long-range program, it was -

VOTED - that Chairman Fulham, on behalf of the Board, write to Dr. Shattuck to express their appreciation for his invaluable work in assisting the Department in the successful passage of the legislation.

The Board discussed the Commissioner's proposal to particularly stress during the coming legislative session the urgent need for expanding all forestry work including inventories, accelerated timber cutting, and silvicultural practices.

It was considered advantageous to secure legislation which would enable the Department to utilize those funds, or at least a portion thereof, received from the sale of timber products for forest improvement work thus benefiting the forestry program and the overall economy and it was suggested that this plan be proposed for inclusion in the Governor's annual message.

At the request of Chairman Fulham the Commissioner reported on the open forum sponsored by the Department, held at the Museum of Science, on the use of aerial and ground insecticide sprays. Following discussion, the Board was in agreement that long term research into the effects of such insecticides was the important factor and it was stated by the Commissioner that a clearing house of information has already been started by all participating state agencies.

It was reported by the Commissioner that a study is being made of the possibility of establishing hiking trails in the Berkshires and constructing lean-to type shelters along the trails. The Department of Correction has been contacted relative to prefabricating such shelters at Forest Prison Camps.

VOTED - that the Commissioner exercise the power of eminent domain, as authorized under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, and under the authority of Sections 2 and 3, Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1958, by notifying the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Brewster, by letter, of his desire to proceed immediately with the taking of approximately 275 acres, from various owners, of land around Nickerson State Park in Brewster.

VOTED - that the Commissioner exercise the power of eminent domain, as authorized under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, and under the authority of Sections 2 and 3, Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1958, by informing the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Duxbury, by letter, of his desire to proceed immediately with the taking of 7.49 acres, consisting of lots 1 to 5 inclusive, on the easterly side of Crescent Street, Duxbury, owned by Lawrence Southworth.

VOTED - that the Commissioner exercise the power of eminent domain, as authorized under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, and under the authority of Sections 2 and 3, Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1958, by informing the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Plainfield, by letter, of his desire to proceed immediately with the taking of land, supposed to be 108 acres, from Walter P. Maisner of Plainfield.

VOTED - to approve the request of the Worcester County Commissioners that 0.45 acres of State Forest land in Upton be conveyed to the County for highway purposes.

In reviewing the vote of the Board of June 24, 1958 which approved the purchase of 235 acres of land in Hawley for $2,130 from William T. Turner it was reported that upon title examination that the land to be conveyed was 270 acres. The request of William T. Turner that he be paid $8.00 per acre for the additional 35 acres was discussed and it was -

VOTED - to approve the request of William T. Turner that he be paid $8.00 per acre for the additional 35 acres of his land in Hawley.

The request of the Wheeler's Fish and Game Club that the permit to use land at the Ashland Reservoir voted to them at the Board meeting May 13, 1958, in the name of the Wheeler's Fish and Game Club, be now transferred to state that such permit be granted to the New England Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America, was discussed at length and it was -

VOTED - that the Commissioner make further study of this request for change of title and report at a future meeting.

VOTED - to offer Edward E. Sullivan the sum of $50.00 per lot for settlement of damages in the taking of Lots 700 and 701 at Pilgrim Spring.

At the request of Mrs. Bennett B. Bristol that the Board acknowledge her intention to deed her property in Norfolk to the Commonwealth as the "Bennett J. Bristol State Reservation" with the property being maintained as an arboretum and wildlife sanctuary under the terms of her will with no fishing, hunting, or trapping except by the Department's personnel in event of any need for control of any species, it was -

VOTED - to accept the gift of Mrs. Bennett B. Bristol's property in Norfolk as an arboretum and wildlife sahctuary.

Plans for the further development of the Mohawk Trail were discussed but no definite commitments for this area were formulated.

Mr. Eduoard Dubé, acting chief engineer, Bureau of Recreation, presented his study for the development of the Hawley-Plainfield area for camping and wilderness trails, with picnicking perhaps eliminated because of remoteness. The Board was in agreement that it was an excellent plan and that certain portions of this recreational development should be carried out at an early date but completion of the entire project would have to be delayed until additional funds are obtained.

The Board made a tour of various areas in Hawley and Plainfield.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for November 18, 1958 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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October 24, 1958 - Informal meeting of the Board.

Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Borden and Miller.

The Board visited the newly constructed service building at the Pittsfield State Forest, the swimming pond in Lulu Cascade area and facilities in the Berry Pond area.

After leaving the Pittsfield State Forest, the Board went to the Brimfield State Forest and inspected the various saw mill operations and building sites. The Board was favorably impressed by the condition and variety of various surplus trucks and other pieces of heavy equipment procurred at no cost from Federal agencies for us at Brimfield State Forest and other areas. It was considered that the buildings to house this equipment should be completed as soon as practicable and careful inventories maintained on all such equipment and lumber, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Robert P. Holdsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place on November 18, 1958, at 10:30 a.m. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The activities of the Department since the previous meeting were discussed by the Commissioner. He also informed the Board of his plan to expand the sign program for the state forests and parks, to better identify these areas, by using the prison camps at Myles Standish State Forest and Monroe State Forest. The Board was in agreement that this would be important for the public and the Department.

The order of taking, as authorized under Section 3, Chapter 132A of the General Laws, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1958, previously signed by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Duxbury, of 7.49 acres of land in Duxbury owned by Lawrence Southworth, on the easterly side of Crescent Street, Duxbury, was signed by the Board members.

The following vote of the Trustees of Reservations received by the Commissioner from the Executive Secretary of that organization -

> "Be it resolved that the Standing Committee urge upon the Commissioner of Natural Resources the use of some portion of the acquisition and development fund for negotiation of agreements, options, or gifts within the Bay Circuit."

was discussed and the Chairman instructed the Commissioner to inform The Trustees of Reservations, by letter, that although the Board was interested in the entire Bay Circuit proposal it did not feel that work could be initiated on this until funds were specifically provided therefor, particularly insasmuch as only one million dollars were made available to initiate the state-wide parks expansion program with the original report recommending fourteen million dollars.

The Commissioner presented his recommendation for the proposed expenditures under the parks expansion one million dollar bond issue. Following considerable discussion of the proposed areas to be enlarged and improved and new areas to be acquired, the Board gave its approval to this preliminary proposal and expenditure of monies as follows -

Committed for development	$ 545,000
Committed for acquisition	105,000
Committed for overhead (studies, etc.)	150,000
Uncommitted for acquisition of lands	100,000
Reserve contingency	100,000
	$1,000,000

The proposed changes in Rules and Regulations for the government and use of State Forests, State Parks, and State Reservations under the control of the Division of Forests and Parks, to be submitted at a public hearing, were outlined and after discussion the Board gave its initial approval to the changes.(copy attached to minutes).

The date for the next Board meeting was set for December 16, 1958 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Robert P. Holdsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, on December 16, 1958 at 10:30 a.m. Present were Messrs. Fulham and Potter.

A quorum was not present.

The Commissioner reviewed the activities of the Department since the previous meeting and informed the Board that at a recent meeting of the Directors and Chiefs, it was the consensus that the reports prepared by each Division weekly be changed to twice a month, the first and fifteenth of each month, as it is difficult to gather sufficient news and data for a weekly report. The Board was in agreement that this change be made.

The Commissioner also informed the Board that he had written to the Senate and House suggesting that the title of the Legislative Committee on Conservation be changed to the Legislative Committee on Natural Resources.

In discussing the naming of future state forests and parks, it was the opinion of the Board that the Department should avoid naming these new areas for a specific town and suggested that Indian or historical site names be used.

Following discussion of the use of Swann Lodge at the Beartown State Forest, in Monterey, it was recommended by the members present, to be ratified by vote at the next Board meeting that -

> No further use of Swann Lodge at the Beartown State Forest, in Monterey, be permitted for private or special group use except by the Junior Conservation Camp.

The newly formed Committee on Lands, consisting of Frederick Bowers, Senior Civil Engineer, Chairman; Arnold E. Howard, Chief of the Bureau of Recreation, Division of Forests and Parks, and John Lambert, Forester in the Division of Forests and Parks, set up by the Commissioner to consider all matters regarding land acquisition and priorities, was noted favorably...it was considered a constructive method of procuring an overall insight into lands which should be acquired under the long-range land acquisition program.

Regarding the Bay Circuit study, it was again considered that the Department should not undertake any work in connection with this project until and unless funds are made available specifically for this purpose. Professor Charles W. Eliot, who has long sponsored this project, has indicated that he will seek funds for this purpose having learned that a sum of $25,000 was contained in the Department's budget request for this purpose.

PAGE 299,300 - was sent as a sample when ordering additional pages and was not returned.

Following discussion of wilderness hiking and camping along the Appalachian Trail and the building of lean-to type shelters on the trails, the members present gave their full support to this project and approved the Department giving any assistance possible in terms of erecting shelters along the Appalachian Trail.

The grant to Gifford Enterprises, of Natick, of the right to use the waters of Lake Cochituate for emergency fire protection sprinkler purposes was presented and after careful study was approved by the members present with the recommendation that the formal vote of approval be taken at the next Board meeting.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for January 20, 1959, at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the office of the Commissioner 15 Ashburton Place, on January 20, 1959, at 10:30 a.m. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller, Potter and Borden.

The minutes of the previous meetings, November 18, 1958, and December 16, 1958, were approved.

The Commissioner reviewed the activities of the Department since the previous meeting. He also stated that he had designated Robert L. Yasi, Chief Inland Officer of the Division of Law Enforcement, to handle the Department's legislative matters for the current session.

The Board expressed its pleasure on learning from the Commissioner that the Governor, in his Second Inaugural Address to the General Court, had recommended that the Division of Beaches be transferred from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Natural Resources; that he had recommended the continuation and expansion and promotion of the state forests and parks expansion program with $4,000,000 to continue the program, and that he had recommended an accelerated program for forestry improvement and timber cutting and that all monies received in excess of $20,000 from the sale of such timber be placed in a revolving fund for forest improvement work.

He also informed the Board of the change in personnel at the Myles Standish State Forest stating that Daniel Potter, Forest Supervisor at Myles Standish State Forest, had been transferred to Shawme-Crowell State Forest and Alden Cousens, Forest Supervisor at Shawme-Crowell State Forest had been transferred to Myles Standish State Forest. The Commissioner informed the Board that a meeting has been set up between the Department of Correction and the Department of Natural Resources in regard to further development of the prison camp program at Myles Standish State Forest under the new Forest Supervisor.

The Commissioner informed the Board that in accordance with Chapter 626, of the Acts of 1958, all future meetings of the Board must be open to the public and press and that notice of such meetings must be posted with the Office of the Secretary of State and the Commission on Administration and Finance twenty-four hours before each meeting. He further stated that the public and press may be excluded from executive sessions of the Board for the limited purposes stated in the Act. Chairman Fulham said that the Board should vote to go into executive session on all matters pertaining to personnel and on any matters of land acquisition which would adversely affect the Commonwealth in the purchase of property.

It was VOTED to ratify the recommendations of the members present at the December 16, 1958 meeting that -

1. No further use of Swann Lodge at the Beartown State Forest, in Monterey, be permitted for private or special group use except by the Junior Conservation Camp.
2. To approve the grant to Gifford Enterprises of Natick, of the right to use the waters of Lake Cochituate for emergency fire protection sprinkler purposes.

In further discussing the request of the Wheeler's Fish and Game Club that a permit be given them for use of land at the Ashland Reservoir, Mr. Potter suggested that a member of the Department be assigned to look into the Crippled Children's Camp at Crotchett Mountain, Greenfield, New Hampshire, before proceeding with further plans with the Wheeler's Fish and Game Club.

Following a discussion of concession permits for the operation of food concessions in privately owned buildings, which expired in the past year, and in view of the Board's former ruling that no further concessions be granted unless in state owned buildings it was -

VOTED - to authorize the expenditure of $20,000 for the construction of six (6) concession buildings and the bringing of power to them at Cochituate State Park, Erving State Forest, Otter River State Forest, Spencer State Forest, Brimfield State Forest, and Watson Pond State Park.

The recommendations of the Committee on Lands were brought before the Board and following discussion it was -

VOTED - that the Committee on Lands review the offer of Margaret M. Braun to sell a 119 acre parcel of land in Hubbardston to the Commonwealth.

VOTED - to acquire sites for lean-to type of shelters along the Appalachian Trail in Dalton, Washington, Tyringham, and Mount Washington, with the matter of acquiring the land in fee or of obtaining leases being determined after consultation with land owners.

VOTED - that the matter of acquiring additional land at Hopkinton and Ashland Reservoirs be postponed until a study has been made of the water level requirements of the SuAsCo Watershed Association.

VOTED - that the acquisition of land on the westerly side of Curlew Pond, Myles Standish State Forest, be postponed until a report is received from the District Forester.

VOTED - to acquire the so-called Walker land at the Harold Parker State Forest by purchase or eminent domain.

VOTED - to acquire certain interior privately owned parcels of land at Stearns Pond and Salem Pond, Harold Parker State Forest, by purchase or eminent domain.

VOTED - to acquire by purchase or eminent domain certain interior and adjacent holdings at Willard Brook State Forest.

VOTED - to proceed with the exploration with the Metropolitan District Commission to determine whether arrangements can be made to allow swimming in Paradise Pond at the Leominster State Forest.

VOTED - that a further study be made to consider the advisability of taking a small parcel of land and buildings thereon at the entrance to the recreation area at Spencer State Forest.

VOTED - that further investigation be made of the advisability of acquiring land easterly of Route 202 and the railroad at the Otter River State Forest for the purpose of installing a storage reservoir.

VOTED - to approve the purchase or taking by eminent domain of the so-called Greene land at the westerly side of Route 202 at the Otter River State Forest.

VOTED - to acquire by purchase or eminent domain about 300 acres of land on the westerly side of Wallum Lake between the Douglas State Forest and the state line.

VOTED - to acquire by purchase or eminent domain the so-called Anderson and Wood land consisting of 27 acres at the Whitehall Reservoir.

VOTED - to acquire by purchase a portion of the so-called Powell property on the westerly side of the Whitehall Reservoir.

VOTED - to acquire by purchase or eminent domain all land necessary for recreation development around Crooked Pond and Plainfield Pond and land extending to the Hawley State Forest.

VOTED - to acquire by purchase or eminent domain land in the vicinity of the Bulkley-Dunton Reservoir at October Mountain State Forest.

VOTED - to acquire by purchase or eminent domain land on both sides of Cascade Street near the Pittsfield State Forest Headquarters buildings which includes 16 acres and buildings of Bishop, land of Tifft, Girl Scouts and others not known.

VOTED - to reaffirm the policy of the Department to secure all interior holdings and adjacent lands thereto on all presently owned state lands.

VOTED - that on appraisals of lands with a value of $20 or less per acre and with the total consideration not in excess of $3,000, outside appraisers need not be engaged and that the determination of the appraised value by Departmental personnel be accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Peter P. Tolmsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on February 17, 1959 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Borden, Potter and Miller.

The Commissioner reviewed the activities of the Department since the previous meeting and explained the new position which he has accepted in Washington, D.C. as the Executive Director of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission.

The Commissioner informed the Board of the re-appointment of Robert P. Holdsworth to the Board and that he had been sworn in by the Governor.

The Secretary of the Board reported that the re-election of Thomas A. Fulham as Chairman of the Board and Robert P. Holdsworth as Secretary of the Board, at the August 12, 1958 Board meeting had not been included in the minutes of that meeting and requested that such re-election notification be included in the minutes of this meeting..

It was stated by the Commissioner that the Department may not have the financial assistance of the Department of Commerce this year in the printing of the State Forests and Parks booklet because Commerce has an ample remaining supply.

The Commissioner informed the Board that a member of the Water Resources Commission has been added to the Committee on Lands.

Following a discussion of the legislation which would transfer the beaches from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Natural Resources, the Board recommended that it be recorded at hearings on this legislation that a Division of Parks and Beaches be authorized rather than a separate Division of Beaches with the appointing authority of the Director of such Division of Parks and Beaches being similar to that authority already contained in Chapter 21, Section 3, of the General Laws.

Chairman Fulham stated that he had received the formal resignation of Commissioner Francis W. Sargent on February 4, 1959 and in accordance with Chapter 21, Section 2C, of the General Laws, the Secretary had sent, by registered mail, on February 5, 1959 a letter to each Board member calling for a Board meeting to be held on February 27, 1959 for the purpose of appointing a new Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

The Commissioner expressed his sincere and deep appreciation for the valuable contributions made by Henry G. McCarthy, Department Secretary, to the Department during his term as Commissioner and praised him highly for his loyal co-operation, initiative,

and especially for his outstanding work in connection with the legislation which was enacted on the Department's long range land acquisition and recreational development program.

Upon a motion made by the Chairman Fulham and seconded by Robert P. Holdsworth it was -

VOTED - to incorporate into the minutes of the meeting the remarks made by the Commissioner in commendation of Henry G. McCarthy, Department Secretary.

Chairman Fulham stated that the means and objectives of the Board had been carried out to the satisfaction of the Board during the Commissioner's term in office and praised him for his devotion to the welfare of the Department and expressed his personal appreciation as well as that of the Board for his outstanding work as Commissioner.

In accordance with the Department policy of naming new areas acquired by purchase or gift by an historical or Indian name, it was suggested that Lewis Carter, of the Department, be appointed to contact the Intemanns, who recently have given considerable land to the Commonwealth, as to the naming of their gift land.

The Board approved the Commissioner's designation of Harold O. Cook, Chief Forester, in the Division of Forests and Parks, during the absence of the Director, Raymond J. Kenney.

VOTED - to accept the offer of the New England Power Co. to convey to the Commonwealth 100 acres of land in Hawley in exchange for 1.8 acre parcel of State Forest land in Rowe.

VOTED - to approve the request of the Chester Granite Company that a parcel of State Forest land in Otis, approximately 2.8 acres, be conveyed to them with the provision that in exchange for said land the Chester Granite Company will pay $300 for the Tifft land containing 2.25 acres and $200 for a 20 acre parcel of land belonging to Dorothea Winter, both parcels of which the Department has obtained agreements on to sell for the amounts stated.

