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BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

September 1, 1953

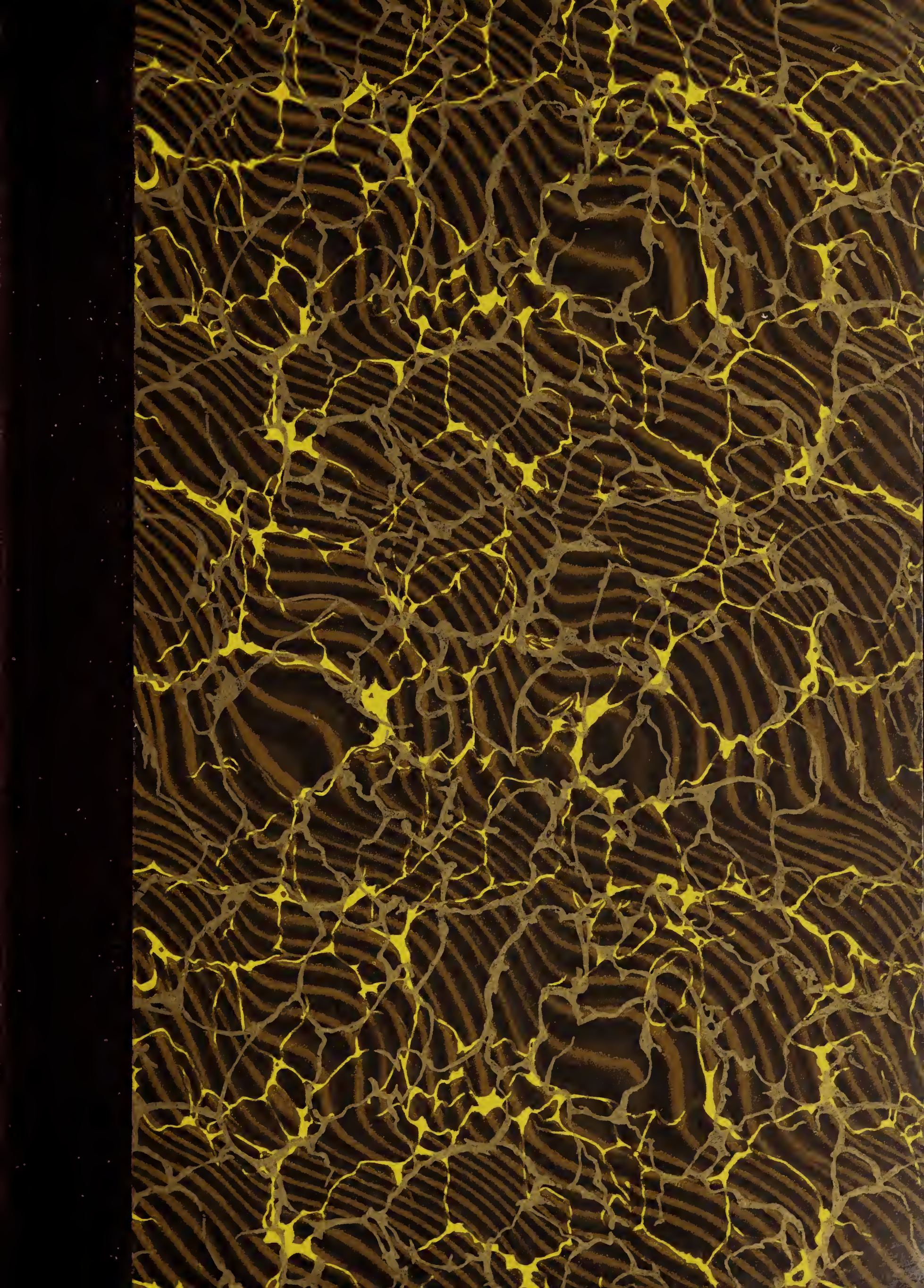
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BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Members of Board  
Department of Natural Resources

Meeting September 1, 1953

Having been previously duly sworn in by His Excellency, Governor Christian A. Herter, and having accepted their oaths of office, Messrs. Robert P. Holdsworth, William O. Sweet, Thomas A. Fulham and C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr. assembled in Room 407 State House, Boston, Massachusetts, at 11:55 a.m., September 1, 1953. Absent, Mr. Richard Borden.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Cowdrey was elected Secretary of the Board.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Holdsworth was elected Chairman.

Following the election of the Chairman and Secretary there was a general discussion of the functions of the Board as set forth in Chap. 631, "An Act Relative to the Organization, Powers, and Duties of the Department of Natural Resources". As a result of this discussion the Chairman was requested to obtain a copy of the 1953-54 Budget of the Department and also a chart of the department's personnel organization. These are to be distributed by the Chairman to the members of the Board.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to hold the next meeting of the Board on Friday, September 25, 1953, at 2:00 p.m. at Mr. Cowdrey's office in Worcester, Massachusetts. The Secretary was instructed to state in the notice of the meeting that it was being called for the purpose of considering the appointment of a Commissioner of Natural Resources, to study the various functions of the Department and to transact any other business that may come before the Board.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

*C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.*  
Secretary



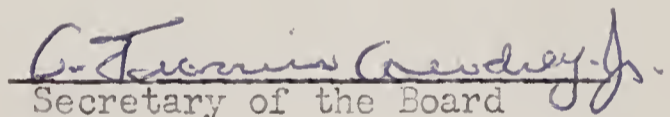
September 2, 1953

Notice of Meeting of the  
BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

It was voted at the meeting of the Board of Natural Resources to call a meeting of the Board for Friday, September 25th at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Mr. Cowdrey's office at the corner of Park Avenue and Chandler Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider the appointment of a Commissioner of Natural Resources, to study the functions of the various divisions of the Department of Natural Resources and to transact any other business that may come before the Board.

  
Secretary of the Board

Sent to:

Prof. Robert P. Holdsworth, 279 Amity Street, Amherst, Mass.  
Mr. Richard Borden, 20 Spruce Street, Boston, Mass.  
Mr. William O. Sweet, Sweet Mfg. Co., Attleboro, Mass.  
Mr. Thomas A. Fulham, 280 Northern Avenue, Boston 10, Mass.

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Members of Board

Department of Natural Resources

Meeting September 25, 1953

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holdsworth at 2:25 p.m. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Fulham, Holdsworth and Sweet. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read the notice of the call for today's meeting which had been sent by registered mail as required by Chap. 631, "An Act Relative to the Organization, Powers, and Duties of the Department of Natural Resources".

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Fulham it was voted that the policy of meeting at various points throughout the State as established by having this meeting in Worcester be continued in order that the Board may personally visit from time to time various State Parks and recreation areas when it is through meeting in the vicinity of same.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was voted to approve the expenditure of \$7.50 for a minutes book purchased by the Secretary.

A motion was made by Mr. Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Holdsworth that Mr. Raymond J. Kenney be appointed Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Fulham abstained from voting and since a 2 - 2 vote resulted, the motion was lost.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was voted that a further search for candidates for commissioner be undertaken.

Upon motion made by Mr. Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was voted that a Commissioner for the Department of Natural Resources would be definitely appointed on or before October 23, 1953.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was voted to recess this meeting until reconvened by the Secretary at his office in Worcester, Massachusetts. Meeting recessed at 5:35 p.m.

*C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.*  
Secretary



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting October 13, 1953

The recessed meeting of September 25, was reconvened and called to order at 2:10 p.m. in the office of the Secretary, Mr. Cowdrey, by Chairman Holdsworth. In accordance with instructions given at the meeting of September 25, Secretary Cowdrey had previously called this meeting and given notice to all members of the Board by telephone. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Holdsworth and Sweet. Absent: Mr. Fulham.

Chairman Holdsworth presented a letter received from Resources for The Future, Inc., forwarded to him from the Governor's office with authority to designate two people to attend the conference of this organization to be held in Washington, D. C. on December 3rd and 4th. Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was voted to send the Commissioner of Natural Resources and the Secretary of this Board to the conference.

The Secretary read a letter from Senator Alfred B. Cenedella, Jr., in which the members of the Board were invited to meet with the Joint Committee on Conservation October 21, 1953 at 12:00 noon to attend a hearing being held for a discussion of "the problems of public fishing ground leases which have arisen on the Millers River". The Secretary was instructed to advise Senator Cenedella that members of the Board would attend, including Chairman Holdsworth.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Mr. Cowdrey it was voted to fix the salary of the Commissioner of Natural Resources at \$10,000 per annum as authorized by Chapter 631.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Clarence Cottam stating that he would not be able to be considered as a candidate for the position of Commissioner. The letter was ordered placed on file. Following this the personnel resumes of experience and qualifications received from Messrs. Foster, Fuller, Kenney and Lyman were read and discussed. The Secretary was instructed by the Board to contact these men and request them to be present for personal interviews at Room 505, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts at 2:00 p.m., October 16, 1953.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was voted at 4:15 p.m. to recess this meeting until 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 16, 1953 at the office of the Department of Natural Resources, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts.

*C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.*  
Secretary



Members of Board

Department of Natural Resources

Meeting October 16, 1953

The recessed meeting of October 13, 1953 was reconvened and called to order at 2:15 p.m. in Room 500, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts by Chairman Holdsworth. In accordance with instructions given at the meeting of October 13, Secretary Cowdrey had previously called this meeting and given notice by telephone to all members of the Board. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Fulham, Holdsworth and Sweet.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Board reviewed the written experience resumes submitted to it by Messrs. Herman Forster, Francis Fuller, Raymond J. Kenney, Dr. Theodore Kozlawski, Arthur T. Lyman, Maurice P. Shaw and A. William Smith.

The Board then interviewed Messrs. Forster, Fuller, Kenney and Lyman whom the Board had requested to appear before it at this meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Fulham to appoint Arthur T. Lyman Commissioner of Natural Resources. The motion was carried by a vote of three to two. Messrs. Holdsworth and Cowdrey requested that the Secretary record them in the Minutes of this meeting as being against this motion.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was voted to hold the next meeting of the Board Friday, October 23, at 2:00 p.m., at the office of the Secretary in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was voted to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

*C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.*

Secretary



Members of Board

Department of Natural Resources

Meeting October 23, 1953

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holdsworth at 2:12 p.m.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Holdsworth reported on his meeting at Athol, Massachusetts, October 21, with the Joint Standing Committee of Conservation Sitting In Recess. The Chairman also submitted to the Board an invitation to meet again with this Committee at the State House, Boston, Massachusetts, Thursday, November 12, at 2:30 p.m.

Commissioner Lyman submitted to the Board his recommendations for the appointment of Mr. Howard S. Willard as Director of the Division of Law Enforcement; Mr. Raymond J. Kenney as Director of the Division of Forests and Parks and Mr. Francis W. Sargent as Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 631 it was moved by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Sweet that a meeting be held 21 or more days hence to act upon these appointments.

Recognizing that certain personnel of the Department are inadequately compensated, upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, the Board voted to instruct the Commissioner to cooperate with the Division of Personnel in effectuating a reclassification.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Borden, the Board voted to instruct the Commissioner to proceed at once with the reorganization of the Department and to coordinate the personnel for the maximum efficiency, and to also coordinate all automotive communication and other equipment for maximum efficiency and economy.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Sweet, the Board voted to ~~instruct~~ the Commissioner to review the Park plans and report back to the Board on same at the next meeting and further to consult with Public Works Commissioner Volpe on the development of Park roads.

Upon motion made by Chairman Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Borden, the Board voted to instruct the Commissioner to proceed at once to cooperate with all agencies for the control of the gypsy moth.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Fulham, the Board voted to instruct the Commissioner to report at the next meeting on the appropriation of \$22,100 in the Department's budget for a publicity and education program as set forth in the written plan for same presented by the Commissioner.



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Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Fulham, the Board voted to instruct the Commissioner to review the various fees and charges collected by the Department and discuss them with the Board at its next meeting.

Recognizing the spread of the Dutch elm disease, upon motion made by Chairman Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Borden, the Board voted to direct the Commissioner to use every effort to cooperate with local Government agencies, shade tree committees, garden groups and others interested in the beauty of our elms so that effective control can be brought about at the earliest possible date.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey, the Board voted to instruct the Commissioner to cooperate with both public and private agencies to carry out the programs and policies of the Board in order that he may be as helpful as possible in directing the Department's every effort for the greatest economic and social welfare of the State.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth the Board voted to instruct the Commissioner to have each Division's Director present his division's proposed budget to the Board for review at its next meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Mr. Borden, the Board voted to instruct the Commissioner to have the Assistant Commissioner in charge of Public Relations available at all Board meetings.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, the Board voted to instruct the Secretary to send out notices in accordance with Section 2C of Chapter 631 for a meeting to be held at 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts, Tuesday, November 24 at 1:30 p.m. or any other date in accordance with the stipulation of the required waiting period of 21 days.

A verbal report was received from Commissioner Lyman on the Plum Island and Monomoy projects.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet, the Board voted to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.  
Secretary



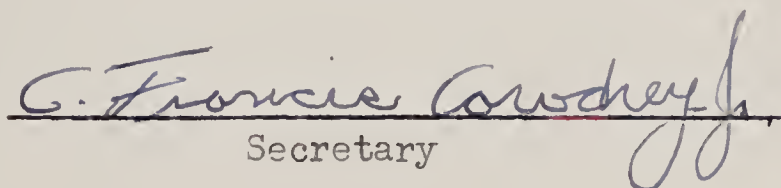
October 27, 1953

Notice of Meeting of the  
BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The next meeting of the Board of Natural Resources will be held at 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts, November 18, 1953 at 1:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to act upon the appointments as recommended by Commissioner Lyman of Raymond J. Kenney as Director of Forests and Parks; Francis W. Sargent as Director of Marine Fisheries and Howard S. Willard as Director of Law Enforcement, and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

This notice is being sent to you by registered mail as provided in Chapter 631, "An Act Relative to the Organization, Powers and Duties of the Department of Natural Resources".

  
Secretary

Sent to:

Prof. Robert P. Holdsworth, 279 Amity Street, Amherst, Mass.  
Mr. Richard Borden, 20 Spruce Street, Boston, Mass.  
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## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting November 18, 1953

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holdsworth at 1:50 p.m. in Room 500, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Fulham, Holdsworth and Sweet.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In accordance with the request of Comptroller F. A. Moncewicz, the Board certified a letter from Secretary Cowdrey and copies of the Minutes of the Meetings at which Messrs. Holdsworth and Cowdrey were elected Chairman and Secretary respectively, and Arthur T. Lyman was appointed Commissioner of Natural Resources.

A letter dated November 10, 1953 from Miss Alma Dufour, Head Bookkeeper, requesting authorization to make Commissioner Lyman's salary retroactive to July 2, 1953, was read and Secretary Cowdrey was requested by the Board to obtain additional information and make a report at the next meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden, the Board voted to confirm the appointment of Raymond J. Kenney as Director of Forests and Parks.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey, the Board voted to confirm the appointment of Mr. Howard S. Willard as Director of Law Enforcement.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, the Board voted to confirm the appointment of Francis W. Sargent as Director of Marine Fisheries.

Upon motion made by Chairman Holdsworth and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey, the Board voted to establish the salary classification for the Director of Forests at Classification 66.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Sweet, the Board voted to establish the salary classification for the Director of Marine Fisheries at Classification 64.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Fulham, the Board voted to establish the salary classification for the Director of Law Enforcement at Classification 64.

At 2:45 p.m. the Board voted to recess for a conference with the Governor.

The Board reconvened at 3:40 p.m.