VOTED - to accept the offer of Cornelia V. Intemann to convey, by gift, 536 acres of land in Mount Washington.

The Commissioner reported to the Board that he had approved the recommendations of the Committee on Lands to acquire the following parcels of land -

1. Dorothea M. Winter, 20 acres in Pittsfield	-	$ 200.
2. Salvatore Mazzea, 27 acres in Pittsfield	-	800.
3. Donald R. Ellis, 11 acres in Wendell	-	200.
10 acres in Wendell	-	100.
14 acres in Wendell	-	140.
18 acres in Wendell	-	180.
4. Glenn O. Ellis & Jack A. Ellis, 15 acres in Wendell	-	250.
145 acres in Wendell	-	1830
5. Jack A. Ellis, 30 acres in Wendell	-	500.
6. Mary E. Ballou, 10 acres in Wendell	-	180.
7. New England Box Co., 307 acres in Erving	-	2550.
70.9 acres in Warwick	-	965.
55.4 acres in Warwick	-	400.
8. Robert H. Tifft, 2.25 acres in Pittsfield	-	300.
9. Henry Ramer, 6 acres in Plainfield	-	410.
10. George E. Gorman, 10 acres in North Reading	-	75.
11. Lawrence Samperi et als, 10 acres in Becket	-	300.

VOTED - to reject the offer of Loredano Gallerini to sell 20 acres of land in Sandwich.

VOTED - to increase the proposed taking of 300 acres of land on the westerly side of Wallum Lake between the Douglas State Forest and the state line, approved at the January 12, 1959 Board meeting, to include about 200 acres of land extending south to the Rhode Island line and west to the Connecticut line.

VOTED - to approve the recommendation of the Committee on Lands that action on the taking of control of Harts Hill Road, Beartown State Forest, be postponed until further information is obtained from the County Commissioners and land owners.

VOTED - to approve the purchase of privately owned land and cottages on the south side of Laurel Lake in Erving when they become available.

VOTED --to approve the recommendation of the Committee on Lands to postpone action on the offer of the Twenty Club to sell 7 acres of land and buildings adjacent to recreation area at the Mount Grace State Forest for the sum of $3,000 until further information is obtained.

VOTED - to approve the recommendation of the Committee on Lands not to include the Town Beach at Bakers Pond, as suggested by the Selectmen of Orleans, in the proposed eminent domain taking as such taking would require the acquisition of very high priced additional land to straighten out lines and eliminate interior holdings.

VOTED - to accept the offer of James A. Hardman to sell 200 acres of land at Plainfield Pond excluding a cottage and frontage on the pond subject to the rights to occupy houses during lifetime of owners, if legally possible.

VOTED - to approve the recommendation of the Committee on Lands that 100 acres of land and two cottages owned by Robert Bruce Arthur on the south side of Curlew Pond, Myles Standish State Forest not be taken by eminent domain.

VOTED - to request Water Resources Commission to consult Metropolitan District Commission to determine what facilities should be installed at Paradise Pond, Leominster State Forest, to allow swimming.

VOTED - to request Water Resources Commission to have a study made to determine what effect the installation of a dam and recreation area would have on the water supply of the Town of Townsend.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Robert P. Isaksmoen

Secretary

A joint meeting of the Board of Natural Resources and the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game was held on February 17, 1959 at 2:30 p.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Members present from the Board of Natural Resources were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Borden and Miller. Members present from the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game were Messrs. Cesan, Russell and Gerry.

The Commissioner discussed and explained the functions of the Committee on Lands in the Department of Natural Resources and suggested that a representative from the Division of Fisheries and Game be appointed to this Committee to further ensure co-ordination in the acquisition of lands.

Director McLaughlin stated that he would favor appointing a representative from his Division to be a member of the Committee on Lands and suggested that the Committee on Lands review the present holdings of both the Department and the Division before future acquisitions are made.

VOTED - that a member of the Division of Fisheries and Game be appointed to the Committee on Lands in the Department of Natural Resources.

Hunting and fishing restrictions on donated lands were discussed by the Commissioner who stated that although the Department would prefer not to have such restrictions placed on gift lands and would attempt to preclude these but after negotiation the Department always would abide by the wishes of the donor in the acceptance of these lands. Director McLaughlin stated that the Division of Fisheries and Game could not accept lands with restrictions against hunting and fishing but could accept such lands for use as sanctuaries. It was the consensus of both Boards that any offer of gifts of appropriate land should not be rejected.

Director McLaughlin reported on the hearing on the Bill to increase license fees and stated that there was virtually no opposition to the increase and that the majority of the sportsmen seem to favor the Bill. He also stated that he expects favorable Legislative action on the Bill.

The Bill before the Legislature requesting permission to build a fish hatchery at the lower Quabbin Reservoir was explained in detail by Director McLaughlin. He stated that if the Bill is enacted the Division will be able to produce about twice as many fish as is now possible with the cost of producing the fish cut about 50% and with labor costs drastically reduced. He also reported that the Division would continue to operate their present fish hatcheries.

The Commissioner reported that the Department is receiving excellent co-operation in connection with the multiple use of the Myles Standish State Forest - the Division of Fisheries and Game working with the Department foresters; the Department of Correction prison labor building picnic tables for the recreation areas and the Department of Public Works maintaining roads within the State Forest.

Director McLaughlin reported that the opening of the public hunting grounds at the Myles Standish State Forest had substantially increased the number of hunters in that area with a larger percentage of the hunters coming from a 20-50 mile radius.

Henry Russell, of the Board of Division of Fisheries and Game, discussed the apparent inability of the Department and the Division to keep the ordinary citizen informed of the projections and purposes of the Department and Division and stressed that it is imperative to keep the public educated for the long range outlook.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Robert P. Tobin

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on February 27, 1959 at 9:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Borden, Miller and Potter. 323

At the special meeting held for the purpose of appointing a new Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources under Chapter 21, Section 2C, of the General Laws, Chairman Fulham presented all the applications for the position of Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources and these were reviewed according to their merits by the Board. Listed below are names of the applicants -

Henry T. Broderick
Frank E. Firth
Charles H. W. Foster
Frank H. Foy
Russell J. Lutz
Charles L. McLaughlin
Ralph B. Meaney
E. Michael Pollack
Hale Power
Henry Renouf

After due consideration and discussion of the merits of the various candidates the Board appointed Charles H. W. Foster, of 16 Standish Circle, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, as the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

Charles H. W. Foster was notified of his appointment, by telephone, and was asked to attend the meeting where he was officially notified of his appointment as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources by Chairman Fulham at a salary of $10,000. per year.

Charles H. W. Foster accepted the appointment and expressed his appreciation on his appointment stating that he hoped to carry out the outstanding work of the Board in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Robert P. Holdsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place on March 17, 1959 at 10:30 a.m. Members present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Potter and Miller.

The minutes of the meetings of January 20, 1959, February 17, 1959 and February 27, 1959 were approved.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that he had held a staff meeting with the Directors and Chiefs to outline some of his plans for the Department and had reaffirmed the policy of the Board that the Department should function as a Department and not as separate Divisions. He also informed the Board that he has planned to hold a meeting once each week with the three Directors and the Department Secretary.

It was reported by the Commissioner that the two pesticide bills which came up for hearing several weeks ago before the Committee on Public Health received unanimous and widespread support and that at the present time a compromise version of the bill is being drafted for the Committee which is virtually the same bill originally prepared by the sub-Committee on chemicals, the only change being the inclusion of a representative of the Massachusetts Conservation Council on the suggested board.

The Commissioner stated that the Governor had asked the Department to revitalize its unemployment program in relation to forestry work and that further plans for this program are

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now being prepared and reports on this will be presented at the next Board meeting.

In reporting on legislative matters, the Commissioner informed the Board that the bill to increase the Commissioner's salary will not be passed this session and that in connection with the Governor's bill, S-1, recommending an additional $4 million for the continuation of the long-range land acquisition and recreation development program of the Department plans for further development of the parks and recreation program are being prepared for the hearing on this bill.

Following discussion of the invitation received by the Department from the Public Relations Director of Rockefeller Centre, New York City, that the Department present a Christmas Tree to Rockefeller Centre, the consensus of the Board was that the Department should provide such tree with accompanying publicity, at the proper time, as to the location of the state forest from which the tree was taken. The Board also recommended that the Department proceed with plans with the Department of Commerce as to the financing of this promotion and to also contact the Department of Public Works as to available equipment for transportation of the tree to New York City.

VOTED - to grant request of Corps of Engineers that 1.04 acres of state forest land in Northbridge be conveyed to the U.S.A. for the West Hill Dam project.

VOTED - that Frederick Bowers, Parks Engineer, contact Lawrence Southworth to discuss the amount of damages in the taking of his land in South Duxbury located near the Standish Monument Reservation.

VOTED - that Western Massachusetts Electric Co. be given a release of certain rights for the removal of gravel which were retained by the Commonwealth in a conveyance of land in Lee to the Quinnetuk Co. in October 1936. Said release to be given in exchange for 17½ acres of land east of Woodland Road in Lee.

VOTED - to approve the taking by eminent domain of the so-called Anderson and Wood land on Winter Street in Hopkinton.

Following the vote taken on the above so-called Anderson and Wood land the Board signed the orders of taking.

VOTED - to approve recommendation of the Committee on Lands to acquire only that portion of the James A. Hardman, Jr. land situated north of Route 116 supposed to contain 142 acres.

VOTED - to accept offer of Henrietta P. Alexander etal to sell 135 acres of land, buildings and flowage rights at Sheomut Lake for $20,400.

VOTED - to accept offer of L. F. Freitas to sell 66 acres of land for $1,000.

VOTED - to approve recommendations of Committee on Lands that Department personnel make a study of proposals to acquire land, re-establish existing dam sites on Moss Brook and the headquarters of Mill Brook, and establish picnic and camping areas and wildlife management areas.

VOTED - to approve the recommendation of the Committee on Lands that further information be obtained on a proposal that the City of Pittsfield convey to the Commonwealth a large block (perhaps 1500 to 2000) of their city water supply land adjacent to October Mountain State Forest.

VOTED - to approve the recommendation of the Committee on Lands to investigate further a proposal that the Junior Conservation Camp Committee be allowed to use the former Klingholz building in Hawley.

VOTED - to approve the recommendation of the Committee on Lands that if the approval of the proposed takings at Nickerson State Park are obtained that a camp and two acres of land at Rafe's Pond, belonging to one Quinn, be excluded from the taking.

VOTED - to approve the recommendation of the Committee on Lands that Margaret M. Hanley, of Lowell, be notified that the Department is not interested in a proposal to acquire land at Ames Pond in Tewksbury for the development of a state park.

The Commissioner informed the Board of the release on March 12, by the National Park Service, on the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore and of the joint release by the Governor and the Department, March 16, on the proposal. He also stated that he would attend one of the public meetings to be held by the National Park Service on the Cape with reference to the Cape Cod National Seashore. In further discussing the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore, the Board informed the Commissioner that in any public statements it wished to be recorded as wholeheartedly in favor of the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Peter P. Tolkowski

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, on April 14, 1959 at 10:30 a.m. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Potter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Board approved the designation by the Commissioner of the following as Acting Directors during the absence or disability of a Director -

Harold O. Cook - Division of Forests and Parks

Gaylord L. Pike - Division of Law Enforcement

Charles W. Wheeler - Division of Marine Fisheries

In reviewing the activities of the Department, the Commissioner told of the total loss by fire, on April 11, of buildings, equipment, truck, and reservation lists for the coming season at the Willard Brook State Forest. He stated that clearing of debris has already started and it is expected that it will be possible to operate the various facilities for the coming season. Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to any plans the Department might prepare to restore the area to its original condition.

The Commissioner reported on the progress of bills concerning the parks expansion program, timber cutting, small boat registration, and transfer of beaches to the Department.

In connection with the Governor's Student Internship Program, in which the Department is participating again this year, the Commissioner stated that since the Department would like to select the two students to be assigned to the Department he had contacted

several colleges and universities informing them of this program and the type of student the Department is seeking - one student a journalism major and one whose field is natural resources. He also stated that the Water Resources Commission is seeking two students with engineering backgrounds in connection with this program.

Clarence I. Sterling, Jr., Director and Chief Engineer of the Water Resources Commission, was introduced to the Board and explained in detail the purposes of the Northeastern Resources Committee. Discussion followed as to how its functions might affect the policies of the Department and Mr. Sterling particularly stressed that the Committee cannot purchase or acquire any land. The Board was unanimous in its opinion that the information was extremely valuable.

The Commissioner discussed in detail the recreation potential at Federal Flood Control Reservoirs and informed the Board that since the U.S. Army is willing to work out license arrangements with any state department for use of any facilities that it sees fit the Department has placed itself on record with the Army as being interested in using such areas at Buffumville, East Brimfield, and West Hill Reservoirs for recreation purposes. In the event the Department should be able to proceed with such plans, the Army would then grant a license to operate a recreation area as

part of the Department's normal park system. The consensus of the Board was that the Department should take advantage of these offers to use areas around the flood control reservoirs for recreation purposes and was of the opinion that since this might be a joint function with the Division of Fisheries and Game it should be a project to be discussed at the next joint Board meeting.

VOTED - to accept the offer of Harry W. Putnam to sell 75 acres of land in Warwick for $4,500, excluding one acre around his house.

VOTED - to reject the offer of Mrs. Frank D. Stone to sell 30 acres of land adjacent to the Ashland State Park.

VOTED - to grant request of Middlesex County that 1.74 acres in Hopkinton be conveyed to them for highway purposes.

VOTED - to convey to the Division of Fisheries and Game reforestation Lot 31 in Sandwich, containing 20 acres, in exchange for a 45.42 acre tract of land in Sandwich and Bourne.

VOTED - to further investigate the matter of purchasing cottages at the Myles Standish State Forest when offered for sale by owners.

VOTED - to further investigate the purchase of the so-called Powell land on the westerly side of the Whitehall Reservoir and if deemed advisable to acquire the land to prepare document

for taking by eminent domain.

VOTED - to accept the offer of James A. Hardman to sell approximately 192 acres of land, on both sides of the highway at Plainfield Pond, for $9,500.

VOTED - to consult with the Selectmen of the Town of Plainfield before proceeding with the taking of approximately 200 acres of additional land near Plainfield Pond.

In reviewing the Department's recent negotiations with the General Electric Company of Pittsfield for an exchange of land and the agreement that the General Electric Company would contribute $5,000 toward the purchase of the Marshall land, selected by the Department, adjacent to the October Mountain State Forest, the Board was informed that Mr. Marshall is now not willing to sell his land. In order that the Department can take advantage of this offer by the General Electric Company while it is available, the Committee on Lands recommended that another parcel of land in Berkshire County be selected for purchase and following discussion it was -

VOTED - that another parcel of land be selected for purchase in Berkshire County in accordance with the former agreement with the General Electric Company of Pittsfield.

VOTED - to reject the offer of the Berkshire Hills Girl Scouts to convey to the Department a 1 3/4 acre parcel of land on Cascade Street, Pittsfield, within the proposed purchase

area of the Pittsfield State Forest, in return for the following rights -

a) right to use a remote area on the Pittsfield State Forest for camping.
b) right to have access to drinking water.
c) right to erect temporary buildings.
d) right to use of swimming pool.
e) right to have lease on the camping area.
f) right to have boundary marked.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for May 12, 1959 in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Peter P. Holdsworth

SECRETARY

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, on May 12, 1959 at 10:30 a.m. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Borden, Potter and Miller

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Following discussion of the recommendations of the Committee on Lands it was -

VOTED - to accept the offer of Sarah Helen Streeter to sell 28 acres of land in Hawley and Plainfield for $315.

VOTED - to accept the offer of William F. Case to sell 50 acres of land in Warwick for $1,000.

VOTED - that the offer of Fred S. Lord to sell 90 acres of land in Winchendon for $6.50 per acre be referred to the Division of Fisheries and Game.

VOTED - to reject the offer of Louis R. Levesque to sell 13 acres of land including a three room cottage in Tyngsboro, adjacent to the Lowell-Dracut State Forest, for $4,800.

The Commissioner reported that several of the Department's land-use consultants have been asked to prepare regional master plans which will serve as guide lines for future land acquisition and development. Among the areas under immediate consideration are northern Worcester County, Berkshire County and the Cape Cod Canal region.

A report on the forest fire status was made by Director Kenney, of the Division of Forests and Parks, who stated that conditions this spring have been average despite newspaper reports

to the contrary. He expressed doubt that a forest fire emergency would develop, particularly with ponds and brooks running full in most portions of the state. He further stated that the acreage burned up to May 1 averaged about two acres to each fire, which compared favorably with national statistics.

Arnold E. Howard, Chief of the Bureau of Recreation, requested the expenditure of $2500 out of available bond issue funds for the purchase of tent flies for approximately 62 fungus damaged tents at Nickerson State Park. Following discussion it was -

VOTED - to authorize the expenditure of not over $2,500 out of available bond issue funds for the purchase of tent flies for tents at Nickerson State Park.

Mr. Howard reported that in the first week of January 1959, the Nickerson State Park camping facilities were entirely booked for the coming camping season.

Charles S. Hood, the new Chief of the Bureau of Insect Pest Control, was introduced to the Board to report on his plans for the Bureau. He stated that insect pests are down this year but that the biggest problem is still the removal of trees affected by Dutch elm disease. He reported that there is one small area in Barnstable, approximately 300 acres, where gypsy moth is in epidemic proportions. The eradication work will be done by the Town of Barnstable under the supervision of the Bureau.

In reporting on the DDT mixing plant at Stow, Mr. Hood

stated that the Bureau has now abandoned this operation and has negotiated with a chemical firm for the exchange of 75,000 pounds of powdered DDT for an equal value of ready mixed DDT in drums. Some of the drums will be used as a reimbursement item to towns for their insect pest spray programs, and some will be used in the Department's parks for fly and mosquito control.