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The appointments of the various Bureau Chiefs as recommended to Commissioner Lyman by Division Directors Kenney, Sargent and Willard were then reviewed by the Board. No action was taken.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Fulham, the Board voted to instruct the Commissioner to have Mr. Healey prepare a detailed plan in writing, covering publicity, public relations and public education, and have it ready for submission to the Commissioner for his distribution to the Board by mail on or before December 11, 1953.

The Board discussed the Hiawatha case with Francis W. Sargent, Director of Marine Fisheries, Mr. Willard not being available.

Commissioner Lyman made a verbal report regarding the matters which the Board instructed him to take action on at its October 23rd meeting. He stated that:

- 1) The request for funds for the increased publicity had been submitted to the Budget Commissioner.
- 2) The reclassification study being made by the Division of Personnel of the Commission on Administration and Finance, and their recommendations therewith, are reaching a final stage and the necessary budget requests to cover these recommendations would be submitted, as well as the request to make many of the year-around jobs that are now listed as temporary, permanent.
- 3) The office space has been rearranged for greater efficiency of personnel and personnel has been coordinated within the office in such a way that greater efficiency will be worked out.
- 4) The Division of Personnel of the Commission on Administration and Finance is adamant that field personnel for forests and parks be utilized much more fully and that when not doing fire work they would be under the direct supervision of the forest and park supervisor, but on call to the district fire warden in emergencies and that a real plan should be worked out for the maximum use of personnel.
- 5) Miss Moran, in the Commissioner's office, CA 7-4600, extension 760 is going to be responsible for following all legislative matters.
- 6) The New York Conservation and Correctional authorities are coming here to study the prison camps on Monday, November 23rd.
- 7) In order to have maximum efficiency of field personnel, tentatively



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\$150,934. for equipment would be necessary in order to take us out of the "wheelbarrow" era. Expenditure would be as follows, plus other equipment yet to be itemized:

	<u>Code</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
2 Dump trucks, 2½ T @ 3,300.	15	\$6,600.00
3 Tractors with bulldozer blade and loader @ \$11,500	15	34,500.00
20 Dump trucks, 1½ T @ \$3,100.	15	62,000.00
20 Chain saws, with extra chains (20) @ \$350.	15	7,000.00
20 Tractors, with plow blade, mower and loader @ \$2,000. (Farmel Super A model, or equivalent)	15	40,000.00
144 "Plumb" axes @ \$39.50 per dozen	12	474.00
144 Long-handled round-point shovels @ \$30.00 per dozen	12	<u>360.00</u>
		\$150,934.00

- 8) Director Willard of the Division of Law Enforcement and his top assistants were having a two-day-and-night session in reference to establishing a comprehensive Division of Law Enforcement.
- 9) The Plum Island and Monomoy areas should be completed and announced jointly by the Governor and the Department of the Interior on or before December 7th. Both of these areas would be extremely important to the Department of Natural Resources and the publicity connected therewith, initially should come from the Governor's office.
- 10) A letter has been sent to Commissioner Volpe of the Department of Public Works requesting \$1,200,000. for roads but legislation would be necessary to have the funds come from the Highway Fund and not from the General Fund. Since the meeting; in fact, November 19, Mr. Lyman received a letter from Commissioner Volpe advising him that he had a talk with the Governor and the sum of \$200,000. for continuation of the start which has already been made had been requested and the idea that they would in succeeding years try to complete the job. He also



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requested Mr. Lyman to advise him of the priority that the department places on the projects to come within their \$200,000. category, so that when the funds become available they will be in a position to proceed without undue delay.

- 11) A report of Mr. Robert Choate's idea of the possible interest of the Herald in forestry and that there might be a series of articles which it is hoped may become statewide and, if they do, Mr. Lyman would try to steer the reporters to Professor Holdsworth.
- 12) There is now being worked out legislation to coordinate the pooling of funds, with Mr. Reardon, Legislative Secretary to Governor Herter.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey, the Board voted to set December 16, 1953 as the date for the next meeting, to be held at 2:00 p.m. at 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts for the purpose of holding a business discussion on Division budgets.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Fulham the Board voted to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

G. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.  
Secretary



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting December 16, 1953

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holdsworth at 2:10 p.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Fulham, Holdsworth and Sweet.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Holdsworth presented each member with a copy of his proposed agenda for this meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted that Commissioner Lyman be instructed to submit to the Board for its consideration and prior approval any deviations from the established policies of the Board.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted that Commissioner Lyman be instructed to inform the Board and obtain its prior approval for the purchase or sale of any land, buildings or equipment by the Department.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Sweet, the agenda proposed by Chairman Holdsworth was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to submit to the Board for its prior consideration and approval any project or development before its general promulgation.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted to request Chairman Holdsworth and Commissioner Lyman to review the two reports on the Gypsy Moth control program received at this meeting by the Board and to present to the Board at its next meeting a coordinated program for Gypsy Moth control; this program to be given priority consideration at that meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted to instruct the Secretary to send a letter to Commissioner Volpe of the Department of Public Works notifying him that this Board is desirous of meeting with him at an early date to consider a cooperative program on roadside turnouts and small picnic areas.

The Board then met with Director Willard of the Division of Law Enforcement who reported on the Hiawatha case. He also presented verbally his general plan for the operation of this Division.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to adopt the rates proposed by Director Kenney for the use



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of recreational areas.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to approve the sale or conveyance by the Department to the town of Billerica, Massachusetts land owned by the Department identified as Parcel 30-T as shown on the blueprint plan received by Commissioner Lyman from the Department of Public Works with Commissioner Volpe's letter of December 15. This is in connection with the layout of a section of highway known as the Rangeway Road.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Fulham it was unanimously voted to hold the next meeting of the Board on Friday, January 15, 1954 at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Chairman at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and that the next meeting following would be held on Friday, January 29, at a time and place to be determined at the January 15, meeting. The purpose of this motion was to go on record in favor of holding two meetings per month until further notice.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey, it was unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.  
Secretary



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting January 15, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., January 15, 1954, in the Jones Library, Amherst, Massachusetts by Chairman Holdsworth. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Fulham and Holdsworth. Absent: Mr. Sweet.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Malcolm A. McKenzie, Head of Shade Tree Dutch Elm Disease Laboratory of the University of Massachusetts, School of Forestry, discussed the problem of the Dutch Elm Disease and its control. Dr. Ellsworth Wheeler, Extension Entomologist of the School of Forestry of the University of Massachusetts discussed the program of gypsy moth control and presented a film on this subject, prepared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Commissioner Lyman stated that he had presented to the Legislature a program on the gypsy moth control which envisioned the expenditure of \$750,000 which would effectively spray one million acres. This money would be furnished jointly by the State and towns and cities, the latter being requested to turn over to this joint fund 50% of the funds that they allocated for 1954 for the gypsy moth control in their communities. The Commissioner further indicated that this program should be a three year plan calling for the expenditure of \$750,000 per year for three years and \$250,000 per year thereafter. He stated that based upon studies made jointly by the Department of Natural Resources and the School of Forestry of the University of Massachusetts it would do a good job of containment and go a long way toward actual eradication.

The meeting was recessed for luncheon at 12:25p.m. and reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

Secretary Cowdrey read a letter from Commissioner Volpe of the Department of Public Works setting a date of January 26, for the proposed joint meeting of his Department and the Board of Natural Resources for a discussion of a cooperative effort in the establishment of turnout and rest areas. The Secretary was instructed to advise Commissioner Volpe that the Board would attend such a meeting and have present with them Commissioner Lyman, Director Kenney and Arnold W. Howard from the Bureau of Recreation.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to proceed immediately with the necessary organization of all the facilities at his disposal to control or contain the gypsy moth menace now existing in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth it was unanimously voted to have Secretary Cowdrey immediately inform the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee that this Board strongly favors the bill which would make available additional \$500,000 over and beyond funds currently available in the Department of Natural Resources for the control of the gypsy moth.



Meeting January 15, 1954 - contd. 2.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted to instruct the Commissioner to have Director Willard prepare a confidential report for the Board at the earliest possible date on the subject of the 1954 hunting and fishing licenses, the responsibility for the form and method of wearing of which has apparently been placed erroneously by the general public on the Board of Natural Resources, since under the law the Department of Natural Resources is responsible for the enforcement of the Fish and Game Laws.

Commissioner Lyman submitted the appointment of Arnold W. Howard as recommended to him by Director Kenney to fill the vacant position of Chief of the Bureau of Recreation. Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Fulham, the appointment was unanimously confirmed.

Commissioner Lyman stated that he had requested the Civil Service Board to conduct an examination at once for the Chief Fire Warden. As yet, the date for this examination had not been set but Commissioner Lyman stated that he would report further at the January 29th meeting.

The Commissioner also made a verbal report on the following subjects:

- a) Civil Service reclassification of Bureau Directors.
- b) Hiawatha case.
- c) The publicity budget of \$22,500 which he stated was not included by the Governor in the 1954-55 budget.

Commissioner Lyman requested approval of the real estate transfers listed below. Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, the Board unanimously voted to authorize Commissioner Lyman to effectuate the following real estate transactions:

1. Conveyance of land to County of Franklin, under authority of Section 44A, Chapter 30 of the General Laws. 1.427 acres of State Forest land in Town of Montague for highway purposes.
2. Conveyance of land to Roger M. Lovell, under authority of Section 34A, Chapter 132 of the General Laws. 6.6 acres in North Andover (part of Reforestation Lot 99) in exchange for 38.6 acres of land near Harold Parker State Forest in North Andover.
3. Gift of George A. Rhea of about 70 acres of land near Harold Parker State Forest in North Andover for State Forest purposes, under authority of Chapter 132, Section 33 of the General Laws.
4. Conveyance to Edward S. Child of Westfield, of 25 acres of State Forest land in West Tisbury, under authority of Section 34A, Chapter 132 of the General Laws.



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5. Settlement of damages caused by the taking of Thompsons Pond in Spencer, October 26, 1953, under Chapter 79 of the General Laws as authorized by Chapter 465 of the Acts of 1952. Said settlements to be made only with those parties willing to release their claims for damages for the sum of one dollar.
6. Senate Bill No. 138 for acquisition of 125 acres of land on the north side of Route 20 in the Town of Hancock. So-called Conte Bill.
7. Gift of City of Pittsfield of two parcels of land in the Town of Hancock.  
Parcel 1, containing 32 acres, 6 rods  
Parcel 2, containing 10 acres  
To be acquired under authority of Chapter 132, Section 33 of the General Laws.
8. Gift of City of Pittsfield of the Balance Rock Park in Lanesborough as authorized under Chapter 569 of the Acts of 1953. Said land to be acquired under the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 132 of the General Laws.
9. Gift of Donald Miller of 103 acres of land in Hancock for State Forest purposes, under authority of Chapter 132, Section 33 of the General Laws.

Commissioner Lyman and Director Kenney presented a program for the use of the funds made available in the \$500,000 Special Bond Issue for the Department's Parks and Recreation program. Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Fulham it was unanimously voted to adopt the plan entitled "Tentative List of Projects Planned for Construction under Item 8254-04 of Chapter 660 of the Acts of 1953", as the initial step in a coordinated long range program for extension and development of the Commonwealth's Parks and Recreation areas.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to not extend further special privileges to any group or organization for the use of the Commonwealth's Parks or Recreational areas.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted to instruct the Secretary to send a letter to Senators Saltonstall and Kennedy stating that the Board unanimously approved the "Saltonstall-Kennedy Bill To Further Encourage The Distribution of Fishery Products And For Other Purposes".

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Cowdrey it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.  
Secretary





# *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

## *Department of Natural Resources*

*15 Ashburton Place, Boston 8*

January 21, 1954

Mr. Matthew T. Coyne, Chairman  
Fish and Game Commission  
73 Tremont Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Matt:

In line with our discussions at last night's meeting, I am confirming herewith the suggestions of the Board of Natural Resources regarding the new fishing and hunting license:

- 1) As soon as legally possible the regulations as to location be changed to approve wearing on the outside of the outer clothing.
- 2) Coincidental with the announcement of this change will be an indication that your Commission will in 1955 change the color of the numbered identification card to something other than white.
- 3) The size of the numbered identification card will be reduced and yet still be readily legible.

It was indeed a pleasure to have the opportunity of meeting you and the others of your Commission and I know that I voice the sentiments of the other members of the Board of Natural Resources that this was a very worthwhile and constructive meeting.

With kind personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.*  
C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.  
Secretary

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cc: Commissioner Lyman  
Director Howard S. Willard  
Messrs. Borden  
Fulham  
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Joint Meeting of  
 Board of Fisheries and Game  
~~Massachusetts Fish and Game Commission~~  
 and  
 Board of Natural Resources  
 January 20, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m., January 20, 1954 in Room A at the Hotel Sheraton, Worcester, Massachusetts by Mr. Matthew T. Coyne, Chairman of the <sup>BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME</sup> ~~Fish and Game Commission~~ who acted as Chairman of this meeting. Present: Messrs. Cesan, Coyne, Fleming, Lanois and McLaughlin being all of the members of the <sup>BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME</sup> ~~Fish and Game Commission~~ and Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Fulham, Holdsworth and Sweet, being all the members of the Board of Natural Resources. The business meeting was preceded by a dinner commencing at 6:45 p.m.

In his opening remarks Mr. Coyne pointed out the necessity for the close cooperation of his <sup>BOARD</sup> ~~Commission~~ and the Board of Natural Resources because of the intimate interrelation of the duties of employees of these two State Divisions.

Chairman Holdsworth stated that the Board of Natural Resources was desirous of working in close harmony with the <sup>BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME</sup> ~~Fish and Game Commission~~ and indicated that it was the policy of the Board established at its inception to see that harmonious relationship would be maintained.

Mr. Coyne stated that one big problem facing the two Divisions was the use by the <sup>DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME</sup> ~~Fish and Game Commission~~ of the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement officers in restocking of fish and game. He indicated that this was a growing problem because of the expanding restocking program. He indicated that his commission realized that they were using more and more of the law enforcement officers' time in this work and felt that this should be taken over completely by his <sup>BOARD</sup> ~~Commission~~, thereby releasing the law enforcement officers for full time law enforcement work. He pointed out that in the <sup>BOARD'S</sup> ~~Commission's~~ annual report to the Legislature, funds were requested in the 1954-55 budget to provide for the hiring of additional employees for this specific purpose.

Mr. Sweet stated that he felt that a program should be formulated immediately to gradually relieve the law enforcement officers of this work, and that the two Divisions should formulate a mutually satisfactory plan that would result in complete elimination of restocking by law enforcement officers before the end of this calendar year. It was mutually agreed, upon a suggestion made by Mr. Sweet, that the two commissions should exchange annual reports, and Mr. Coyne agreed that five copies of his <sup>BOARD'S</sup> ~~Commission's~~ current annual report would be furnished immediately to Commissioner Lyman for distribution to the Board.

Mr. Coyne then brought up the subject of the 1954 hunting and fishing "tags". Considerable amount of time was taken in discussing this subject which included the presentation by Mr. Coyne of a history of the change in Legislation, public hearings, etc., which led up to the adoption by the <sup>DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME</sup> ~~Fish and Game Commission~~ of the new "tag".

It had been previously arranged by the Board that Director of Law Enforcement Willard be available for this meeting and at this point he was



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called in to give his opinion as to the value of the present system solely from the standpoint of law enforcement. Director Willard stated that the present system "has only a slight advantage over the previous system".