In anticipation of a detailed legislative study of the pesticide problem in Massachusetts. Mr. Hood reported that he is seeking information on the spray programs of all agencies last year, including the chemicals used and the frequency and location of all such projects. It was his personal feeling that much of the repetitive and blanket spraying now being contracted for by towns was thoroughly undesirable.

Following discussion on the report of Mr. Hood, the Board was unanimous in its approval of the Department's current position on the use of pesticides.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for June 9 and 10 - the June 9 meeting to be held on Nantucket and the June 10 meeting to be held on Martha's Vineyard.

In reporting on the activities of the Department, the Commissioner went over all current legislation and reviewed the status of studies being made at the Harold Parker and Middlefield State Forests for additional recreation facilities.

It was reported by the Commissioner that representatives

from Becker and Becker Associates would meet with him and members of the Department in his office on May 13 to discuss the Department's needs in the proposed State Office Building.

The Commissioner commented favorably on a meeting held with the field state and service foresters at an overnight stay at the Swann State Forest. It was the belief of the Commissioner that further meetings of this type would prove most profitable both from the administrative point of view as well as field-wise.

The Commissioner informed the Board of his trip to Washington where he met with members of the Congressional delegation, National Park Service officials and others regarding the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore. It was the consensus that the bill for the establishment of the Seashore would certainly not pass during the current session of Congress and might not even come up for hearing until next year.

It was also reported by the Commissioner that he had met with the public relations staff of Rockefeller Center, Inc. He stated that a member of their staff will come to Boston in the near future to participate in a preliminary search for a suitable tree.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Peter P. Tolchowsky

SECRETARY

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on June 16, 1959 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller and Borden.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Following discussion of the offer of Lawrence Southworth in the amount of $30,350. for a settlement of damages in the taking of 7.49 acres of his land in Duxbury, it was VOTED - to settle the case of the taking of land from Lawrence Southworth out of court.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Committee on Lands that the following offers to sell land to the Commonwealth be accepted -

1. Olive C. Lewis, 130 acres of land in Hancock for $800.
2. Rosabelle Poillucci, 15 acres of land in Washington for $75.

Following considerable discussion of the property at Cleveland Pond,Abington, consisting of 640 acres 200 of which are water, which had been formerly offered as a gift to the Commonwealth but which is now being offered on a sales basis by the donor, the Board authorized the Commissioner to talk with the donor again about receiving this land as a gift and if not possible to come to an agreement on those terms to make an offer of $60,000 for the property.

The Commissioner commented briefly on land acquisitions stating that our land-use consultants were already working on the Warwick and Wendell area and also on the upper part of the Berkshires.

General discussion ensued regarding the new facility at Regatta Point. Messrs. Kenney and Howard indicated they were looking into the possibility of a privately run sailing club, with the assistance of the Department, similar to the operation now being undertaken by the Metropolitan District Commission in the Charles River Basin.

The Board also considered the request of the American Power Boat Association to hold regional races at Regatta Point on August 1 and 2. After due consideration, the Board agreed to permit the use of the Department's facilities at Regatta Point subject to full precautions by both the American Power Boat Association and the Department's personnel.

The Commissioner informed the Board of the incident at Myles Standish State Forest in which the park supervisor and an assistant were assaulted by members of a day-use group and stated that several of the assailants were apprehended by the police and the Department's Law Enforcement officers shortly after the incident.

In reporting on the fire at Martha's Vineyard, the Commissioner stated that members of the Division of Law Enforcement working in conjunction with the Forest and Park Supervisor and local fire officials were able to gather sufficient evidence to bring about the arrest of the suspect who started the fire. He further stated that the Department has now in operation a special arson squad of two Law Enforcement personnel from each district working with the forest fire personnel.

The Commissioner also reviewed recent developments on the Department's coming move to new quarters. He mentioned that the two student interns assigned to the Department for the summer have been delegated work on recreation projects.

The Commissioner also noted among coming meetings a session with Commissioner of Education Kiernan relative to state conservation activities and the two regional fishery meetings which have been scheduled for the Cape and North Shore area.

Among the legislative matters the Commissioner noted that the 1960 budget was now before Senate Ways and Means; that the Department's accelerated forest program bill had been amended by the House thereby eliminating its revolving fund features, and that the pesticide study resolve had been enacted by the Legislature and was recently signed by the Governor.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Robert P. Holdsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held July 14, 1959 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller, Potter, and Borden.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Board approved the 1960 consultant contracts for Lewis A. Carter, F.Gordon Coughlan, Porter W. Dorr, Eduoard N. Dubé, Egbert Hans, and Frances M. Loring.

The Commissioner informed the Board that three of the people involved in the incident at Myles Standish State Forest had been brought to trial with one being found not guilty and the other two being bound over to the Grand Jury. The fourth person involved in the incident has not been found. He also informed the Board that the arsonist found guilty in starting the fire at Martha's Vineyard has been sentenced to six months in the County Jail, the first time in many years a conviction has been made in a case of arson.

In discussing salaries of employees of the Department, Mr. Miller made the suggestion that it would be helpful for the Board to know the rate of pay of District Foresters, Park Supervisors, Fire Wardens, etc., and with the board approving the suggestion the Commissioner said this data would be presented at the next Board meeting.

In accordance with a letter from the State Forester of California asking that their resolution regarding the Wilderness Bill be brought to the attention of the policy making body of each state, there was discussion of the purposes of the Wilderness Bill and the resolution and the Board agreed to take no action on the subject.

The Commissioner reported on his telephone conversation with Ames Nowell, as authorized by the Board at its meeting on June 14, 1959, relative to Mr. Nowell's proposal of making a gift to the Commonwealth of the Peregrine White Sanctuary land in Abington, and stated that Mr. Nowell agreed to make this gift with the provision that the Department pay the outstanding mortgage of approximately $18,000. The Commissioner also informed the Board that the deed had been signed by Mr. Nowell for the conveyance of this 565 acre tract of land including 88 acre Cleveland Pond to the Commonwealth for state park purposes. The Board expressed its satisfaction for the manner in which the Commissioner consummated this transfer of land to the Commonwealth and -

VOTED - to accept the 565 acre tract of land known as the Peregrine White Sanctuary, including the 88 acre Cleveland Pond, in Abington.

In accordance with Chapter 356, Acts of 1959, which designated that the land in Huntington owned by the Commonwealth and under the control of the Department be designated the Charles M. Gardner State Park, in memory of a late leader of the Grange, the Commissioner informed the Board that the Department is now making plans for the development of this 30 acre tract of land as an educational area, with no fees being charged for its public use and with the servicing of the area being supplied by the Chester-Blandford personnel. He further stated that in the fall the Department will work in conjunction with the Grange tagging trees and conducting other educational projects. It was the consensus of the Board that it was most appreciative of the interest of the Grange in assisting the Department in preserving this area but it should be made known to the Grange that all proposed work in this area should be done under the supervision of the Department and that the development should be considered a long-term, rather than a short-term, project. It was also stated by the Board that should the Grange want to develop swimming and camping facilities in this park, it will be necessary to make a charge for public use of the area.

The Commissioner reported on the numerous conferences held with officials of the Cape & Vineyard Electric Co. relative to their major development of a generating facility on the Cape Cod Canal, on Federal government land, and their proposal to lease a portion of this land to the Department for recreational purposes for approximately $4,000 a year for a 20-year period. After considerable discussion of the proposal the Board -

VOTED - against exercising the option for the lease of this land and directed the Commissioner to negotiate further with the Cape & Vineyard Electric Co. to ascertain what arrangements for use of this land for recreational purposes could be made without expenditure of money.

At the request of the Erving Paper Mills, their proposal to convey to the Department 85 acres of land in Erving in exchange for a 12 acre tract of state forest land was again brought up for consideration by the Board. Following discussion the Board authorized the Commissioner to work out an agreement with the Erving Paper Mills as to the establishment of a price for the 12 acres of land, which has been appraised for approximately $4,000, and then request the Erving Paper Mills to buy an equal amount

of land in terms of dollars, with selection of the land to be made by the Department, and convey it to the Commonwealth. In the event this agreement is consummated, the Board also requested that the Erving Paper Mills state in writing that it will not seek land damages should a state road, at a future date, go through the 12 acres of land exchanged by the Department.

VOTED - to approve the conveyance of 1.363 acres of state land in Ludlow to the Town of Ludlow for highway purposes.

The report of the status of the bond issue funds was discussed in detail (copy of report on bond issue funds attached to minutes). Since now only approximately $150,000 is available for development use it was the consensus of the Board that the Department would have to cut down and eliminate some of the projects authorized by the Board in the original allocation of the bond issue funds.

Messrs. Kenney, Howard, and Bowers participated in the meeting to discuss and make recommendations for the use of the funds now available for development purposes. Mr. Howard reported on the Pearl Hill Brook area where the sum of $208,000 had been previously allocated for the construction of a dam, beach, roads, and forty tent sites with toilet and water facilities. Following discussion, the Board authorized the Department to withdraw plans for the dam and beach costing $198,000 and -

VOTED - to approve the construction of a road system, camp sites and facilities for $107,000.

Following discussion of the rebuilding of the structures at Willard Brook State Forest lost by fire this spring, and the building of a house at Myles Standish State Forest, the Board -

VOTED - to approve the expenditure of $35,000 to cover the Willard Brook State Forest and Myles Standish State Forest building projects.

The development of a camping area at Douglas State Forest for which $50,000 had previously been allocated was considered inadvisable until sufficient land is acquired by the Department and it was -

VOTED - to eliminate the previously allocated sum of $50,000 for the Douglas State Forest.

Messrs. Kenney and Howard reported on the condition of the building at Skinner State Park, on Mt. Holyoke, which is in unsafe condition due to the lack of repairs and stated that since $29,000 still remains from the original appropriation for a study of this park this amount could be used for general repair purposes. Following discussion the Board -

VOTED - to allocate $29,000 for minimum repairs and maintenance to the building at Skinner State Park to be followed at a later date with the erection of a modern building.

Following discussion of plans for the newly acquired Peregrine White Sanctuary land and Cleveland Pond in Abington, the Board -

VOTED - not to allocate funds for an outside study of Cleveland Pond until the Department has made further investigation of the area.

With reference to the Department's land acquisition program, the Board approved the status report submitted by Mr. Bowers, which made allowances for approximately $56,000 in land takings now being processed. In lieu of actual development work, the Board authorized Mr. Bowers to proceed with eminent domain takings at Douglas State Forest. but to withhold action on additional acquisitions until such time as new funds become available.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for August 11, 1959 at the Daniels School of Forestry, Rutland, at the invitation of Mr. Potter.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Robert P. Tolchworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held August 11, 1959 at 10:30 a.m. at the Daniels School of Forestry, Rutland. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Potter, and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Commissioner reported that the 1960 budget has been passed by the Legislature and at the request of the Commissioner, Henry G. McCarthy, Department Secretary, gave a brief review of the budget stating that the Department had lost the requested budget item of $100,000 for forest fire equipment and the $20,000 which had formerly been paid to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. He also stated that since departments, through legislative action, are now prohibited from transferring funds within subsidiaries in case of unforeseen emergencies, it will be necessary to curtail automobile travel during the winter and watch carefully the various housekeeping accounts.

The date for the joint meeting with the Division of Fisheries and Game was set for October.

VOTED - to approve the request of the Worcester County Commissioners that 3.13 acres of state Forest land in Upton be conveyed to the County of Worcester for highway purposes.

For information purposes as to the type of land being offered for sale to the Department, the Commissioner brought to the attention of the Board the offer of E. Boise Lewis to sell 99½ acres of land in Hancock for $3,300 which cannot be accepted due to insufficient funds. The Board instructed the Commissioner to write the owner that inasmuch as the Legislature had not authorized funds for further land acquisition, the Department cannot accept the offer to buy the land.

The Commissioner informed the Board of the very successful and orderly regatta of the American Power Boat Association held at Lake Quinsigamond August 1 and 2. He commended the officers of the Division of Law Enforcement and the Park Supervisor and his men for their work in connection with this regatta and further stated that the American Power Boat Association officials and participants were most cooperative and carried out every part of their agreement for this regatta. Chairman Fulham suggested that the Commissioner write a letter to the American Power Boat Association commending them for their cooperation during the divisional races at Regatta Point.

The Commissioner reported that the formal dedication of Regatta Point, Lake Quinsigamond, is scheduled for August 23, 1959 at 2:30 p.m., with the cooperation of the City of Worcester and the Lake Quinsigamond Commission. He further stated that an honorary dedication committee is being set up to include the Board members, Mayor and City Manager of Worcester, Legislators, City Councillors, city officials, selectmen, Chamber of Commerce officials, heads of civic organizations, and clergy. The Commissioner also mentioned that it was expected that the buildings at Regatta Point would be turned over to the Department from the Division of Building Construction at the dedication date in order to open the facilities to the public on August 24. The Board was in agreement that the dedication exercises were most appropriate and suggested that at a later date an advisory committee from the Worcester area be set up to cooperate with the Department in running the facilities at Lake Quinsigamond.

In line with future planning for the improvement of administrative procedures, the Commissioner suggested the establishment of regional headquarters where the public could reach the Department easily to obtain information on its functions and to also have regional personnel in charge of forests and parks closely in touch with the Boston headquarters. Following discussion, the Board was of the opinion that the Department study such planning and requested that Henry McCarthy prepare information regarding regional headquarters planning to be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Chairman Fulham brought to the attention of the Board a letter he had received from Dr. H. Graham, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, relative to a new method of growing oysters on rafts which has been started by the Institute. He stated that since the Department could in all probability use this method with very little expenditure of money, it would be advantageous to meet with Dr. Graham to obtain further information on this method.

The Commissioner reported on various legislative matters stating that no action has been taken on the bond issue bill and that at the present time it is in Senate Ways and Means; the pesticide bill is waiting for incorporation of the joint board by the Governor; authorization for the Department to make a study of the Dutch elm disease has

not been passed, but is expected to be shortly; and the bill authorizing the Department to be the agency for licensing and registration of small boats has been passed by the House and is now in Senate Ways and Means - this bill affects boats used only on salt waters, the inland water features having been removed.

The Commissioner stated that a fisheries meeting, similar to the meeting held in Bourne, is scheduled for Gloucester on August 21 for the purpose of trying to lay a foundation for a united front on the salt water in order that basic projects which the Department is trying to accomplish will have the support of outside groups.

It was mentioned by the Commissioner that compromise bills on the Cape Cod National Seashore are being drafted by the two Massachusetts Senators and one Congressman and that he expects to attend meetings which will be held in this area to work out the compromises.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for September 15 in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

The Board members were guests of the Daniels School of Forestry at luncheon and

VOTED - their thanks for the hospitality extended to them by the Daniels School of Forestry.

Following lunch, Dr. White, of the Daniels School of Forestry, took the members of the Board on a field tour of the school grounds and explained in detail the projects which are undertaken by the boys during the summer school session.

The Board visited Regatta Point, Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, to observe the new state park facilities which are to be dedicated August 23.

Robert P. Hollingsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held September 15, 1959 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller and Borden.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Following discussion of the request of Frank Bryz that the Department convey to him two 50' x 120' lots on Robinson State Park the Board -

VOTED- to defer decision on the request of Frank Bryz until further information is obtained and Mr. Bryz is informed that the land, if conveyed, can be used only for recreation purposes.

VOTED - to convey to Kenneth Guertin approximately 0.64 acre of State Forest land in Northbridge.

The proposal of the Shakers of Pittsfield to make a gift to the Department of 300 acres of their land in Hancock providing the Department will buy 250 acres of their land for $15 per acre, in Hancock, was discussed at length and it was -

VOTED - to accept the gift from the Shakers of 300 acres of land in Hancock and to buy 250 acres of land in Hancock at $15 per acre with the understanding that the Department will negotiate further concerning acreage and cutting rights.

The Commissioner reported on the progress of the regional master plans for land acquisition and recreational development. The Plainfield-Hawley regional plan sketch prepared by consultants Mrs. Frances Loring and Eduoard Dubé was explained in detail. The Commissioner stated that the area contains seven major ponds which will enable the Department to make one pond a day-use area, another a camping area, and another for inclusion in a wilderness area with a system of trails if it is deemed desirable.

The Commissioner then brought to the attention of the Board the regional planning sketch made by Egbert Hans, consultant, for the Warwick-Wendell area. He informed the Board that in this area there are nine existing or potential ponds which can be developed as future needs arise.

The Board was most enthusiastic in its approval of this type of regional planning and requested that it be furnished, for its next meeting, with a summary of the acquisitions and developments made by the Department since August 1953 accompanied by maps.

The Commissioner commented on the hearing to be held in Boston by the Atomic Energy Commission on September 23 relative to the public's concern over the disposal of radioactive materials offshore and stated that the Department would be represented at the hearing. Director Wilbour then participated in the meeting and gave a brief resume of the previous and present policies governing the disposal of radioactive wastes in Massachusetts.

Following discussion, Chairman Fulham stated that the Department should be recorded as willing to cooperate with the Atomic Energy Commission in any possible fashion; that it would report to the Commission any contamination found on sea life from the disposal of radioactive materials; and that it would also attempt to be a source of information for inquiries on this subject.

Copies of the new Cape Cod National Seashore Park bill filed by Senators Saltonstall and Kennedy and Congressman Hastings Keith were given to the Board members by the Commissioner, who then briefly summarized the changes made in this new bill.

The date for the next joint Board meeting with the Division of Fisheries and Game was set for November.

The next meeting of the Board was set for October 20 in Pittsfield, with the members being invited to be overnight guests at the home of Donald B. Miller.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held October 19, 1959 at the home of Donald B. Miller, Richmond, at 8:00 p.m. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller, and Potter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Following discussion of land previously offered and rejected by the Board because of lack of funds it was -

VOTED - to accept the offer of Estate of Fred E. Amsden to sell 40 acres in Warwick for $250.

VOTED - to accept offer of Margaret M. Braun to sell 119 acres in Hubbardston for $1,985.

VOTED - to accept offer of Oscar N. Ohlson to sell 15 acres in Warwick for $300.

VOTED - to accept offer of Frank L. Rice to sell 6 acres in Goshen for $380.

VOTED - to accept offer of E. Boise Lewis to sell 99 1/2 acres in Hancock for $3,300.

VOTED - to approve possible addition of expenditures for 1960 taxes on above land transactions.

Complying with the request of the Board at its meeting September 19, 1959, the Commissioner presented the report of the Bureau of Recreation of expenditures by counties of bond issue funds for construction contracts on state forests and parks for the period July 1, 1954 - June 30, 1959 (copy attached to minutes), as well as report of land acquired, accompanied by maps, from 1953 to 1959 (copy attached to minutes).

The Board instructed the Commissioner to send the report of the Bureau of Recreation of expenditures by counties of bond issue funds for the period July 1, 1954 - June 30, 1959 to Senator Edward C. Stone.

Following discussion of the Commissioner's proposal to concentrate on the development of forests and parks and a timber cutting program for the coming year, the Board was in agreement that this program would be advantageous to the Department and recommended that it be carried into effect.

The Commissioner presented to the Board the suggested allocation of the 1960 bond issue funds, copy attached to the minutes, and requested Arnold E. Howard and Frederick Bowers to report on the development and acquisition projects as outlined.

Following considerable discussion it was -

VOTED - that the Commissioner should proceed with the allocation of the 1960 bond issue funds as outlined pending review at a later date if circumstances warrant changes in the allocation.

A report on the activities of the Division of Law Enforcement was given by Director Howard S. Willard.

The Commissioner in reporting on the activities of the Department since the previous meeting commented on the status of the Rockefeller Christmas Tree, the Mohawk and Taconic Trail meetings, the Pesticide Commission, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Annual meeting, the meeting with members of the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers Association regarding forestry programs, and the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission meeting in Manchester, Vermont.

The date for the joint Board meeting with the Division of Fisheries and Game was set for December 10, 1959 at the Westboro Headquarters.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for November 10, 1959 in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place.

The Board and members of the Department present expressed their sincere appreciation for the gracious hospitality extended to them as guests of Mr. Miller at a buffet supper and the Board meeting which followed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

October 19, 1959 - An informal meeting of the Board was held and a visit made to the East Brimfield Flood Control Dam construction site, the proposed Holland Pond recreation area, and the Department's sawmill and heavy equipment depot at Brimfield State Forest.

October 20, 1959 - An informal meeting of the Board was held and the following areas were visited - Balance Rock, Pittsfield; Pittsfield State Forest, Berry Pond; and the Shaker property adjacent to the Pittsfield State Forest.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held November 10, 1959 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Miller, and Potter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

VOTED - to accept the offer of Fanny H. Boltwood to sell 271 acres of land adjacent to the D.A.R. State Forest for $8,130.

The Commissioner requested Henry G. McCarthy, Department Secretary, to outline the personnel requests in the 1961 budget. Following the approval of the Board, at a previous meeting, of reorganizing the Department along regional district lines, Mr. McCarthy explained that the budget contains a request for a new position entitled Regional Forest and Park Supervisor which would place one man in each district in charge of all forestry, forest development, forest fires, insect pest control, and recreation work but with no official jurisdiction over any other Division of the Department excepting the Division of Forests and Parks.

The Board felt that the start of this centralization of authority in the Division of Forests and Parks was a forward step for the Department and gave its approval.

The personnel request for a full fledged forester was explained by Mr. McCarthy in connection with the Department's proposed accelerated timber cutting program. He also informed the Board that, forestry-wise, the Department is seeking an assistant Chief Forester, a new position for the administration of various federal programs, and further stated that a request has been made in the budget for the upgrading of Conservation Skilled Helpers and Forest and Park Supervisors.

The Commissioner introduced Harold Greene, Head Administrative Assistant, to the Board to explain details of the 1961 budget requests. Mr. Greene stated that this budget is approximately 50% higher than the 1960 appropriation, the increase being due to new positions, step rates, reallocations, new equipment for the motor pool, forest fire equipment recommended by the Special Commission for the Investigation and Study of Fighting Forest Fires, and compliance with the directive of the Federal Communications Commission that all radios be converted from a wide band frequency to a narrow band frequency which will cost $94,000. Mr. Greene stressed the chronic shortage of appropriations over past years in the "housekeeping" accounts such as office supplies travel, printing, repairs, etc.

Following discussion, the Board requested the Commissioner to have Mr. Greene summarize the Department's budget requests and appropriations over the past five years to be presented at the next Board meeting.

The agenda for the Joint Board meeting with the Division of Fisheries and Game on December 10 was discussed and the following items were suggested -

1. Jurisdiction over Federal floood control reservoirs.
2. Jurisdiction over salt water sport fishing activities.
3. Further cooperation on joint land acquisition.
4. Status of the Hingham Ammunition Dump as surplus government property.

The Commissioner in reporting on the activities of the Department since the previous meeting commented on a Conservation Conference to be held in the spring, progress of Town Conservation Commissions, meeting in Woods Hole (Bureau of Commercial Fisheries) relative to extended marine research, fisheries meeting held in Commissioner's office, the court judgment on the taking of land at Pilgrim Spring, the meeting on Cape Cod with representatives of Senators Kennedy and Saltonstall and Congressman Keith regarding the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore Park, and the sailing program on Lake Quinsigamond.

The Commissioner further reported that the first meeting of the Special Commission to Study the Use of Pesticides will be held November 17 in his office, and that a meeting has been scheduled with key people of the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management at the University of Massachusetts relative to a joint marine fisheries program.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for December 10, 1959 at 10:30 a.m. with the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game at their Westboro Headquarters.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held December 10, 1959, at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Division of Fisheries and Game, Westboro, Massachusetts, Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Potter and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

VOTED - to accept the offer of heirs of Winifred Davis to sell about 510 acres of land in Florida and North Adams for $5,200.

VOTED - to accept offer of Benjamin E. Shaida to sell a 20 acre parcel of land in Hawley for $200.

Following considerable discussion of the taking of 84.45 acres of land on Cascade Street, Pittsfield State Forest, it was -

VOTED - that the Commissioner exercise the power of eminent domain, as authorized under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, and under the authority of Sections 2 and 3, Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1958, by notifying the Mayor of Pittsfield by letter of his desire to proceed immediately with the taking of 84.45 acres of land on Cascade Street, Pittsfield State Forest.

The order of taking as authorized by the above vote was signed by the Board members.

The recommended changes in the rules and regulations for the government and use of state forests and parks were presented to the Board and Mr. Arnold E. Howard, Chief of the Bureau of Recreation, explained in detail the changes to be made affecting Ashland, Cochituate, Hopkinton, and Whitehall State Parks; the changes affecting camping areas only, and changes affecting day-use areas. Following discussion the Board -

VOTED - to approve the recommended changes in the rules and regulations for the government and use of state forests and state parks.

Copies of the recommended changes are attached to the minutes.

In discussing the matter of fees charged at various state forests and parks, Mr. Raymond J. Kenney noted a recent inquiry as to when our schedule of fees had last been revised and, following discussion, the Board was of the opinion that the Department should inform the Commission on Administration and Finance, if requested, that park fees are reviewed and adjusted annually. It was also brought out that the Department's fees attempt to be roughly comparable with those of the adjoining states. Chairman Fulham said that the Board would like to have a chart made showing the fees of the adjoining states and directed the Commissioner to have Mr. Arnold Howard prepare such a chart.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for January 12, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner 15, Ashburton Place.

Meeting temporarily adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

A joint Board meeting of the Board of Natural Resources and the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game was held at 11:30 a.m. Present from the Board of Natural Resources were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Potter and Miller. No members were present from the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game.

Although a quorum was not present from the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game due to unavoidable circumstances, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Fulham in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 631 requiring joint Board meetings.

The following items were discussed by the members of the Board of Natural Resources and the Director of the Division of Fisheries and Game, Charles L. McLaughlin.

1. Jurisdiction over Federal flood control projects

Chairman Fulham was of the opinion that all requests for permits for use of Federal flood control reservoirs should be handled by ine agency, by one person designated by such agency, and preferably by the Department as a whole.

Commissioner Foster stated that the Water Resources Commission is now the central clearing point where information is obtainable regarding proposed Army Reservoirs. Both he and Director McLaughlin expressed the opinion that licenses should be obtained as a matter of course on all Federal flood control reservoirs.

Director McLaughlin was in agreement that licenses on Army reservoirs should be obtained through the Department at the present time but expressed concern that some future policy change might conceivably prevent the use of such a departmental license for fish and game purposes.

2. Jurisdiction over salt water sport fishing activities

After reviewing past programs, Commissioner Foster stated that he believed that the Division of Fisheries and Game should take over the active administration and supervision of salt water sport fishing projects with joint guidance from the state's Chief Aquatic and Marine Biologists. He cited the present use of Federal aid funds (Fish and Game) and the availability of existing technical equipment and experience in that agency.

Director McLaughlin was in agreement, and Chairman Fulham, for the Board, concurred the the Department's function was more along the lines of basic marine biology than in directly serving the sportsmen's interests.

3. Further cooperation on joint land acquisition

Mr. Donald B. Miller stated that there is considerable land in Berkshire County which would be very valuable to the Division of Fisheries and Game. Director McLaughlin was in agreement that his Division should have more land in this area for public hunting purposes.

Director McLaughlin stated that his Division had no eminent domain authority which might be used to obtain valuable areas and there was discussion as to whether the Department's eminent domain authority could be used to cover the taking of land by the Division of Fisheries and Game as a cooperative effort on joint land acquisition.

Commissioner Foster said that he would be glad to assign some one from the Department to look over property held by the Division of Fisheries and Game to see how the land could be mutually used to better advantage. Director McLaughlin was in agreement with this offer.

4. Status of the Hingham Ammunition Dump as surplus government property.

Director McLaughlin read a letter from Federal officials concerning the Hingham Ammunition Dump and the government's future plans for disposal. He said this was very valuable land, located close to the metropolitan area, with multiple use possibilities for all types of recreation. He further informed the Board that when the land will no longer be needed by the government it will be handled by the General Services Administration for disposal first to federal and state agencies, and lastly to private individuals. It was the feeling of Director McLaughlin that the Massachusetts Congressional delegation should be contacted immediately as to the state's interest in this area.

The Board was of the opinion that the area seemed highly desirable and directed the Commissioner to write to the appropriate officials informing them of the Department's interest in this government property.

It was the opinion of Commissioner Foster that the Department should work out possible project usages of the Hingham Ammunition Dump area. Director McLaughlin stated that his Division has already made a wildlife plan for the area.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

After resumption of the regular meeting, the Commissioner reported on activities of the Department during the previous month. He said that the recommendations of the Department for the Governor's annual message have been sent to the Governor. He commented on his appearance at the Congressional hearing on the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore Park held in Eastham December 8 and 9 and stated that he had presented a statement in favor of the Cape Cod National Seashore Park on behalf of the Board and the Governor; as Chairman of the Special Commission to Study the Use of Pesticides he reported that two meetings have already been held and that a Technical Advisory Board to this Commission was set up at the first meeting; he told of testifying before the Senate Select Committee on National Water Resources; mentioned the Army survival team maneuvers at October Mountain State Forest, and further stated that he was attending the Christmas Tree lighting ceremonies at Rockefeller Center, New York, this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Arthur O. Hollsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held January 12, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Borden, and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

VOTED - to accept the offer of George P. Manley, Administrator of the Luddy Estate, to sell 8.26 acres of land in Abington for $1,800.

The Commissioner brought to the attention of the Board the positon of the Mayor of Pittsfield and the City Council relative to their approval of the Department's proposal to take by eminent domain 84.45 acres on Cascade Street, Pittsfield State Forest, which was voted approved by the Board at its meeting on December 10, 1959. It was explained by the Commissioner that since the new City Council had just taken office it had not had sufficient time to rhoroughly investigate all matters concerning the taking within the thirty days prescribed by law, the expiration date being January 13,1960, and suggested that it might prove advantageous to the Department to withdraw its eminent domain request. Following considerable discussion, Chairman Fulham, with the unanimous consent of the Board, was of the opinion that the Board should withdraw its previous vote of taking this land by eminent domain because of the lack of time for the new City Council tobecome acquainted with the measure and to resubmit the taking at a later date. It was then -

VOTED - that the Commissioner send a telegram to the Mayor of Pittsfield stating that the Board withdraws its request for approval by the Mayor and City Council of its proposal for taking by eminent domain 84.45 acres on Cascade Street, Pittsfield State Forest, and that the matter will be informally discussed with the Mayor and City Council before resubmitting another request for the eminent domain land taking.

Chairman Fulham signed the letter setting forth the approved rules and regulations for the government and use of Ashland, Cochituate, Hopkinton, and Whutehall state parks which, according to law, must be submitted to the Governor and Council for approval.

The Commissioner informed the Board that the Department's recommendations, as sent to the Governor, were incorporated in his 1960 Annual Message to the General Court and that he has already met with the legislative secretary of the Governor's office to work put the actual legislation tp put these recommendations into effect.

In discussing the 1960 legislation affecting the Department, the Commissioner gave a brief resume of the following bills which will be heard within the next few weeks -

S. 96 Petiton of Massachusetts Striped Bass Association for legislation to prohibit the use of purse seines for fishing during a certain period of time.

S. 323 Petiton of Massachusetts Planning Boards for legislation to increase the powers of conservation commissions.

S. 326 Petition of Charles L. McLaughlin, Director of the Divison of Fisheries and Game, for legislation to authorize said director to isse permits for commercial shooting preserves.

S. 330 Petition of Howard W. Young for legislation to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to sell and convey Dighton Rock to Muguel Cort-Real Memorial Society, Inc. and authorizing said Society to protect and preserve the rock.

H. 1413 Petiton of John C. Snow for legislation to prohibit taking of fish by dragging or by otter trawling in certain waters adjacent to Provincetown.

H. 1682 Petition of Lewis A. Orsillo for legislation to regulate the taking of lobsters and crabs (skin diving).

H. 2187 Petition of Julius Ansel for legislation to establish civilian conservation camps under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources for the of combatting juvenile delinquency.

H. 2188 Petition of Stanley J. Bocko that the Department of Natural Resources be authorized to convey certain lands to the industrial commission of the town of Billerica for use for industrial purposes.

H. 2453 Petition of Everett Small that cities and towns be authorized to acquire and maintain tidal marshes and estuaries as reservations for preserving natural beauty and the protection of fish, shellfish and other wild life therein.

H. 2541 Petition of Charles L. Patrone that the Governor be authorized to appoint the Commissioner of Natural Resources and the directors of the several divisions thereof.

H. 1290 Petition of James DeNormandie and Anthony M. Colonna that the Water Resources Commission be authorized to construct reservoirs for flood control and other purposes in the watershed of the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers.

H. 719 Petition of Thomas F. Coady, Jr., that the Water Resources Commission of the Commonwealth be authorized to designate the member to serve from the Commonwealth on the Northeastern Resources Commission.

The Commissioner reported that following a meeting of the Directors and Bureau Chiefs regarding the formation of Town Conservation Commissions under the enabling legislation of Chapter 223, Acts of 1957, all field personnel were given material on these Commissions in an effort to sell the possibility of Town Conservation Commissions in the communities throughout the state. He further stated that 20 communities have already adopted this legislation.

It was mentioned by the Commissioner that the plans for the spring Conservation Conference, which will serve primarily as a workshop for existing Town Conservation Commissions, to be held at the Harvard School of Business Administration on April 5, are being formulated and that all financial responsibilities will be absorbed by the Carling Conservation Club as part of their conservation public service program. He stated that the plans are to have a key speaker for the morning session with the afternoon session being composed of small conference groups. He also mentioned that a manual is being prepared by the Department which will offer guidelines for the establishment of Tpwn Conservation Commissions, outline the range of conswrvation problems at the local level, and be a directory of technical assistance available.

The Commissioner discussed his plan to hold regional meetings throughout the state to familiarize people with the work of the Department. The Board felt that such regional meetings would be most helpful and suggested that since more state-owned land is in Berkshire County the first meeting should be held in that region.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for February 9, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Peter P. Holdsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held February 9, 1960, at 10:30 a.m., in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Borden, and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

In reporting on various bills affecting the Department, the Commissioner stated that although there have been many hearings there has been little action to date. He mentioned that H.2544, which would authorize appointment by the Governor of the Commissioner and directors of the various Divisions, had been heard and was referred to the next annual session. He stated that many persons attended the hearings on marine fisheries bills and it was the uniform opinion of those attending that some sort of clearing-house was needed to look into the various bills before they come before Legislative committees. He stated that there are several bills filed to amend the Town Conservation Commission, Act, the most important of which would expand the powers of these bodies to include purchase of conservation easements. The Commissioner also stated that the Department is interested in H.1290 which would authorize the Water Resources Commission to construct reservoirs for flood control and other purposes in the watershed of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers. Under this project the state's share of this $2 million project for lands, easements, and rights-of-way would be $300,000 and all subsequent costs of operation and tax reimbursement would be charged back to the cities and towns in proportion to the benefits received from the reservoirs.

Mr. Howard S. Willard, Director of the Division of Law Enforcement, participated in the meeting to inform the Board of the various activities of his Division. He stated that his officers, as directed by the Commissioner, were meeting with the local authorities in the cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth to acquaint them with the Act authorizing cities and towns to establish Conservation Commissions.

Mr. Willard also reported that his officers are now making a survey of boat launching sites on the Connecticut River and other inland and coastal waterways in an attempt to make an inventory of all existing and potential access points.

It was reported by Mr. Willard that a joint meeting with Director McLaughlin of the Division of Fisheries and Game and members of each Division is to be held in Westboro on February 17 and 18. The objective of the meeting is to better integrate the work of the two Divisions and to further cement the good relationships now existing between the two Divisions.