As a result of an exhaustive discussion of this subject, three basic changes in the present system were suggested by various members of the Board of Natural Resources, which changes would appear to eliminate to a great extent the State-wide criticism of the new system. It was mutually agreed by the majority of those present that these changes could be readily put into effect.

Secretary Cowdrey was instructed by the Board to formalize these suggested changes and transmit them in writing to Mr. Coyne. A copy of this letter is made part of these minutes.

Upon suggestion made by Mr. Sweet, it was unanimously agreed that the booklet of Fish and Game Regulations be available beginning January 1st of each year with the issuance of the first license and not be delayed as in the past. This would not only be of great assistance to the sportsmen themselves, but also to the Law Enforcement Division.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Board would be held at 1:00 p.m., January 29, 1954 at the Department of Natural Resources, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts.

*C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.*

Secretary



## Joint Meeting

Department of Public Works  
and  
Board of Natural Resources

January 26, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by Commissioner Volpe in his office at 100 Nashua Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Present: Commissioner of Public Works John A. Volpe, Chief Engineer H. Gordon Gray, Chief Maintenance Engineer, Arthur Gordon Love; also Commissioner of Natural Resources Arthur T. Lyman, Director of Forests and Parks, Raymond J. Kenney, Chief Bureau of Recreation, Arnold W. Howard and Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Fulham and Sweet. Absent: Chairman Holdsworth.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss cooperative efforts of the two Departments in the construction of turnouts and rest areas.

Commissioner Volpe indicated that this department was very grateful for the interest shown by the Department of Natural Resources in the Public Works Department's program for the construction of turnouts and rest areas and would welcome any cooperation from the Department of Natural Resources which it properly could give.

Commissioner Lyman pointed out that he felt that it was desirable to have the two Departments work in close cooperation in the erection of such areas as it would eliminate duplication of effort and thereby result in the saving of money.

Mr. Love stated that in addition to the creation of "vista areas" and turnouts that his Department this year planned the creation of 150 new rest areas. It was agreed that rest areas would be recognized as turnoff spots along the highway where a restricted area of parking for a small number of cars would be provided and a small number of picnic tables. Fireplaces, toilet facilities, and drinking water would not be provided in accordance with the established practice throughout the country as indicated in "Highway Research Board Special Report 7" published by the National Academy of Sciences - National Research Council. Anything more elaborate than this becomes a recreational area which is provided by the Department of Natural Resources whereas rest areas and turnouts are properly provided by the Department of Public Works.

Commissioner Lyman stated one opportunity for cooperation between the two Departments and a saving of money was the possibility of providing picnic tables by the Department of Natural Resources which could provide the materials from its own lumber operations and the labor from the Prison Camp at Myles Standish State Forest. He agreed to advise Commissioner Volpe at the earliest possible date whether or not this could be legally done.

Then followed a general discussion regarding marking signs and it was unanimously agreed that the Department of Public Works could and would inaugurate



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a system of marking turnouts, rest areas and recreation areas giving ample warning to motorists on the approach to such areas to provide for Massachusetts Highway safety in entrance to and exit from same. Commissioner Volpe also indicated that these signs would indicate under whose jurisdiction these areas come.

After a further discussion of other suggestions of mutual interest it was unanimously agreed that since this meeting was of such value it would be of mutual benefit to plan to meet three or four times a year and it was left to Commissioners Volpe and Lyman to arrange such future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

*C. Francis Conroy, Jr.*

Secretary



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting January 29, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. at the Department of Natural Resources, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts by Mr. Sweet who had been duly elected Acting Chairman upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey and Sweet being a majority of the members of the Board. Absent: Mr. Fulham and Chairman Holdsworth, the latter having requested to be recorded absent because of illness.

The Minutes of the January 15th meeting were read and approved. The Minutes of the January 20th meeting with the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game was read and approved with corrections which the Secretary was instructed to insert.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was unanimously voted to have the Secretary send a copy of the January 20th meeting Minutes to Mr. Matthew T. Coyne, Chairman of the Board of Division of Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Howard S. Willard, Director of the Division of Law Enforcement, presented verbally his proposed long range law enforcement program. Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet, this program was tentatively approved and Mr. Willard was instructed to furnish to the Board within a week written copies of this program.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey, it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to have Director Willard immediately revoke the commissions of all unpaid Deputies and to order them to return their badges and all other paraphernalia of their office.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to have Director Willard submit the appointments of all future Deputies or auxiliary police to the Board for its prior approval.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was unanimously voted that henceforth and as soon as can be properly arranged, the officers of the Division of Law Enforcement shall be known as Natural Resources Police, with the necessary ranks for subordinate officers.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was unanimously voted to have Secretary Cowdrey, through Mr. Healey, release the letter from the Board of Natural Resources dated January 21, 1954 to Mr. Coyne, Chairman of the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game.

On motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was unanimously voted that the salary of the Commissioner of Natural Resources established at



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\$10,000 per year at the October 13, 1953 meeting of the Board shall be made retroactive to July 2, 1953.

Upon motion made by Mr. Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted to oppose House Bill No. 1389.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Cowdrey, it was unanimously voted to oppose House Bill No. 2086.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to purchase 22 acres of land adjacent to the Harold Parker State Forest from Charlotte E. Farnham at a cost of \$110.00.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted to disapprove the holding of sport car races at Nickerson State Park Forest and the Secretary was instructed to answer the letter of January 25, 1954 from Norman H. Cook, Executive Secretary of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce to this effect.

Commissioner Lyman then discussed with the Board at considerable length The Act Relative To The More Efficient Suppression of The Gypsy Moth.

Commissioner Lyman stated that the request of this Department for a special publicity and educational budget of \$22,500 is now before the House Ways and Means Committee and advised that this matter should be discussed with the Governor.

The Board then discussed with Commissioner Lyman and Mr. Healey the general subject of education and publicity. Mr. Sweet stated that it was the feeling of the entire Board that greater publicity should and could be had for the major programs of this Department. Commissioner Lyman and Mr. Healey were instructed to devote more time to this subject.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey, it was unanimously voted to hold the next meeting of the Board at the Department of Natural Resources, 15 Ashburton Place, February 10, 1954 at 11:00 a.m. In accordance with a policy established by the Board at a previous meeting, for quarterly meetings with the Governor, Commissioner Lyman was requested to arrange a meeting on that date with His Excellency Governor Christian A. Herter in order that the Board may discuss with him the major programs for the Department that have been established since the meeting with the Governor November 18, 1953.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey, it was voted to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.



Members of Board

Department of Natural Resources

Meeting February 10, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. at the Department of Natural Resources, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts by Chairman Holdsworth. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Fulham, Holdsworth and Sweet.

Previous to the meeting the entire Board and Commissioner Lyman met at 11:45 a.m. with His Excellency Governor Christian A. Herter and discussed with him the various items as shown on the agenda, copy of which had been sent to Governor Herter under date of February 4, 1954. This agenda is made a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, Mr. William O. Sweet was unanimously elected as Acting Chairman in the event of the absence of Chairman Holdsworth.

Minutes of meetings of January 26th and 29th were read and approved.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was unanimously voted to instruct the Commissioner to arrange to have the Board meet with the Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce at the Board's next meeting.

A letter from Mr. Harry C. Burns, South Duxbury, Massachusetts, was read by Secretary Cowdrey who was instructed to acknowledge receipt of same and forward to Mr. Matthew T. Coyne for reply.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was unanimously voted that the Board would assist Commissioner Lyman in presenting the Board's viewpoint to the Baby Hoover Commission regarding the upward revision of the salaries of the three Division Directors, the request for this upward revision having been voted unanimously at the meeting of the Board held November 18, 1953.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey, it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to revise downward the budget of \$20,500 previously requested for education and publicity and resubmit it to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to present to the Board at its next meeting a detailed budget for an exhibition by the Department at the 1954 Eastern States Exposition, and further instructed the Commissioner to utilize to the fullest extent possible present department personnel and equipment so that the expenditure can be kept at a minimum.