Mr. Willard then informed the Board that his Division is planning to work in cooperation with the Division of Marine Fisheries in tagging flounder within the limits of Boston Harbor. A law enforcement boat will be made available for this project over a two week period.

Commissioner Foster stated that another project under consideration for the officers of the Division of Law Enforcement is to have each officer, in his own district, inventory the extent and ownership of large tracts of undeveloped land now in private hands so that the Department may contact these owners at a later date concerning possible acquisition by purchase or gift.

In mentioning the coming forest fire season, the Commissioner showed a detailed map of the Commonwealth made by Chief Fire Warden Woodman showing the five year average of fire occurrence in Massachusetts from 1955 through 1959.

Mr. Raymond J. Kenney, Director of the Division of Forests and Parks, commented upon the close relationship of high incidence to areas of population density, pointing out that more needs to be done with fire prevention work, especially in areas where new housing developments are pushing into wooded tracts.

Mr. Kenney also discussed a recent meeting of state foresters relative to the Governor's proposed forest management program. He stated that the foresters were unanimous in favor of carrying out an active silvicultural program on state woodlands but felt that for the next ten years not more than 4 million board feet a year should be sold amounting to $50,000 per year, at least until inventory information is more complete.

Director Frederick C. Wilbour, Jr., and Dr. George C. Mathiessen, of the Division of Marine Fisheries, next participated in the meeting to present their plans for a proposed marine research laboratory at Cat Cove, Salem. Mr. Wilbour stated that the area at Cat Cove, once a public recreation project, is currently contaminated by pollution and is not now being used by the City of Salem. He further stated that the area consists of nearly 30 acres of land and water, including one building, and its biggest asset is a 6 acre tidal pool completely controlled by tide gates. He said that the cost of putting the laboratory in operation, using the existing building, would be approximately $100,000. He then showed the Board a plan drawn by engineers for the proposed project.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that the City of Salem was in accord with this proposal and receptive to the Department's use of the property for research purposes.

It is the Department's opinion that the area would also adapt itself to a measure of educational and recreational usage. He further stated that although the Department may not need legislative action to acquire this area for the project, it would certainly require legislative action to obtain the money to put it into operation.

Dr. Matthiessen outlined the proposed marine research projects which would be undertaken at this site and Mr. Wilbour presented the long-range educational and research objectives of his Division (copy of which is attached to the minutes).

Recommended as the most fundamental and needed of all research projects, was a comprehensive study of the estuarine waters of the Commonwealth for further knowledge as to their current or potential productivity.

The Commissioner mentioned a recent meeting with Dean Jeffrey, of the University of Massachusetts, in regard to the educational part of this project and reported that the Department was assured of full cooperation from the University's Department of Forestry and Wildlife.

The Board was unanimous in its endorsement of the proposed marine research laboratory and long-range program and -

VOTED - that the project at Cat Cove, Salem, as presented, received its wholehearted approval, directing the Commissioner to pursue the project further with the City of Salem; to obtain more detailed estimates of cost; to determine the required legislative action, and to examine any other factors pertaining to the successful implemenation of this worthwhile project.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for March 8, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Richard P. Holdsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held March 11, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Potter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Proposed changes in the previously approved bond issue allocations for the following areas were presented to the Board.

1. Restoration of Upper Spectacle Pond Dam, Otis State Forest

The approved allocation for this project was $25,000, based on a designer's estimate of $8,000 in 1945. Due to increase in construction plans and specifications and also because of the more stringent requirements of the County Engineer, the cost will now be $57,000, the largest item in this cost being $20,000 to place steel sheeting in back of the dam and an estimated cost of $19,250 for replacing old deterioating cement.

In order to obtain the additional $32,000 additional funds to complete this project it was suggested that the $25,000 which had been originally allocated for a proposed camping area at Plum Island be reallocated to this project; that the $5,000 set up for a study of skiing at Mount Wachusett State Reservation, which could not be expended as the area is not under the Department's jurisdiction, be reallocated to this project, and the remaining $2,000 to be taken from the Reserve Contingency Fund.

2. Development Project - Shawme-Crowell State Park

The approved allocation was $20,000 for the construction of a camping area with road construction and camp site work to be done by personnel at the Shawme-Crowell State Forest. The original estimate was for 25 camp sites including water and toilet facilities. Since excellent progress has been made in this work it is now felt that 50-60 camp sites can be constructed for use this year with necessary toilet facilities, water and electric power, in addition to hot water showers which the Department of Health has made mandatory. The proposed change would cost an additional $20,000, and it was suggested that the funds be allotted from the Reserve Contingency Fund.

3. Contact Station - Willard Brook State Forest

Out of the approved allocation of $35,000 for the construction of a headquarters building and garage at Willard Brook State Forest it was hoped that sufficient funds would be available to build a contact station but after bids were opened it appeared that no funds would be available. In order to construct a combination concession and

contact building to adequately take care of the large number of people who use this area it was suggested that $6,500 be allotted from the Reserve Contingency Fund to proceed with these plans.

Following considerable discussion of the above proposed changes the Board was unanimous in its approval of the changes and -

VOTED - to approve the changes in the bond issue allocations for additional funds of $32,000 for Upper Spectacle Pond Dam, Otis State Forest; $6,500 for Contact Station at Willard Brook State Forest, and $20,000 from the Reserve Contingency Fund for the Development Project at Shawme-Crowell State Forest.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that he had been approached by the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges, Eastern College Athletic Conference, to hold its two annual championship regattas, involving both heavyweight and lightweight eight oarred crews, as a single 18-race event on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester on May 14, 1960 and that he and members of the Department had met with officials of the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges to discuss the plans. He stated that in order to hold these races several minor changes will have to be made in the boat house at Regatta Point which would be compatible with the use of the boat house for the contemplated community sailing project. The Commissioner then said that since $100,000 of the Lake Quinsigamond bond issue money had been turned back to the Department it would be possible to make these changes in addition to installing a public address system, purchase of a flag pole, purchase of an additional floating pier, and temporary stands for spectators.

Commissioner Foster reported that he had been informed by the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges that the races could not be held unless an admission charge is made to defray a portion of the expenses of the various colleges which will participate. Following discussion of an ~~an~~ admission charge, Chairman Fulham recommended that the Commissioner inform the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges that the Board agreed to limit the Commonwealth's financial return from the regatta to the 25¢ per capita normally charged at this state park and that the Board was agreeable to additional charges by their organization for general admission and seats in the reserved section.

The Commissioner then introduced John E. O'Doherty, Assistant Chief of Recreation to the Board for further discussion of details of the coming regatta. Mr. O'Doherty stated that temporary stands, approximately 1,000 seats, could be erected at the finish line which would be opposite the boat house. He further stated that any changes that would be made at Regatta Point for this event would in no way interfere with the purposes of boating at Regatta Point nor with the future plans for the community sailing program. Mr. O'Doherty then brought up the subject of public liability for injury to spectators and the Commissioner informed the Board that the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges would assume this responsibility.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that this was a very worthwhile project and a fine opportunity for the Commonwealth and gave its approval to hold this regatta and -

VOTED - that the Commissioner extend an invitation to the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges to hold their two annual championship regattas, as a single 18-race event on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester on May 14, 1960 and work out a permit arrangement with them for the use of this area for the event.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that the had invited Mr. Irving F. Smith, Assistant Commissioner of the Eastern College Athletic Conference, to attend the meeting to present the plans for the regatta to the Board and Mr. Smith was then asked to join the meeting.

Mr. Smith explained to the Board that this regatta has been held for a great many years with the lightweight crew races being held on the Charles River under the auspices of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University. He said that it is now felt that Lake Quinsigamond is one of the finest courses in the country for this type of racing and could accommodate both the lightweight and heavyweight crew races. He further stated that this will be the largest single crew race in the world, a one-day affair starting at 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and then from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with seven boats racing at a time at 15 minute intervals. Mr. Smith said that their plan is to have the heavyweight crews work out of the Regatta Point boat house and the lightweight crews out of Chief of Police Burns boat house, Shrewsbury.

In discussing the admission charge, Mr. Smith stated that the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges would like to charge $2.00 for reserved seats and $1.00 for general admission. Chairman Fulham informed Mr. Smith of the Board's decision to receive 25¢ per capita, the normal charge for the use of this state park, and Mr. Smith said this sum would be reimbursed to the Department from their per capita admission charge.

Commissioner Foster stated that since the state does not carry any insurance and cannot be sued without its consent, the permit for this regatta would not cover liability by the Commonwealth. Mr. Smith said his organization would work out an insurance coverage and stated that the indivdual schools cover themselves for accidents to their students.

Mr. Smith stated that the local chairman of the regatta, Chief of Police Kenneth Burns, Shrewsbury, would take charge of selling tickets and policing Lake Quinsigamond.

As a result of previous meetings with officials of the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges and Department employees, the Commissioner informed the Board that Lake Avenue will be made one way on May 14 to allow for parking on the other side of the road and a private organization has offered its parking lot for that date.

It was stated by Mr. Smith that it would be the idea of the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges to hold this event each year at Lake Quinsigamond if this first race proves successful but the Association cannot give a guarantee that it will become an annual event.

The Board expressed its appreciation for Mr. Smith's attendance at the meeting and assured him of its cooperation in this event.

Commissioner Foster reported briefly on the community sailing project for Lake Quinsigamond stating that Mr. Stephen Cudlitz, President of Community Boating, Inc., would be ready to take over this boating project around the first of May, at which time the Department will, by permit, turn over the boathouse to them for a youth sailing program. He stated that the Department has bids out for 15 fibre glass sail boats. He further stated that when plans are completed for this program the entire project will be under the jurisdiction of Community Boating, Inc.

VOTED - to accept the offer of Timothy J. Ryan to sell 2.75 acres of land on Cascade Street, Pittsfield for $750.

VOTED - to accept the offer of Gerald A. Sime to sell 19.21 acres of land on Cascade Street, Pittsfield, for $10,000.

VOTED - to accept the offer of Mrs. Teres Johnson to sell 39 acres of land in Douglas for $585.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that, at his suggestion, Mrs. Frances Loring, planning consultant, has been making a major study of recreational possibilities on the Merrimack River. The Commissioner then invited Mrs. Loring to attend the meeting to describe her plans for this area. She presented a detailed written study as well as a map of the area. The Board was unanimously in accord with this project and felt that it should be a project for the near future. Chairman Fulham stated that before the plans for the project were made public extensive ground work should be done with interested parties such as city officials and various historical societies in order to insure public approval of the plans. The Board expressed its appreciation to Mrs. Loring for her fine presentation of this proposed area.

The Commissioner reported on the progress of the legislation for the registration and regulation of small boats and stated that as the bill now stands the Department of Public Works, Division of Waterways, would be the administering agency and that if the bill is enacted in this form the entire Bureau of Marine Law Enforcement would be transferred out of this Department to the Department of Public Works. He stated that he had filed a dissenting report on this bill to prevent this Bureau from being transferred.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for April 12, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Richard P. Holdsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on April 12, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Potter, and Borden.

In reporting on the status of various bills, the Commissioner stated that the legislation pertaining to the registration and regulation of small boats has been passed and the Registry of Motor Vehicles was designated the administering agency. He stated that the Department is thus excluded from any enforcement of boating regulations, which will be handled by purely local enforcement agencies, and will be deprived of all revenue formerly received from boat registrations.

In commenting on the legislation regarding the use of pesticides, the Commissioner said that the Department of Public Health had filed a hastily-drawn regulatory bill, which was introduced under suspension of rules. He stated that this bill had been opposed by every major state agency on the grounds that if regulation was to come, it should be as the result of careful study, preferably by the Pesticide Study Commission already established. After further commenting on the work of this Commission, he gave each Board member a copy of the Report of the Technical Advisory Board of the Special Commission to Study the Use of Pesticides.

The Commissioner reported that all three of the Department's major proposals - forest management, parks expansion program, and the self-help conservation program - have been reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources and are now in Senate Ways and Means where they will remain until the state budget is reported out. He also stated that when the hearing on the parks expansion program bill is held , he will make every effort to see that the Department receives the $5 million requested as it his belief that it would be more advantageous to the Department's programs to receive a larger sum over a period of years rather than seeking $1 million each year. In reporting on the forest management proposal, the Commissioner stated that he had met with several newspaper editorial writers in an effort to obtain editorial assistance for this program. He further stated that if the self-help conservation program legislation is enacted the Department would be able to use some of the recreation bond issue money on a matching-fund basis to help cities and towns through their local Conservation Commissions.

In reporting on the races to be held at Lake Quinsigamond on May 14 by the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges, the Commissioner said that structural changes in the boathouse at Regatta Point have already been made to accommodate thirty rowing shells.

The Board was informed by the Commissioner that the Regatta Point Sailing program will start May 1, at which time the Department will make the boathouse available to Community Boating, Inc. Mr. Richard C. Potter kindly offered interior space in the Worcester Natural History Society's offices for the program and said he would inform Stephen Cudlitz, President, Community Boating, Inc., by letter of his offer.

In speaking of the coming forest fire season, the Commissioner said that the Department will undertake a pilot fire prevention campaign in the Lowell area during the spring starting with a public meeting on April 22. 25% of the state's forest fires occur annually in this area because of its high population density. He stated that a major source of these fires is the backyard incinerator and, consequently, the campaign is being designed to reach as many people as possible. He said that the number of forest fires in Massachusetts is very high although the average acreage burned per fire is low. It is hoped that with stepped-up fire prevention campaigns the Commonwealth will have a better record on forest fires.

The Commissioner stated that the New England Conference on Conservation held at the Harvard Business School on April 5 was an outstanding success with about 300 people in attendance. There was representation by 50 people from 25 of the 26 Town Conservation Commissions. The Commissioner gave the Board members a copy of the Manual for Town Conservation Commissions which was distributed at the Conference. He further commented on the report of the Sharon Town Conservation Commission stating that it was the most successful of the Town Conservation Commissions to date. The Board felt it would be good public relations to send a copy of this report to each of the established Town Conservation Commissions.

The Commissioner reported that the Advisory Commission on Marine Fisheries, established by Executive Order of the Governor, had its first public meeting in Gloucester on March 25 and has set up a series of ten monthly meetings to be held along the coast with a specific

problem planned for each session. He said that the subject of dragging and seining was discussed at the Gloucester meeting with over 100 people in attendance. Movies were shown of an underwater television study to determine the effects of commercial dragging on the bottom. The Commissioner informed the Board that the next meeting of the Commission is planned for April 22 in Provincetown.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for May 12, 1960 at the Worcester Natural History Society, 21 Cedar Street, Worcester.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held May 12, 1960 at 2:00 p.m. in the Worcester Natural History Society offices, 21 Cedar Street, Worcester. Present were Messrs. Potter, Borden and Miller.

The minutes of the meetings of March 11, 1960 and April 12, 1960 were approved.

The Board discussed the offer of the heirs of W. Dacre Walker to sell 14.90 acres of land in Andover for $12,000. Messrs. Kenney and Howard pointed out the desirability of this tract of land as an entrance point to the Harold Parker State Forest and mentioned that this acquisition would complete state ownership on both sides of the entrance road, thereby permitting its improvement by the Department of Public Works.

VOTED - to accept the offer of the heirs of W. Dacre Walker to sell 14.90 acres of land in Andover for $12,000.

The Board then considered the offer of Leonel T. Bishop, Jr., to sell 9.67 acres of land, with buildings, in Pittsfield for $11,000. It was pointed out that the current offer replaces an earlier arrangement under which Mr. Bishop had conveyed the property to the Commonwealth under a life tenancy agreement. It was the Department's recommendation that the offer be accepted in its present form.

VOTED - to accept the offer of Leonel T. Bishop, Jr. to sell 9.67 acres of land, with buildings, in Pittsfield for $11,000.

The Board then discussed the proposed taking of land of Marion L. Hunt in Abington. Maps of the Cleveland Pond area were presented and the Commissioner pointed out that negotiations to purchase the Hunt property had been unsuccesful to date due to an inordinately high asking price. Mr. Howard noted that a preliminary development plan had been completed by the Bureau of Recreation and stated that the Hunt property was a critical parcel as far as property of public use facilities is concerned.

VOTED - that the Commissioner exercise the power of eminent domain, as authorized under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, and under the authority of Sections 2 and 3, Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1958, by informing the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Abington, by letter, of his desire to proceed with the taking of 24.23 acres of land of Marion L. Hunt of Abington.

The Board then considered briefly the hearing on pesticides scheduled for the afternoon part of the meeting. Mr. Potter described the circumstances involving ponds in Northboro and Hudson where poorly timed aerial spray operations resulted in a

virtually complete fish kill. He said that considerable concern had arisen in the Worcester area over this and similar operations and it seemed desirable to provide an opportunity for the public to be heard in this matter.

The Board then adjourned to reassemble in the public hearing room of the Worcester Natural History Society,

The Commissioner, acting as Chairman of the meeting, called the hearing to order with approximately fifteen people present. He recognized first Mr. Mario Boschetti, Division of Sanitary Engineering, Department of Public Health, who expressed the interest of his Department in participating in such a hearing. Mr. Boschetti stated that although the Department was not in favor of any operation that would produce effects of the degree occurring in Northboro and Hudson, it did not feel that the use of aerial sprays for such purposes constituted a public health menace. Mr. Boschetti further stated that the cause of heavy fish mortality had not yet been definitely attributed to the aerial spray operations.

The Chairman then recognized Mr. Joseph S. Larson, State Ornithologist, Division of Fisheries and Game, who presented a brief summary of the current information known as to the effects of pesticide chemicals on fish and wildlife. He emphasized that the extent of present knowledge was extremely fragmentary but that the matter was of growing concern to wildlife interests throughout the country. He recommended to the Board legislative action which would control through a clearing house all types of aerial spray operations and copies of proposed legislation were distributed to all parties present.

Mr. Larson then introduced Mr. William Tompkins, Chief Aquatic Biologist, Division of Fisheries and Game, who described his investigations of the incident involving Tripps Pond in Hudson. It was Mr. Tompkins' opinion that the mortality of fish approached 100% and that the incident was due to pilot error rather than to any intentional spraying of the pond. Mr. Tompkins also stated that the spraying of streams tributary to the ponds may have been the factor which actually caused the mortality. Upon questioning by the Board, Mr. Tompkins expressed the fact that perhaps ten or eleven of these situations occurred each year in the Commonwealth. He clarified this point in commenting that there are probably many other situation which are not brought officially to the attention of the Division of Fisheries and Game.

The Chairman then called for general comment by members of the audience and statements ere presented by landowners, farmers, bee keepers, and others interested in the Hudson-Northboro area.

The public hearing and meeting of the Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on June 14, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Miller.

The Board discussed the taking of 210 acres of land at Hopkinton Reservoir and the Commissioner pointed out that this is a very critical piece of property to the development of this area and it was -

VOTED -- that the Commissioner exercise the power of eminent domain, as authorized under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, and under the authority of Sections 2 and 3, Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1958, by informing the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hopkinton, by letter, of his desire to proceed with the taking of 210 acres of land in Hopkinton.

The formal order of taking of the 210 acres of land in Hopkinton was signed by the Board members.

The Commissioner informed the Board that the Department is again participating in the summer Student Intern Program and was assigned two interns on June 13. He stated that the Student Intern Program is designed for college students majoring in political science and government, the purpose being to give potential government people an insight into state government before they further their education in government. He also stated that among projects he had lined up for these students were the Town Conservation Commission movement and in-service training programs - what industry and government do in the way of in-service training programs. Among other specific subjects, he suggested' the study of the forest tax law situation as an incentive for people to practice forestry and possibly the study of the Dutch elm disease law with the bulk of such study being the relationship between the state and cities and towns.

Following discussion of the program planned for the student interns, the Board felt that a study of the forest tax law was very important.

Commissioner Foster then invited the interns, David Dana and James Geary, to meet the Board members and the Board was of the unanimous opinion that the Department had two very fine men to work with during the summer months.

In reporting on legislation, the Commissioner said the Department has received very good press reports on its pending bills as the newspapers have been very interested in what the Department is trying to accomplish through its proposed legislation. He further

stated that the state parks expansion and accelerated forest management bills are awaiting signature by the Governor but that the requested bond issue of $5 million for the state parks expansion bill had been cut to $1 million. He reported that the legislation pertaining to the establishment of a self-help conservation program for cities and towns has been held up due to the wording of the bill but has had its third reading in the House and is expected to be before the House today.

As a matter of interest, the Commissioner informed the Board that at a meeting of State Foresters in Region 7, Philadelphia, foresters from other states expressed an interest in the Department's forest management bill as it was the first time that any of the foresters had heard of seeking a bond issue for such a forestry program. It is believed that as a result of our bill other states may propose this type of legislation.

The Commissioner outlined the problems of the Newburyport shellfish purification plant and noted that the Governor had introduced a special message calling for the assumption of these responsibilities by the Department.

In commenting upon the project at Cat Cove, Salem, the Commissioner said that this project will be reviewed after the legislature convenes and the Department will file a supplementary budget request for funds for this project.

In accordance with a letter received from Dr. William G. Sheldon, of the University of Massachusetts, suggesting that friends send letters commemorating the retirement of Dr. Reuben E. Trippensee from the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management the Board -

VOTED - to send a formal resolution to Dr. Reuben E. Trippensee in recognition of his twenty-five years of distinguished service to the Commonwealth.

Mr. Richard Borden commented on the successful rowing regatta held by the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges at Lake Quinsigamond and stated that he felt the Department did an excellent job in running the races and in offering the use of its facilities at Regatta Point.

In discussing the community sailing project at Lake Quinsigamond, the Commissioner stated that the Department has now bought 15 sail boats which meet the specifications of Community Boating, Inc. and that a man is now on the payroll of Community Boating, Inc.

formulating the sailing program for this area. He further stated that the Department has a permit to turn over the boats and a portion of the boathouse to Community Boating, Inc. on a yearly basis and gave each Board member a copy of the permit. After reviewing and discussing the permit, which may require minor changes at a later date, the Board -

VOTED - to approve issuing a permit to Community Boating, Inc. for purposes of a community sailing program at Lake Quinsigamond.

The Commissioner reported that from information received from Washington relative to the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore, he had initiated a publicity campaign to again stimulate public support for the passage of this bill during the current session of Congress. He further stated that he was planning to attend hearings before the Senate and House Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs in Washington on June 20 and 21 on behalf of the proposed bill and had been asked to present a statement from the Governor describing the official position of the Commonwealth on this matter. Following considerable discussion as to the role of the Department on this bill and the status of Pilgrim State Park, which is included in the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore Park area, it was the unanimous feeling of the Board that the area under consideration should be under single jurisdiction and that the Federal government, through its National Park Service, would prove more than sympathetic to the reservation and recreation needs which led to the establishment of the Pilgrim Spring tract as state park in the first instance. It was further thought that by making available this tract of inland and ocean frontage, the Commonwealth would be spared the costs of development for public use and all subsequent costs of operation and maintenance, and it would also underline the keen interest of the Commonwealth in reserving for the public's benefit a representative portion of Cape Cod for the use of present and future generations. The Board then -

VOTED - that the Commissioner inform the Governor, by letter, of the Board's decision to make available to the Federal government, without compensation, that portion of the outer Cape included in Pilgrim State Park in the event that a Cape Cod National Seashore park is authorized by Congress.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Robert P. Holdsworth

Secretary

A field inspection trip was made by the Board of Natural Resources on July 12, 1960. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Miller.

Members of the Department of Natural Resources present on this trip were Director Raymond J. Kenney, Director Howard S. Willard, Director Frederick C. Wilbour, Jr., Messrs. Henry G. McCarthy, Arnold E. Howard, John E. O'Doherty and James Healey.

Commissioner George F. McGrath, Department of Correction, was a guest of the Department on the field trip in order that interrelated projects of the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Correction could be viewed at first hand in order to formulate future mutually advantageous programs.

10:30 a.m. - The Board visited the new state park at Cleveland Pond,Abington, and plans for this new area were discussed informally. Commissioner McGrath was of the opinion that his men at the Correction Camp at Myles Standish State Forest could be helpful in the development work at this site.

11:30 a.m. - The Board visited the Standish Monument Reservation, Duxbury, and were met by the Supervisor who commented on the work and activities at this area.

12:30 p.m. - The Board members, Department personnel, and officials of the Department of Correction were guests for luncheon at the Correction Camp at the Myles Standish State Forest. Following luncheon, an inspection was made of the Camp workshop and various prisoners explained the work which they are doing in the shop. The party then inspected the recreation hall at the Camp which was contructed and furnished by the prisoners . Photographers from the Standard Times,New Bedford, took pictures of the official group in front of the chapel.

2:30 p.m. A visit was made to the Shawme Crowell State Forest and Supervisor Daniel Potter explained the work which is being done at this area on roads, contact station, comfort stations and camp sites. The Board then visited the sites of the new camping areas being constructed and was of the opinion that this area will be one of the outstanding recreation areas in the state.

4:00 p.m. - The Board and members of the Department boarded the Law Enforcement boat "Mary Caroline" at Sagamore for a trip on the Cape Cod Canal. Department representatives explained to the Board the potential for recreational development along the Canal, and the Department's law enforcement and marine fisheries responsibilities.

5:30 p.m. - The "Mary Caroline" was docked at Onset and the Board meeting adjourned.

Robert J. Holdsworth
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, August 12, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. Present were Messrs. Holdsworth, Miller, Potter and Borden.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Commissioner then reviewed with the Board the preliminary figures obtained from the forest inventory. The inventory is currently complete for about one-quarter of the state forestry holdings and represents a cross section of available timber for the state as a whole. He said that the figures show approximately 91 million feet of merchantable timber of which 51 million are on the October Mountain State Forest. The timber inventory to date would have a present commercial value of $1½ million. The Commissioner pointed out that a significant part of the inventory was its analysis of the quality of merchantable timber on state forests. Slightly over 10% was classified as good quality; 40% fair quality, and the remainder fair to poor. He noted that these statistics fully backed up the need for an immediate program of forest improvement.

It was also reported that a portion of the next meeting of the Board in western Massachusetts will be devoted to a future presentation in the field of the forest inventory figures.

The Board then considered several matters relating to the Department's land and recreation program. A proposal to acquire considerable property in Townsend along the Squannacook River was discussed in detail. The Board was told that property owned formerly by the Fessenden Mills has now been released for public sale and that this river represents an attractive and unspoiled natural waterway. The Board then -

VOTED - that the sum of $50,000 be allocated for possible land purchases in the Squannacook River area and that this sum be used for negotiation purposes subject to final acceptance at a future Board meeting.

The Board also considered the matter of an existing building at Hopkinton Reservoir now owned and controlled by the Metropolitan District Commission. It was pointed out that the Metropolitan District Commission no longer needs this structure and is desirous of disposing of the property in the best interests of the Commonwealth. Due to the proximity of the proposed recreation project at Hopkinton Reservoir, it was felt desirable to acquire this property from the Metropolitan District Commission rather than risking its sale to an undesirable private party. It was therefore -

VOTED - that the Commissioner be instructed to negotiate a suitable price for the purchase of the Metropolitan District Commission building and property at Hopkinton Reservoir.

Also discussed by the Board was the current recreation study being made at Whitehall Pond in Rutland. The Metropolitan District Commission has expressed interest in relinquishing the control of a portion of its holdings, including Long and Whitehall Ponds, for the purposes of a public recreation development. The Board expressed its interest in bringing about a satisfactory arrangement such that the property used primarily for water supply purposes could also yield a public recreation return.

The Commissioner then brought up for consideration the subject of Thousand Acre Meadows in New Marlboro, which is scheduled as the site of an impounding reservoir designed to bring flood relief downstream in Connecticut. By an estimated expenditure of $68,000, the Commonwealth could ensure a 160 acre multi-purpose reservoir rather than the dry-bed type designed exclusively for flood control purposes.

The Commissioner reported that considerable interest has been expressed by local people in Southern Berkshire County and pointed out that a measure of contribution would also be made by the State of Connecticut, the federal government, and private property owners nearby.

It has been estimated that the sum of $2,000 would be necessary at this time in order that final engineering plans and specifications for the dam would be adequate for a larger flowed area. The Commissioner also stated that the full sum required would be included in the Department's 1961 supplemental budget request. It was the Board's feeling that the guarantee of $2,000 at this stage would be more than justified by the future prospects and it was accordingly -

VOTED - that the Commissioner be empowered to make a commitment of $2,000 to the United State Soil Conservation Service in order to obtain final plans and specifications for a multi-purpose dam at Thousand Acre Meadows in New Marlboro.

The Board then considered matters relating to federal flood control reservoirs at Knightville, Buffumville and East Brimfield. It was reported that these reservoirs are

now operational and that the Army has already installed some recreation facilities at federal expense. The Commissioner recommended that steps be taken to negotiate a formal license on these areas such that they could be used for public recreation purposes and operate as part of the overall state parks system. He pointed out that without such a formal arrangement, there was the distinct likelihood that the Corps of Engineers would enter the field in Massachusetts as a new operating recreation agency.

The Board reaffirmed its original position that the Department should regularly request licenses for each newly completed flood control project and -

VOTED - that the Commissioner be authorized to explore with the Corps of Engineers a satisfactory arrangement for public use of Knightville, Buffumville and East Brimfield Reservoirs.

It was decided to hold the September Board meeting in the western part of the state with definite plans to be formulated at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Robert P. Jordan

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in Richmond, Massachusetts, at the home of Donald B. Miller on September 21, 1960 beginning at 8:00 p.m. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Miller and Holdsworth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

The Commissioner then distributed copies of the status report relative to parks development projects and called on Mr. Frederick Bowers, Senior Civil Engineer, to comment in similar fashion relative to land acquisition projects. It was then decided to defer a more complete discussion, including reallocations, until such time as the legislature had acted upon the pending request for an additional $1 million bond issue for parks expansion projects.

Messrs. Holdsworth and Miller then discussed their trip to Clarksburg and expressed unanimous enthusiasm and satisfaction with the caliber of work performed by Departmental employees and the Monroe prison camp in the construction of a new camping area at this state park. Upon motion of Mr. Holdsworth, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to extend to the employees concerned, and the officials of the Correction Camp at Monroe, the official appreciation of the Board for this fine project.

Mr. Fulham then reported on his trip to Skinner State Park in the company of Commissioner Foster. He stated that a group of leading citizens from the Holyoke area met with them at the Summit House to discuss the preservation of the Holyoke range, in particular a section adjacent to Skinner State Park now under active use by the B & M Construction Company as a source of trap rock. It was the wish of this group that the Department undertake an immediate acquisition of the property in question and consider a longer range program to place the entire range in public ownership.

Mr. Fulham explained further that a private non-profit group has been formed to set aside the south side of the range, but that the north side was considered as a project warranting state action.

Mr. Fulham stated that in his opinion it would be unwise to make such a determination without the benefit of appraisals of the property in question, and the Board concurred in this conclusion, authorizing the Commissioner to obtain more detailed information as to the scope of such a project for presentation at a subsequent meeting.

The Chairman also pointed out that he had inspected the repair work completed this year on the Summit House and felt that a reappraisal by the Department of the proposed

$1 million recconstruction project would seem to be in order based on the success of the restoration work to date.

The Board then discussed in detail the proposed acquisition of a parcel of land adjcent to Walden Pond State Reservation in Concord. The Commissioner pointed out that the Reservation falls under the direct jurisdiction of the Middlesex County Commissioners, although several other tracts have been acquired by the Department under special legislative act and appropriation, and that the County Commissioners, in contrast to sentiment within the town of Concord, were opposed to such acquisition by the Department.

After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the Department should not acquire further property at Walden Pond unless (1) it was specifically authoirzed by the legislature; or (2) there should be some change in the present jurisdiction over this reservation which would place it under Departmental control.

The Commissioner then putlined the forestry field demonstration planned for the following morning at October Mountain State Forest and stated that he expected a sizable delegation of citizens, officials, and legislators to attend from the three western counties.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Robert P. Stockwell

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, on October 18, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Potter and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner Foster reported on the nation-wide organization, Nature Centers for Young America, Inc. which had approached the Department relative to a cooperative project in Massachusetts. He pointed out the need for an interpretive program in the state park system as well as the desirability of encouraging nature centers at the community level for use by school systems.

The Commissioner further explained that under consideration was a three-way partnership for one year whereby -1) Nature Centers for Young America, Inc. would supply a trained consultant, 2) the Department would supply physical space and absorb some of the costs of overhead such as secretarial help and telephone, 3) the Massachusetts Conservation Council, consisting of eighteen private conservation organizations, would supply travel expenses and other project needs. The consultant would work for a committee of these three groups, would be under the executive direction of the Commissioner and would work only on projects approved by the three groups.

He mentioned that these might include three or four nature centers located on state, municipal, or private property, and the development of physical facilities would depend on the actual location and degree of local interest and support. Facilities for projects on state forests and parks could conceivably be built and maintained with state money, but any such expenditure would have to be authorized in advance by the Board.

In terms of the need for this type of activity, the Commissioner stated that there is presently no state-wide organization advancing a full-time program of this type, and there has been a singular lack of achievement in the entire field of conservation education. It was his opinion that despite obvious hazards, this project would be very worthwhile attempting for a year.

Following considerable discussion by the Board as to the advisability of such a project, the Chairman recommended that the subject be tabled for the present time.

At the request of the Commissioner, Henry G. McCarthy, Department Secretary, and Robert L. Yasi, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, were asked to join the meeting in order to brief the Board members on the Department's legislative program. The Commissioner

stated that due to the efforts of both Mr.Yasi and Mr. McCarthy a new pesticide study bill has been drawn, Senate 729, which proposes to revive and continue the former pesticide commission and complete the previously authorized study before any regulatory legislation is considered.

In reporting on the status of the Department's legislative programs, Mr. Yasi stated that the parks bond issue must go back to the House for concurrence as part of the general state capital outlay budget and is then expected to be approved. Mr. McCarthy reported that the $500,000 bond issue requested for the accelerated forest management program was turned down by the Senate Ways and Means Committee without prejudice after passing the House on the grounds that it was for personal services exclusively and stated that the Department has now made a supplementary budget request for approximately $83,000 to cover the first-year costs of the program.

In reporting on the SuAsCo reservoir legislation, Chapter 669, Acts of 1960, the Commissioner stated that this is the first major project authorized under Public Law 566, the Federal Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act. Under this program the state Water Resources Commission will build seven small reservoirs on the Assabet River with financial assistance from the federal government. He further stated that this program will involve a total expenditure of $1,300,000, of which one million dollars will be completely reimbursed by the federal government and $300,000 will be provided by the Commonwealth for the necessary lands, easements and rights-of-way. He also commented that this precedent-making program paves the way for an increasing number of small reservoir projects which may also be adjusted to furnish opportunities for public outdoor recreation.

The Commissioner reported on his meeting in Pittsfield relative to the Camp Winadu property which was part of a previous eminent domain proposal. Present at this meeting were Mr. Frederick Bowers and Mr. Norman Gardner of the Department as well as the lawyer for Camp Winadu, George L. Reder, Mayor Raymond Haughey of Pittsfield, and others interested in the property. The Commissioner stated that the Camp was willing to sell their property for $600 an acre which he felt was too high for undeveloped land. Following discussion by the Board on acquiring this property, Chairman Fulham stated that the consensus of the Board was not to proceed at this time with any further negotiations.

Following discussion of Chapter 569, Acts of 1960, authorizing and directing the Department to convey a certain parcel of land in Natick to AMVETS POST#79, Natick, Inc. it was -

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to execute a deed conveying to AMVETS POST #79, Natick, Inc. a certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Natick described as 5.91 acres W. D. on Sheet No. 8 entitled Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan Water Works, Lake Cochituate, Land Plans Scale 100 feet to an inch, October 1910," as authorized by Chapter 569, Acts of 1960.