## Meeting February 10, 1954 - contd. 2

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to have an Acting Chief Fire Warden be immediately appointed pending the holding of a Civil Service Examination for permanent Chief Fire Warden as voted at the meeting of the Board on January 15, 1954.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was unanimously voted to hold the next meeting of the Board on Tuesday, March 2nd at 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts, exact time to be established later.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to make a part of these Minutes the program dated February 9, 1954 for Aerial Spray Regions for the control of the gypsy moth.

As requested by Mr. James Healey, Assistant to Commissioner Lyman, the Board then met with Press Representatives Messrs. Leslie G. Ainley, BOSTON GLOBE, Paul Ryan, owner, State House News Service, and Edward Devin, BOSTON HERALD, at which time the Department's publicity program was reviewed.

Following this meeting with the press, Commissioner Lyman then discussed with the Board the 1954 "State Forests, Parks and Reservations of Massachusetts" booklet, which is in the process of production.

Commissioner Lyman reported that the Department had already started work to provide the Department of Public Works with picnic tables. Lumber is being cut and the prison camp is well started on the project of turning out 50 tables a week for ten weeks. This information has been forwarded to Commissioner Volpe and Mr. Love of the Department of Public Works.

Commissioner Lyman also reported that preliminary work on the gypsy moth control program had been proceeding actively since the Board meeting at Amherst and four of the Department's district moth control men had been working in the Connecticut Valley area under the leadership of District Superintendent Anderson. In addition, Commissioner Lyman stated that contracts for the use of airplanes for this program would be ready for State Purchase Agent Cronin by Friday, February 19, 1954 at the latest. As part of the public education for the gypsy moth control program, Bradford Washburn, Director of the Science Museum is going to conduct a series of interviews with Mr. Ramsey on the radio.

Commissioner Lyman also reported that Director Willard's brochure on the Division of Law Enforcement which will include his requested budget will be submitted to members of the Ways and Means Committee and members of the Joint Conservation Committee prior to February 22, 1954.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was



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unanimously voted to oppose H. 2087 calling for the transfer of land owned by the state at the Skinner State Park in exchange for another piece of land owned by Drozda.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to not transfer property from the Lowell-Dracut State Forest to the City of Lowell for the construction of a City-owned golf course.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to proceed at once with the Massachusetts Department of Commerce and other interests to make arrangements with the Carling Brewing Co., Incorporated for the use of certain land at Lake Cochituate as set forth in a letter of February 1, 1954 from the R. M. Bradley & Co., Inc. 250 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts to Commissioner Lyman which is made a part of the Minutes of this meeting. In addition to this letter a letter from the Carling Brewing Co., Incorporated dated February 5th and other letters dated February 3rd from R. M. Bradley & Co., Inc. to Commissioner Lyman and one dated February 5th from the Carling Brewing Co., Incorporated are made part of the Minutes of this meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.  
Secretary





# *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

## *Department of Natural Resources*

*15 Ashburton Place, Boston 8*

February 4, 1954

Honorable Christian A. Herter  
Governor of Massachusetts  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Governor Herter:

Pursuant to the meeting arranged by Commissioner Lyman through Mr. Harry Stimpson for the Commissioner and the Board of Natural Resources to meet with you at 11:45 a.m., February 10th at your office, I have been instructed to submit the following as topics which the Board wishes to discuss with you:

Park Development Plans  
Directors' Salaries  
Education and Publicity Budget  
Forest and Park Equipment  
Plans for Law Enforcement  
Exhibits -  
    Sportsmen's Show  
    Eastern States Exposition  
Gypsy Moth Control  
Saltonstall-Kennedy Bill

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you again, I am, with warm personal regards,

Sincerely and cordially yours,

C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.  
Secretary

CFC:mem

cc: Commissioner Lyman  
Members Board of Natural Resources  
Messrs. Borden  
    Fulham  
    Holdsworth  
    Sweet

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# *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
*Department of Conservation*

*Insect Pest Control*

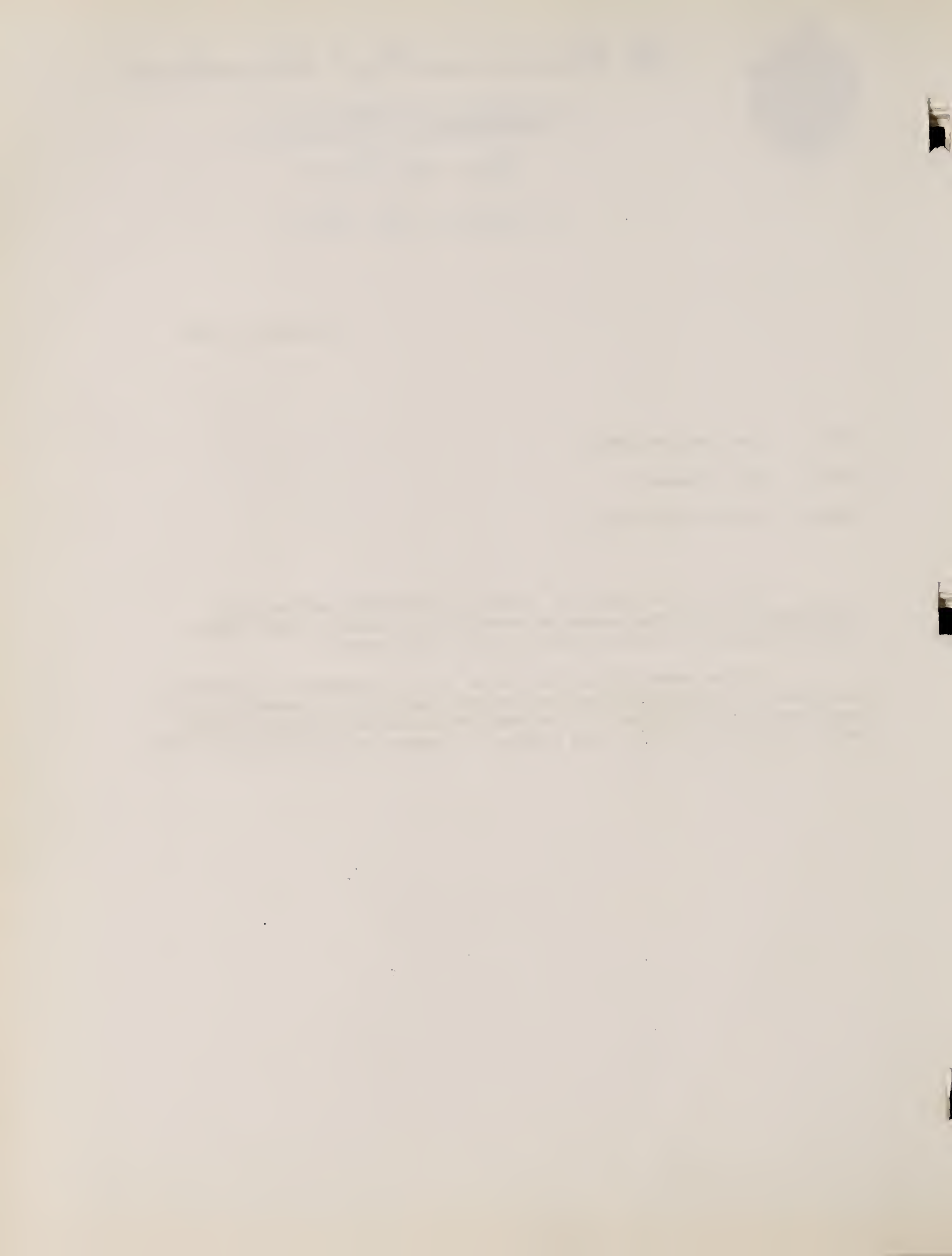
*15 Ashburton Place, Boston 8*

February 9, 1954

Memo: Commissioner Lyman  
From: H. L. Ramsey  
Subject: Aerial Spray Regions

Based on the degree of seasonal defoliation and existing infestation the attached areas are submitted as critical areas which might be assigned as spray regions for the 1954 season.