Mr. Frederick Bowers took part in the meeting to present his progress report on past, pending and proposed land acquisitions and gave a copy of this report to each Board member. He then gave a brief resume of the items outlined in the report. The Commissioner in summarizing Mr. Bowers' report, noted that over 2,000 selected acres of property have already been acquired this year and that the Department has plans ready for future acquisitions if additional funds are made available.

Mr. Arnold E. Howard then presented to the Board his report on the status of the bond issue funds as of October 1, 1960, giving each Board member a copy of his report. He then gave a brief resume of the progress of the projects previously approved by the Board and his recommendations for reallocation of funds for certain projects. Following discussion the Board then -

VOTED - to approve the recommended reallocation of funds for -

Willard Brook State Forest - contact-concession building - $5,000.

It was the further feeling of the Board that additional reallocations should be deferred in the event of extra expenses on present projects, or until a new bond issue becomes available.

The Commissioner in commenting on Mr. Howard's report, stated that the bulk of the previously authorized development work will be physically underway in the spring and that plans for future construction are expected to be ready by April 1, 1961.

in reporting on the activities of the Department, the Commissioner stated that he and Messrs. Kenney, Howard, and O'Doherty attended the National Conference of State Parks held in Maine in September. As the result of discussions with other states at this Conference, the Department has sent ten of its parks supervisory personnel to inspect facilities in Connecticut and Vermont.

The Commissioner then reported that the three foresters had returned from the meeting of the Fifth World Forestry Congress in Seattle, Washington, and were most enthusiastic about the meeting, stating that Massachusetts is far ahead of other states and nations in many aspects of its forestry program.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for November 22, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 a.m.

Robert P. Holbrook

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held November 22, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Commissioner reported that under Chapter 726 of the Acts of 1960, the Department has been authorized and directed to acquire 25 acres of land in Concord and Lincoln aurrounding the Walden Pond Reservation and stated that the Department has been negotiating with one of the owners of this property, James G. Sliman. The Commissioner then asked Mr. Frederick Bowers to report on his conference with Mr. Sliman who owns a trailer site on this property. Mr. Bowers stated that Mr. Sliman has requested that he be allowed to retain a 200 foot strip of land and sell the remaining 17.73 acres for $9,500. Following discussion of Mr. Sliman's offer, it was felt inadvisable to purchase only a portion of the land since the Department had been authorized and directed to purchase the entire amount of property and it was then -

VOTED - not to accept the offer of James G. Sliman to sell 17.73 acres of land in Concord for $9,500 and to proceed with the authorized taking.

Mr. Bowers also mentioned that a Mr. Hart, who owns land around Walden Pond, had informed him that he would be willing to sell his land for $16,000 and another area of over 2 acres for $4,000. After discussion the Board was of the opinion that the Department should proceed with negotiations with Mr. Hart for the 2 acres at $4,000.

The Commissioner reported that the Metropolitan District Commission is willing to sell its property and buildings at Hopkinton Reservoir for $5,000 and that it is the Department's present intention to see that the buildings are torn down in order to prevent acquisition by an adverse owner.

At the request of the Commissioner, Messrs. Raymond J. Kenney and Arnold E. Howard were asked to present their recommended changes in the rules and regulations governing camping on states forests and parks. Following discussion the Board approved the following changes:

1. Eliminate all requirements for deposits with requests for reservations for cabins, state-owned tents and tent sites.

2. Eliminate all requirements for reservations for tent sites except at Nickerson Park and Myles Standish Forest.

3. Change fee for tent site at Nickerson Park and Shawme-Crowell Forest from $1.00 per day to $1.50 per day.

   Change fee for tent platform from $1.50 to $2.00 per day.

   Change fee for state-owned tent on platform from $2.50 to $3.00 per day.

   Eliminate fee for state-owned tent on ground, there being none.

4. RULE 4

   Add requirement that between the last Sunday in June and the Sunday before Labor Day, the camper who has stayed the maximum camping period shall, in addition to removing his camping equipment from the forest or park, be not allowed to return until after Labor Day.

5. Eliminate rule requiring persons to obtain a permit from the Department to operate a motor boat on the waters of forests and parks.

Mr. Howard then presented to the Board his recommendations for the reallocation of funds for building the garage at Brimfield State Forest stating that the $16,000 previously allotted, which would cover the work to be done by park personnel, had now been found to be inadequate as the type and size of building now considered desirable was much larger than originally planned. He said that it was felt that with a 100 foot garage the Department could operate more efficiently but that the work would have to be done under contract rather than by park personnel. He reported that estimates of cost had been prepared and it was found that a building 100 feet by 48 feet would cost $27,959 with the equipment in the garage costing $4,000. Mr. Howard informed the Board that approximately $9,000 had been saved from the original allotment for the Demarest Lloyd Park project and approximately $13,000 on the Willard Brook comfort station conversion project, so that these sums could be transferred from the savings described, plus the $16,000 previously allotted, making a total of $34,000 which sum would provide for approximately $2,000 as a contingency. The Board discussed the building of this larger garage, agreed that it would prove of more benefit to the Department, and then -

VOTED - to approve the building of a garage at Brimfield State Forest under contract and the transfer of funds from the Demarest Lloyd Park project and Willard Brook comfort station convernsion project in the amount of $18,000.

The Commissioner then reported on the in-service training program planned for the Department in the near future, citing the need for a flexible organization knowledgeable about many phases of the Department. As a start of this program, he stated that Director Kenney has already put together a program for District Foresters and Fire Wardens to discuss mutual assistance. Mr. Kenney stated that he had had a meeting of the District Fire Wardens to explain this project and has arranged a three day meeting at Westboro for the coming week. The District Fire Wardens will assist a District Forester in their area during the winter months, and in the spring when the forest fire season becomes imminent, the Fire Wardens will then carry out their fire duties with help from the District Foresters.

Mr. Kenney then explained that similar meetings are being scheduled for the Forest and Park Supervisors and park planners so that there will be a better understanding of what is needed in the recreation field.

The Commissioner stated that Director Willard is planning similar in-service training sessions for Conservation Officers and that the Marine Officers will shortly be attending school for three or four days in cooperation with the Department of Public Health to learn about the sanitary handling of fish and shellfish.

In reporting on the progress of the Conservation Commission movement, the Commissioner stated that there are now 38 Conservation Commissions officially in operation and another 24 cities and towns that have conservation study committees functioning. It is assumed that by April, following the Town Meetings, there will be about 60 Conservation Commissions in existence.

In anticipation of their needs, the Commissioner stated that the Department is already setting up teams of technical people to service these Commissions and is breaking the state down into five regions as follows - 1) Berkshire County, 2) Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties, 3) Worcester County, 4) Middlesex and Essex Counties, and 5) Norfolk, Plymouth, Bristol, Barnstable Counties and the Islands. One man in each of these five regions will serve as a contact man for the Conservation Commissions and, in addition, the Department's own field personnel will be able to draw upon representatives

of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service and the Extension Service at the University of Massachusetts.

The Commissioner further stated that these teams can be used as a clearing house for Conservation Commissions seeking matching funds for projects under Chapter 517, Acts of 1960, and thus when project applications are submitted to the Department for reimbursement they will be ready for the Department to submit to the Board for approval.

The Commissioner then reported on the tentative recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Marine Fisheries, which are expected to be submitted to the new administration, and stated that the full report will be made available to the Board at its next meeting.

The re-election of Thomas A. Fulham as Chairman, and Robert P. Holdsworth as Secretary of the Board was voted.

The date for the next meeting of the Board was set for December 13, 1960 in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Robert P. T. Holdsworth

Secretary

The meeting of the Board of Natural Resources scheduled for December 13, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, was cancelled due to the blizzard.

Robert P. Holdsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held January 10, 1961 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Potter.

The Commissioner in reporting on the activities of the Department stated that he had met recently with the Executive Vice President of Associated Industries and the outcome of this meeting was that the Association would like to have a plank in its platform on natural resources. Interest was expressed in the fields of water resources, forestry and marine fisheries.

It was reported by the Commissioner that another state park was added to the system with the dedication of the Chicopee Memorial State Park (Cooley Brook) in Chicopee. Appropriate ceremonies were held on December 12 with the Mayor of Chicopee and other dignitaries in attendance. He further stated that the Department received staffing from the legislature for the 1961 season, so that the park can be administered while development work is being carried out.

In reporting on the Cape Cod National Seashore Park hearings in Eastham on December 16, 960, the Commissioner said that the Public Lands Subcommittee of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs appeared much interested in the Park even though the hearings were not well attended. It was the impression of the Commissioner that the Committee will report a Cape Cod National Seashore Park bill to Congress in its coming session.

The Commissioner informed the Board that radio station WBZ has adopted a program of radio editorials calling attention to problems affecting the Boston metropolitan area. He stated that the Department is now working out a series of editorials on natural resources and hopes to make regular use of this new publicity medium.

The Commissioner reported that the City of Newburyport had ceased operating its shellfish treatment plant as of January 1, 1961 and that the Department may become involved in the running of this plant by virtue of budgetary action taken in 1960. He said that the Department was presently negotiating for sufficient funds and personnel to operate properly and put the plant in better physical condition. He stated that a budget has now been worked out for the operation of the plant but a lease must be negotiated with the City of Newburyport by legislative action before the Department can take over these functions.

Following discussion of the taking of 23.46 acres of land in Concord and Lincoln for the purpose of enlarging Walden Pond State Reservation it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute on behalf of the Board of Natural Resources an order of taking of a certain parcel of land situated in the Towns of Concord and Lincoln, containing 23.46 acres, for the purpose of enlarging Walden Pond State Reservation as authorized under Chapter 726 of the Acts of 1960.

In discussing the offer of Fred R. Hart to sell about 1.85 acres of land in Lincoln for $4,000 and 43,601 square feet of land with buildings in Concord for $16,000, the Board was of the opinion that no action should be taken on these offers until appraisals have been made.

The offer of the Fessenden Company to sell approximately 338 acres of land in Townsend, along the Squannacook River, for $125 per acre was discussed by the Board. The Commissioner stated that the timber on the property is substantial and that the appraisals of the land per acre are higher than the asking price. Following discussion it was -

VOTED - to accept the offer of the Fessenden Company to sell 338.07 acres of land along the Squannacook River in Townsend.

Following discussion of leasing 31,712 square feet of land at Lake Cochituate to the town of Framingham it was -

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to execute on behalf of the Board of Natural Resources a deed leasing to the Town of Framingham, for park or recreational purposes. 31,712 square feet of state park land on Lake Cochituate, in Framingham, as authorized by Chapter 557 of the Acts of 1947, as amended by Chapter 518 of the Acts of 1949, under such terms amd conditions as he deems advisable.

Following discussion of federal flood control programs in Massachusetts it was-

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to execute on behalf of the Board of Natural Resources a deed conveying to the United States of America flowage easements on four parcels of state forest land in Upton deemed necessary for the construction, maintenance and operation of the West Hill Dam and Reservoir projects.

A tentative schedule of bond issue allocations for land acquisition and parks development projects was then presented to the Board by Messrs. Kenney, Howard, and Bowers and the following projects were approved by the Board.

GENERAL SUMMARY

Overhead and studies	$ 150,000.
Parks development projects	525,000.
Land acquisition projects	200,000.
Conservation Commission projects	25,000.
Reserve contingency	100,000.
	$1,000,000.

PARKS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

1.	Peregrine White State Park - day-use facilities	$100,000
2.	Savoy Mountain State Forest - camping facilities - South Pond	35,000
3.	Myles Standish State Forest - new bathhouse - College Pond -	35,000
	contact station	5,000
4.	Otter River State Forest - water supply system, flush toilets, bridge	35,000
5.	Ludlow Fire Tower area - comfort station, parking area, water,fireplaces	15,000
6.	Harold Parker State Forest - parking area, water supply, flush toilets, Stearns Pond	50,000
7.	Ashland State Park - expansion of day-use facilities	50,000
8.	Nickerson State Park - reconstruction of camping area roads	25,000
9.	Pearl Hill Brook area - contact station	5,000
10.	Sandisfield State Forest - bathhouse - comfort station	12,000
11.	Shawme-Crowell State Forest - road construction	20,000
12.	Willard Brook State Forest - conversion to flush toilets	25,000
13.	Lowell-Dracut State Forest - day-use facilities	25,000
14.	Whitehall Pond area, Rutland - dike and boating facilities at Long Pond	40,000
15.	Bristol-Blake State Reservation - repairs to dam	38,000
16.	Skinner State Park - boating facilities	10,000
		$525,000

LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS

With reference to the bond issue allocation of $200,000 for land acquisition projects the following areas were brought to the attention of the Board and after discussion the Board gave its approval to proceed with negotiations for acquisition -

1. Land at the Children's Summer School, Hoods Pond, Ipswich, approximately 8 acres, excluding buildings, to be taken by eminent domain procedure if suitable agreements cannot be obtained.

2. Foxboro State Forest - acquisition of land at the upper reservoir.

3. Acquisition of Thomas Thompson land, approximately 200 acres, in Andover adjacent to the Harold Parker State Forest.

4. Bulkley-Dunton Reservoir - acquisition of additional land either by agreement or by eminent domain procedure.

5. Acquisition of land in the Merrimack River Valley for public recreation purposes.

6. Acquisition of interior holdings.

The Commissioner then requested that $25,000 be allocated from bond issue funds to reimburse city and town Conservation Commissions for projects undertaken under the self-help conservation program authorized by Chapter 517, Acts of 1960. The Board gave its approval to this allocation.

The recommended changes in the rules and regulations governing the use of recreational facilities at Demarest Lloyd State Park was presented by Mr. Arnold E. Howard who stated that since more facilities have been added for the 1961 season it was felt that the parking fees should be increased from 25¢ to 50¢ on week days and from 50¢ to $1.00 on Sundays and holidays. The Board gave its approval to the change in parking fees.

The Commissioner informed the Board that he had been contacted by a private party who wished to set up a corporation to lease the Joseph A. Skinner State Park over an extended period of four years for the purpose of creating public recreation facilities. The Commissioner stated that although specific legislation would be required for the lease of a state park, the matter was being brought before the Board as a question of policy. Following discussion, Chairman Fulham expressed the Board's opinion that although development of facilities through private capital should not be ruled out entirely, this type of operation, if determined to be for the public good, should, at the least, be put out for bid to the general public.

The date for the next meeting of the Board was set for February 14, 1961 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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Secretary

JOINT BOARD MEETING - January 10, 1961

A joint meeting of the Board of Natural Resources and the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game was held at 1:30 p.m. at the Parker House, Boston. Present from the Board of Natural Resources were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Potter. Present from the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game were Messrs. F. Stanley Mikelk and Bert Nietupski.

Mr. Thomas A. Fulham, of the Board of Natural Resources, presided.

Commissioner Foster was asked to brief the two Boards on progress to date relative to the establishment of Conservation Commissions. He explained that in excess of forty of these new agencies were already in existence and estimated that double this number would be officially established by the first of April.

Commissioner Foster also described the efforts of his Department to establish representatives in each of the five regions of the state to act as coordinators of the Conservation Commission movement. He requested that the Division of Fisheries and Game assign technical specialists to work with other professionals from the Department, the U. S. Soil Conservation Service and the State Extension Service to assist these Commissions in their various problems.

It was the consensus of the two boards that this movement had considerable promise to the Commonwealth and Director McLaughlin agreed to make available field personnel to assist in this project.

Next discussed was the pending legislation, Senate 158, which would establish the position of Supervisor of Conservation Education in the Massachusetts Department of Education. Commissioner Foster described his earlier meetings with Commissioner Kiernan and Deputy Commissioner Young of that Department and their willingness to cooperate in this field of endeavor.

The Fisheries and Game Board member, F. Stanley Mikelk, reviewed his subsequent conversations with the Department of Education which resulted in the drafting of a bill by that Department for submission by Senators Benoit and Zarod.

Mr. Mikelk pointed out that the Weaver report on conservation education nationally assigned Massachusetts one of the lowest ratings in this field and he urged that the two Boards join with the many interested public and private organizations in attempting to secure passage of this important legislation.

By unanimous resolution of the two Boards it was -

VOTED - that a letter be sent to the Commissioner of Education endorsing the need for a specialist in the conservation education field and that copies of this letter be distributed to appropriate persons in the Executive and Legislative branches.

The matter of continuing the Junior Conservation Camp was also considered by the two Boards and both Director McLaughlin and Commissioner Foster outlined their convictions that this successful educational project be continued during the coming year.

Director McLaughlin pointed out the several inadequacies of past operation and stated that he and Commissioner Foster had discussed the possibility of moving the camp to a more central location.

It is the consensus of both agencies, however, that despite the demise of the original sponsoring organization the Department and its respective divisions should find ways of operating during 1961.

Director McLaughlin offered to handle the details of processing applications and staff provided suitable arrangements could be made such that the fees required would not revert to the state's General Fund.

On those conditions, it was the unanimous resolution of the Boards that the Junior Conservation Camp be continued in 1961 and that both agencies lend their efforts towards the re-establishment of a sound conservation camp program.

Chairman Fulham directed the member's attention to the mutual problems of conservation law enforcement and Director McLaughlin and Commissioner Foster explained the serious consequences of recent administrative policies relative to the hours worked by Conservation Officers. Also discussed was the matter of telephones formerly maintained at state expense in the Officers' homes.

The two Boards considered in detail the continuing need for a modern program of conservation law enforcement in Massachusetts and urged their respective administrators to attempt to resolve these current difficulties in such a way that public service would not be curtailed.

There being no further business, the joint meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Fisheries and Game adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held February 21, 1961 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Miller.

The minutes of the meetings of November 22, 1960 and January 10, 1961 were approved.