In the Essex Region the town of Groton is shown as "possible." The reason for uncertainty is that the town has already proceeded to contract for aerial spraying - if contract has not been definitely placed Groton will be included in the region. We expect reply February 12, 1954.



NORFOLK REGION: 19

AVON	EASTON	NORFOLK	STOUGHTON
BELLINGHAM	FOXBORO	PLAINVILLE	WALPOLE
BRAINTREE	FRANKLIN	QUINCY	WEYMOUTH
BROCKTON	HOLBROOK	RANDOLPH	WRENTHAM
CANTON	MILTON	SHARON	

CONNECTICUT VALLEY REGION: 61

AGAWAM	ERVING	LUDLow	SHUTESBURY
AMHERST	FLORIDA	MONROE	SOUTHWICK
ATHOL	GILL	MONTAGUE	SOUTHAMPTON
BARRE	GRANBY	MONTGOMERY	SOUTH HADLEY
BELCHERTOWN	GRANVILLE	NEW SALEM	SPRINGFIELD
BERNARDSTON	GREENFIELD	NORTHAMPTON	SUNDERLAND
BLANDFORD	HADLEY	NORTHFIELD	TOLLAND
BUCKLAND	HARDWICK	ORANGE	WARE
CHARLEMONT	HATFIELD	PALMER	WARREN
CHESTER	HAWLEY	PELHAM	WARWICK
CHICOPEE	HEATH	PETERSHAM	WENDELL
CONWAY	HOLYOKE	ROWE	WESTHAMPTON
COLRAIN	HUNTINGTON	RUSSELL	WESTFIELD
DEERFIELD	LEVERETT	SAVOY	WEST SPRINGFIELD
EASTHAMPTON	LEYDEN	SHELBURNE	WHATLEY
			WILLIAMSBURG

BERKSHIRE REGION: 8

ALFORD	GREAT BARRINGTON	NEW MARLBORO	STOCKBRIDGE
EGREMONT	MONTREY	SHEFFIELD	WEST STOCKBRIDGE

MIDDLESEX REGION: 7

BILLERICA	CHELMSEFORD	TYNGSBORO	GROTON (possible)
CARLISLE	CONCORD	WESTFORD	

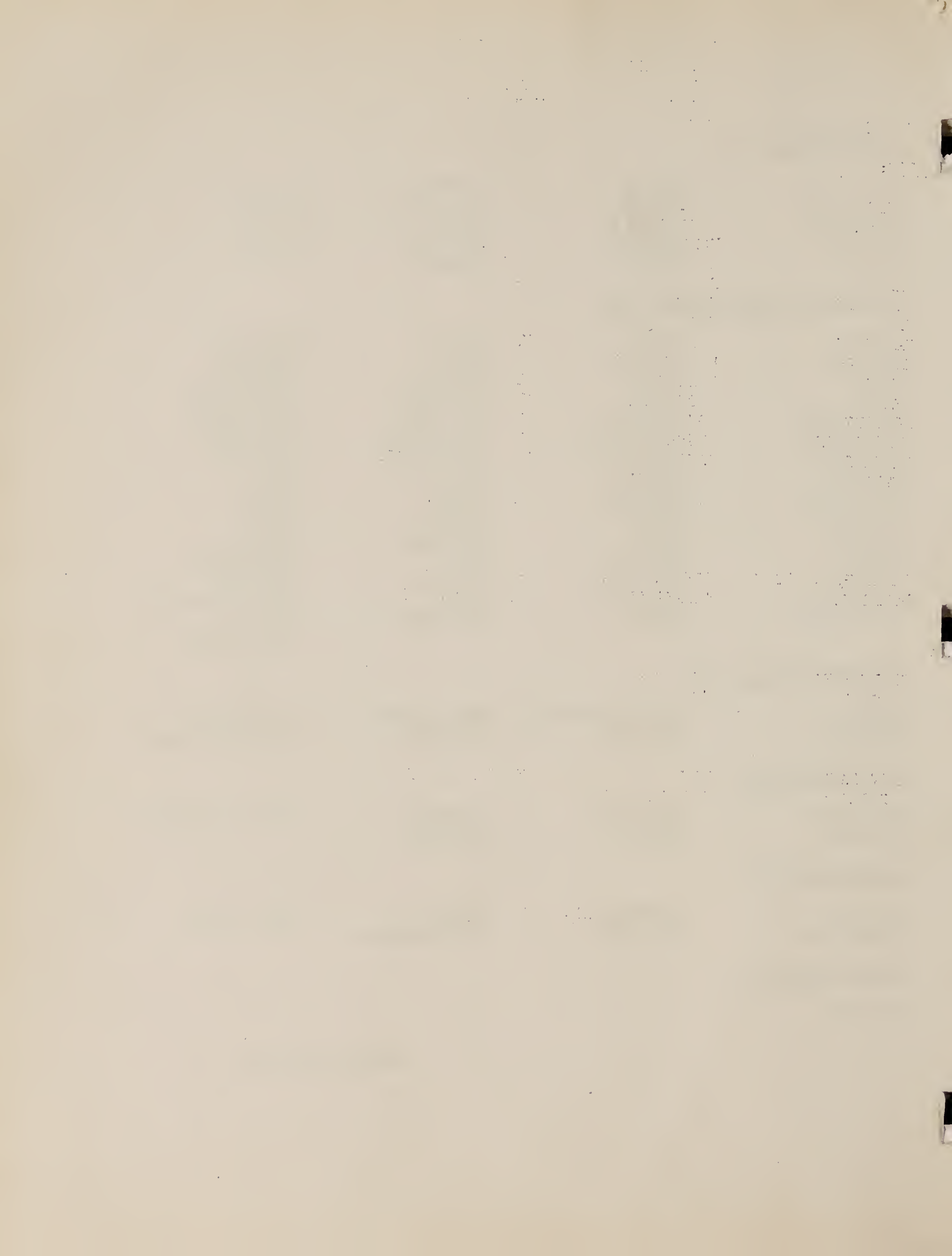
ESSEX REGION: 7

BOXFORD	GROVELAND	NEWBURY	WEST NEWBURY
GEORGETOWN	MIDDLETON	NORTH ANDOVER	

COASTAL REGION: 1

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TOTAL- 103 towns



# MASSACHUSETTS

## CITY AND TOWN LINES

1953 - IN NO. BERKSHIRE CO., VT. LINE 18,047 ACRES SPRAYED



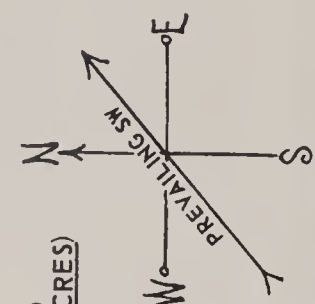
1953  
SO. BERKSHIRE COUNTY  
2450  
ACRES

1953  
PROTECTIVE SPRAY  
IN PLYMOUTH AND  
BARNSTABLE COUNTIES  
13,090 ACRES

1950  
PLYMOUTH COUNTY  
424,469  
ACRES

1953  
GYPSY MOTH DEFOLIATION  
(AERIAL SURVEY)

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- DEFOLIATION (50% - 100% - 371,851 ACRES)
- ▨ LESSER DEFOLIATION (543,242 ACRES)
- ▧ PREVIOUS AERIAL SPRAY AREAS (CO-OP. PROJECTS)  
(1948-1953, 754,051 ACRES)
- ▩ TORNADO AREA
- - - APPARENT BOUNDARY - JUNE 9th WINDS



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## A CLOSER LOOK AT THE GYPSY MOTH

By Ellsworth H. Wheeler, Extension Entomologist, University of Massachusetts

Defoliation by Gypsy Moth in 1953 was the most extensive ever recorded in New England—nearly 1,500,000 acres — more than half of it in Massachusetts. Turn to the other side and the Defoliation Map prepared by the Department of Natural Resources. Note the “hot spots” of severe damage widely scattered over the state.