The Commissioner reported that he would attend the hearings in Washington, D.C. March 6 and 7, on the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore Park bill, Senate 857, and make a statement on behalf of the Department in favor of the bill before the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. He further stated that 1,500 acres from the original proposal for the park have been deleted from this new bill. With the support of the President and the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner said he felt the bill would probably have a good chance of passage. Chairman Fulham stated that, as a member of the Natural Resources Committee of the New England Council, he would try to obtain a statement from the New England Council on behalf of the bill.

In commenting on the new state park in Rutland, Long and Whitehall Ponds, the Commissioner stated that the Public Health Council had voted to permit the use of this Metropolitan District Commission land for recreational use by the Department which sets a precedent in the state for use of watershed land. Under this permit, the Commissioner informed the Board, the Department must install a chlorinator and a suitable arrangement for this chlorinator is now being worked out with the Metropolitan District Commission. He also stated that with this approval for use of watershed land, the Department will have to limit its recreational use of the area from June 15 to October 15.

The Commissioner reported that the Department is having a major exhibit at the West Springfield Flower Show which opens February 22. He stated that this year the Department's exhibit has an educational theme - a model town built from a conservation planning point of view to show cities and towns what can be done by Conservation Commissions.

It was stated by the Commissioner that the Department's second session of its in-service training program for Forest and Park Supervisors will be held in Worcester February 28, and March 1 and 2, with various members of the Department speaking on the programs being advanced by their bureaus or divisions.

The Commissioner asked Director Frederick C. Wilbour, Jr. and Dr.George C.Matthiessen to participate in the discussion of the report of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission and gave the Board members a copy of the full report. The Commissioner stated that the report, through the Department's efforts, had been given coverage in the following magazines - Maine Coast Fisherman, The Salt Water Sportsman which has coverage all over the country, and Outdoor Life which has a 2 million circulation. He further stated that the Governor's office has received a copy of the report and he has been assured that the Governor will have a special message to the legislature in the near future on behalf of the recommendations in the report. Director Wilbour then said that reactions to the report have been very favorable.

The Commissioner then briefly outlined the recommendations contained in the report stating that the two main recommendations are - that the Department be empowered to gave full administrative control over the marine fisheries over which the Commonwealth now has jurisdiction, and accelerated programs of research and management.

The Commissioner then asked Dr. Matthiessen to comment on the research recommendations and he stated that estuarine research was the most important and biggest research project as there is only limited knowledge as to the physical conditions and productivity of the state's many harbors, bays, and river mouths. He further stated that the two new research facilities recommended, - the lobster hatchery on Martha's Vineyard and a new laboratory at Cat Cove, Salem, - would be most important in carrying out this estuarine research. It was also his opinion that the requested research vessel would be most helpful to this research project and could serve a double purpose by also being used for marine law enforcement.

The Commissioner commended Director Wilbour and Dr. Matthiessen for their very fine work on the report of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission.

Director Wilbour was then asked by the Commissioner to report on the Maine whiting controversy and he stated that through the years whiting has been one of the principal fish caught by the inshore draggers working out of Gloucester but in the last two or three years the whiting has moved northward necessitating the Gloucester fleet to go to Maine

waters for whiting fishing. This invasion of the territorial waters of Maine put increased pressure on the fishery and the whiting pools became very scarce which resulted in three bills being field in the Maine legislature which would limit the size and power of the vessel used for dragging; the days of the week when fish may be caught, and certain limits for gear used for fishing. Since the bills pending in the Maine legislature would seem to create a hardship to the Gloucester draggers, Director Wilbour said that a meeting was held in Boston with the Commissioner, Maine officials, and representatives of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to try to resolve the problem but following the meeting it was the opinion that the Maine bills would be passed which will to a certain extent affect the Gloucester fishermen.

Following discussion of land in the Cooley Brook area of Chicopee it was -

VOTED - to accept from the City of Chicopee the parcel of land located in the Cooley Brook area in Chicopee described in Section 1 of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1960 as passed by the General Court.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that the Department is making a preliminary study of the recreation possibilities along the Housatonic River in terms of where our acquisition efforts should be focused and then asked Mr. Lewis Carter, who was assigned to make this study, to take part in the meeting. Mr. Carter mentioned briefly that there were several areas which were very promising from a recreation aspect, 1) an area close to the October Mountain State Forest near the General Electric towers, 2) an area in Lee, 3) an area in Stockbridge near the New Haven railroad station and Route 7, and 4) an area in Great Barrington after the river leaves the town. It was Mr. Carter's opinion that trails could be put in along the river with perhaps a few shelters and at certain sizable stretches of the river canoe routes could be provided if the river pollution is abated.

The Commissioner pointed out that the Department might encourage city and town Conservation Commissions to acquire land along the river valleys by easements in order to retain attractive areas with the Department developing the recreation areas.

It was reported by the Commissioner that the Department had been directed by Chapter 86 of the Resolves of 1960 to make a report relative to the preservation of

the wetlands of the Sudbury and Concord River valleys and that the report has been completed and filed with the legislature. He then briefly commented on the recommendations of the report - that the federal government through the agency of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service establish two new wildlife refuges in the area; that the Department and the Division of Fisheries and Game acquire certain land and flood plain marsh as well as land for wildlife management purposes, and that local governments be encouraged to acquire approximately 3,000 acres of marsh and swamp land through action by the towns, use of self-help conservation programs or through the efforts of private land-holding organizations and agencies. He also stated that dollar expenditure by the Department will be very small as most of the money will be spent by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service from proceeds of the sale of Duck Stamps, and the Division of Fisheries and Game. It was the Commissioner's belief that there will be sizable support for this legislation due to the extent of building which might take place in the areas recommended for preservation.

The Commissioner then stated that he had met recently with members of the Department of Correction in regard to the establishment of another prison camp on state property other than the previously authorized area at October Mountain State Forest which was felt to be too remote by the Department of Correction. He informed the Board that the Department of Correction had recently held hearings to establish such a camp on the property of the Metropolitan District Commission at Quabbin Reservoir but following opposition by the towns surrounding the area, the Metropolitan District Commission had turned down their request for a prison camp. The Department of Correction, the Commissioner stated, is now interested in establishing another prison camp in the Warwick-Wendell or Erving areas and then asked the Board for its opinion on the establishment of a prison camp in this area. Following discussion, Chairman Fulham, on behalf of the Board, stated that the Department should proceed with another prison camp before the end of the fiscal year in the best location that can be worked out with the Department of Correction and where there will be the least public opposition.

The date for the next meeting was set for March 14, 1961 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Peter R. Trickett

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held March 21, 1961 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Potter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Commissioner asked Mr. Frederick Bowers to present the request of the U. S. Corps of Engineers for a flowage easement on 18.30 acres of state forest land in Upton and following idsucssion it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute on behalf of the Board of Natural Resources an agreement to sell and a deed conveying to the United States of America a flowage easement on a parcel of State Forest land in Upton deemed necessary for the construction, maintenance and operation of the West Hill Dam and Reservoir Project. Said parcel of land, containing 18.30 acres, is designated as Tract No. 518E.

It was then reported by the Commissioner that four projects under the self-help program for Conservation Commissions as authorized by Chapter 517, Acts of 1960, had been presented, following an investigation and report by the field men and the Committee on Lands of the Department, for approval as follows:

1. Barnstable - acquisition of 350 acres of land on Sandy Neck with about 8653 feet of frontage on Cape Cod Bay for the purpose of completing the acquisition of Sandy Neck by the Town of Barnstable for conservation purposes to retain it in its natural state - cost of project $15,000 - state aid requested $7,500.

2. Sharon - acquisition of 14 acres for the purpose of preventing pollution and preserving in its natural state a strip of land on both sides of Massapoag Brook between Billings Road and North Main Street, with the land being used for fishing, hiking, nature studies, rest areas and picnicking - cost of project $6,000 - state aid requested $3,000.

3. Concord - acquisition of 86 acres at Warners Pond for the purpose of recreation, wildlife and preserving scenic beauty - cost of project $4,500 - state aid requested $2,250.

4. Concord - acquisition of 21 acres on the Concord River for water and wildlife conservation purposes - cost of project $8,800 - state aid requested $4,400.

Following discussion, the Commissioner asked for an official vote of approval of the Board on the above projects and it was -

VOTED - to approve the acceptance of the acquisition projects of the Conservation Commissions of Barnstable, Sharon, and Concord and the expenditure of funds by the Department as outlined by the towns.

The Commissioner reported that the Metropolitan District Commission had informed him by letter, that following a meeting held March 15, 1961, it had voted to transfer for a period of 25 years the care and control of approximately 1,400 acres of Water Division land, located in Rutland and Oakham, to the Department of Natural Resources for the development of recreational facilities, subject to the following terms and conditions -

1. That the sanitary conditions outlined in Dr. Frechette's letter of February 16 shall be incorporated in the indenture.

2. That the Department of Natural Resources shall erect and maintain, at its own expense, any fencing, "No Trespassing"signs , etc.,as may be requested by the Commission to restrict the general public from trespassing on other adjacent land of the Commission.

3. That the Commission shall in no way share in the cost of developing and maintaining recreational facilities in this area, or in the cost of installing and maintaining any equipment or facilities required for the sanitary protection of its water supply as the result of the use of this area for recreational purposes.

4. That all legal costs involved in connection with this transfer of care and control shall be paid by the Department of Natural Resources.

5. That the Department of Natural Resources care and control of this area will be extended for an additional 25 years, if, at the close of the initial 25-year period, the Commission is satisfied that the use of this area for recreational purposes does not adversely affect the interests of the Commission.

6. That if the Department at any time ceases to use this area for recreational purposes, it shall revert to the Commission, together with all improvements, buildings and structures thereon.

7. That the Department of Natural Resources shall pay the Commission $800.00 annually as long as the Department retains care and control of this area, as reimbursement for a portion of the amount paid by the Metropolitan District Commission annually to the Towns of Rutland and Oakham in lieu of taxes on the property to be transferred.

In discussing the terms and conditions set forth by the Metropolitan District Commission, the Board was of the opinion that condition No. 2 which would require the Department to erect and maintain approximately two miles of fencing on the property in question, should be deferred as the expenditure required under the present wording would be exorbitant. Although the Board expressed its willingness to accept condition No. 7, it felt that the Metropolitan District Commission should be informed that since this annual payment in lieu of taxes would require budgetary action by the legislature there could be no assurance of an annual appropriation on the Department's part. It was then -

VOTED - that the Commissioner accept the terms and conditions as outlined in the letter from the Metropolitan District Commission but instructed him to negotiate further on the matter of fencing.

In discussing the ski area at Beartown State Forest, Director Raymond J. Kenney was asked to participate in the meeting, and he gave a brief resume of skiing operations at this area in previous years, explaining that normal bid procedures had not resulted in any individual willing to operate the area consistently on a concession basis. He mentioned that two parties, one being the Beartown Ski Club, are now interested in operating this area for skiing under permit form from the Department. In discussing these two requests for permits to operate a ski area, it was the opinion that if a ski area was to be operated by private interests the area should be open to the public and probably should be advertised for bid. Chairman Fulham then stated that the Department should talk further with both interested parties before issuing a permit for this skiing area.

In briefly reviewing the work of the Special Commission to Study the Use of Pesticides, of which Commissioner Foster said he was Chairman at the Commission's request, he stated that the Commission has now drawn up a proposed regulatory bill which will be cleared by all seven agencies on this Commission before it is filed with the legislature. He explained that this proposed bill will regulate the entire field of pesticides and will give the responsibility to a board within the Department of Public Health, of which the Department will be a member. He further stated that the proposed bill contains a penal provision which can make it a very effective piece of legislation.

In reporting on the activities of the Department, the Commissioner stated that he had attended the hearings on the Cape Cod National Seashore Park bill, Senate 857, in Washington, D.C. on March 9 and 10 and testified on behalf of the bill as well as presenting the Governor's statement on its behalf. He said that it was his feeling that this bill will come before Congress very shortly and will be considered favorably. The Commissioner also stated that when he was in Washington he attended meetings of the North Amercian Wildlife Conference.

In reporting on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission report, the Commissioner said that the Governor is definitely going to submit a special message on marine fisheries and had asked the Department to prepare material for this special message as well as suggested legislation.

He then mentioned that the Department had completed its training session for forest and park supervisors and thanked Chairman Fulham for attending the first meeting of this session with him stating that members of the Department in attendance were highly gratified by his appearance and interest in the training program.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that the city and town Conservation Commissions have now formed a Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions which will serve to represent their interests and conduct business for them at the State House. He further stated that this new Association is conducting a Conservation Conference at the Harvard Law School on April 8 patterned on the Department's conference at Harvard last spring.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for Tuesday, April 11, 1961, at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Robert P. Hochsworth

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held April 11, 1961 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Potter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Commissioner reported that the Department would again like to issue a permit to Community Boating, Inc. to operate a sailing program on Lake Quinsigamond, Regatta Point, under the same terms as last year but for a five year period expiring December 31, 1965. The Board then -

VOTED - that the Department execute a five year permit with Community Boating, Inc. to operate a sailing program on Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester.

The Commissioner then stated 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 20, 1961, for the purpose of conducting their championship lightweight and heavyweight rowing regatta. Following discussion the Board -

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, on May 20, 1961, for the express purpose of conducting their championship rowing regatta.

The request of the Lake Quinsigamond Commission on behalf of the Worcester Junior Chamber of Commerce to sponsor a motor hydroplane race on Tuesday, July 4, 1961, on the north end of Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, was brought to the attention of the Board by the Commissioner. He explained that these activities would be held between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. which would necessitate the cessation of all regular activities at the area. Following discussion, the Board gave its approval for the use of the facilities at Regatta Point State Park, Worcester, for a motor hydroplane race on July 4, 1961.

The Commissioner reported that he and Chairman Fulham had attended the Conservation Conference at Harvard Law School on April 8, which was sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions. He mentioned that the feature speaker, Mr. William Whyte, referred to conservation easements as a new tool which is attracting considerable interest throughout the country. The Commissioner stated that the Department has become interested in the easement technique and is of the opinion that this instrument

could possibly be used to protect estuaries and tidal marshes from commercial development. The Department hopes to find a small estuary, get its case history, and then exercise this type of action on a trial basis.

In commenting on the Conservation Conference helad at the Harvard Law School on April 8, Chairman Fulham said he was greatly impressed by the high caliber of the members of the city and town Conservation Commissions and the seriousness and interest in their town projects and developments.

It was reported by the Commissioner that approximately 646 acres of land and buildings in the eastern part of Taunton, estimated to cost $195,000, had come to the attention of the Department and that the Board might be interested in a brief description of the area and its possibilities. Mr. Bowers stated that in addition to many flooded and partially flooded bogs there are five man-made ponds and also a man-made 15 acre pond which controls the water supply to the lower ponds. He further stated that all dams and sluiceways are in very good condition; that land around the ponds is well wooded consisting of hardwoods and white pine of fifty to sixty years growth; that the area has unlimited possibilities for recreational development and conservation purposes, and its location would service the public from Fall River and New Bedford. The Board was of the opinion that this was a most promising type of area and felt that the Department should continue its investigations and proceed with appraisals and title examinations.

The Commissioner then reported that the problem of the Holyoke range has again come to the attention of the Department. Due to a trap rock operation on the north side of the Holyoke range, the Commissioner said this would be an expensive area to acquire and the Department might be criticized for acquiring under its general authority industrial property which could not be used for recreation purposes. He stated that in his opinion a detailed study of this area should be undertaken this summer and reported that the National Park Service was interested in making available a member of its staff to work with a larger group making such a study. He also felt that private funds should also be solicited to finance a part of this study, in order to keep interest alive within the Valley. The Board was unanimous in its opinion that such a study should be made and authorized the Commissioner to proceed to contact private interests to get this project started.

In reporting on legislative matters, the Commissioner stated that he had talked with members of the Governor's staff relative to the marine fisheries program and was told that the Governor is ready to proceed with a special message on this subject. The Commissioner informed the Board that he had recommended that some of the more controversial aspects of the legislation be delayed for a year and that the program be financed by diverting a portion of the tax on fuel used exclusively for marine purposes.

In commenting on the legislative proposal to set aside some 11,000 acres of land in the Sudbury-Concord River Valleys, the Commissioner stated that the bill has had its first legislative hearing before the Committee on Harbors and Public Lands with some 200 people in attendance. It was his opinion that the bill had a good chance of being enacted since the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Division of Fisheries and Game, the towns, and private agencies - not the Commonwealth - would provide funds for the acquisition of the proposed areas.

The Commissioner said that the legislation proposed by the Special Commission on Pesticides is presently being reviewed by all the different interests that would be affected and it was his opinion that a final report including regulatory recommendations would be field in the near future.

The Commissioner stated that since the subject of the use of water supply lands for recreation purposes is becoming more urgent, the Northeastern Resources Committee is planning to discuss this topic at its next quarterly meeting and will in all probability issue some kind of policy statement on this matter at a later date.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that the Department is moving ahead with plans for its third forestry prison camp and has selected a location in the Warwick State Forest close to the New Hampshire line. He said that he has already had a conference with the Department of Correction and a trip is being planned for the townspeople of Warwick in order to show them the work that is done by the men in such a camp. Following this trip the Department will hold a public hearing in Warwick early in May for the purpose of officially considering such a site.

The Commissioner reported on his meeting with Dr. Luna Leopold, Chief of the U. S. Geological Survey, relative to state water programs and responsibilities. He was of the opinion that the U. S. Geological Survey will continue to work closely with Massachusetts on basic water resource programs and will assist in the Department's proposed research program on forested watersheds.

It was explained by the Commissioner that he had had several meetings with staff members of the Greater Boston Economic Study Committee relative to the open space problems of the metropolitan area and he stated that this Committee may suggest in its report that the Department extend its activities into the Greater Boston area.

The Department's Flower Show in New Bedford was reported by the Commissioner as one of the finest exhibits ever put on by the Department, with great credit going to Mr. Egbert Hans, planning consultant.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for May 9, 1961 as a field trip to the Merrimack Valley.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Robert P. Isbelsworth

Secretary