Heavy defoliation has several serious effects: (1) Trees are weakened and fail to make normal growth, or are killed outright; (2) the fire hazard is greatly increased; (3) the water holding capacity of watershed areas is decreased; (4) woods are made unfit for wildlife; (5) recreational areas are spoiled; (6) Massachusetts woodlands and roadways are made unattractive to visitors.

### What Is the Outlook for 1954?

Damage is expected to be as great or even greater than in 1953. The “hot spots” are centers for further spread in 1954. Parasites and other natural enemies appear unable to check the present outbreak. Temperatures must be  $-20^{\circ}\text{F}$  or lower for several hours to kill exposed eggs. A covering of snow gives perfect protection.

The experience of more than 30 years has proved that individual communities cannot prevent extensive outbreaks of this pest in wooded areas. Creosoting egg masses kills eggs but appears entirely futile in the present situation. Ground sprayers and blowers are limited to streets and roadsides.

### Can Defoliation Be Prevented?

Yes! Aerial spraying with DDT is **effective, safe and practicable**; it is **economical** when resources are pooled for major purchases of DDT, oil, solvents, transportation and aircraft contracts. This is not guesswork; it is based upon experience.

The map shows thousands of acres sprayed in Barnstable, Plymouth, Nantucket, and Berkshire counties since 1949. Financing was done by pooling the resources of Towns, Counties, State and Federal agencies; the work was supervised and coordinated by the Department of Natural Resources assisted by Town and County personnel. Technical information and assistance was furnished by the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

**No defoliation by Gypsy Moth has occurred in these sprayed areas.**

### What YOU Can Do to Help

A sound, workable and continuing plan for eliminating defoliation by Gypsy Moth throughout Massachusetts has been drawn up by the Department of Natural Resources. It calls for a State-wide cooperative program. Financing requires **early** legislative action to bring about pooling of the resources of towns, cities, counties and the State. **It is to your advantage to have your community cooperate in this program.**

You may obtain additional information from your County Extension Office, Moth Superintendent, Tree Warden, University of Massachusetts, or Department of Natural Resources.

Inform yourself — inform your neighbors — make your wishes known!

Hurry! The Gypsy Moth caterpillar starts eating again in May!

There's a lot of groundwork to be done before the planes can fly!

Members of Board

Department of Natural Resources

Meeting March 2, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. at the Department of Natural Resources, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts by Chairman Holdsworth. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Fulham, Holdsworth and Sweet.

The Minutes of the Meeting of February 10, 1954 were read and approved.

Director Willard received permission to appear before the Board and presented a letter dated February 23, 1954 from Clark, Clark and Clark, Jr. attorneys for the owners of the fishing trawler, Hiawatha. Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth it was unanimously voted that the acceptance or rejection of a compromise proposal for the settlement of the Hiawatha case such as was set forth in this letter was not a matter which should properly come before the Board, and that the Board instruct Director Willard to inform the attorneys that this was a subject which should be handled by him as the Director of the Division of Law Enforcement.

Representative Cornelius Kiernan of Lowell then appeared before the Board and discussed his Bill which would transfer to the City of Lowell certain property now owned by the Commonwealth as part of the Lowell-Dracut State Forest. Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted to rescind the action of the Board taken at its February 10th meeting which opposed the transfer of the ownership of this property to the City of Lowell. Then upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted that 127.75 acres of land, a part of the Lowell-Dracut State Forest southeast of Totman Road, situated partly in Dracut, partly in Lowell, be transferred to the City of Lowell for recreational purposes exclusively as set forth in House Bill 2086, and that the deed contain the provision that if within a period of five years from date of transfer this parcel has not been substantially developed for recreational purposes the title shall then and forthwith revert to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to strike out Springfield, Ludlow, Agawam, Monroe and Tolland and to add Adams, North Adams and Chesterfield, making 59 municipalities in the Connecticut Valley region instead of 61, and also to strike out Stockbridge, making seven municipalities in the Berkshire region instead of eight to participate in the Gypsy Moth Control Program which was approved at the last meeting of the Board.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth it was unanimously voted to approve the budget of \$2,350 for the proposed exhibit at the Eastern States Fair in 1954 as set forth in a memorandum



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from Commissioner Lyman to the Board dated March 2, 1954, and the Commissioner was directed to initiate action at once to obtain these funds.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted to refer to Mr. Borden the new budget for education and publicity presented by Mr. Healey, with instructions to Commissioner Lyman to have Mr. Healey confer with Mr. Borden regarding same.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to instruct the secretary to accept an invitation from Dean Garratt of the Yale School of Forestry to meet with the Connecticut State Park and Forest Commission May 18 and 19, 1954.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to arrange a joint meeting at an early date with this Board and the Massachusetts Forest Fire Council.

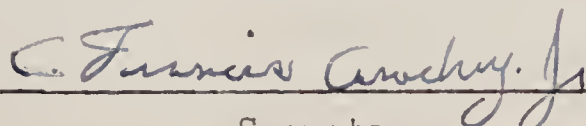
The Board then met with Director Sargent of the Division of Marine Fisheries and discussed with him in detail the activities of his Department as set forth in his annual report.

The Board then reviewed a report from Commissioner Lyman on the Bower's Survey of Profile Rock near the Freetown State Forest.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey it was unanimously voted that Commissioner Lyman be directed to take steps immediately to acquire the land described in the Bower's Report of February 25, 1954.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 1954 at 11:00 a.m. at 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

  
Secretary



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting March 16, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Department of Natural Resources, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts by Acting Chairman Sweet. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Fulham and Sweet. Absent: Chairman Holdsworth.

The Minutes of the meeting of March 2, 1954 were read and approved.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Richard H. Adams, dated February 15, 1954, regarding the use of Nickerson State Park for sport car racing, and also a copy of Chairman Holdsworth's reply. Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted to instruct the Secretary to send a letter to Mr. Adams inviting him to attend the next meeting of the Board.

The Secretary read letters dated March 15, 1954 from Mr. Walter E. Woodruff, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Ashby, Massachusetts. Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Cowdrey, these were referred to Director Kenney with a request that he contact Mr. Woodruff and prepare a report on the subject to be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

Acting Chairman Sweet read a bulletin from the Connecticut River Watershed Council regarding a meeting to be held March 31, 1954 at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to request the Secretary to reply and state that Chairman Holdsworth and Acting Chairman Sweet would both probably attend this meeting.

The Board then discussed with Director Willard changing the name of the Department's law enforcement organization men from Natural Resources Police to Natural Resources Officers. After a thorough consideration of the subject, during which Director Willard stated that he had no objection to same, upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted to rescind the motion of the Board made at its meeting of January 29, 1954, which motion accepted the recommendation of Director Willard that his men be called Natural Resources Police. Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted that Mr. Willard's men would be called Natural Resources Officers.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Acting Chairman Sweet it was unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of Director Willard that Wellington B. White, Mt. Pleasant Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts be appointed Deputy Conservation Officer until



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December 31, 1954, to serve without pay during this period.

Acting Chairman Sweet recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:20 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

The Board then met with Director Kenney and discussed at considerable length with him the request from the town of Lee, Massachusetts regarding use of a portion of the land at October Mountain State Forest. Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was voted that in view of the cooperation extended the Department of Natural Resources by the town of Lee and wishing to cooperate in providing for the health and welfare of its citizens by augmenting its water supply, the Board grants the petition dated March 15, 1954 from the town of Lee in respect to raising the water level of Finerty Pond subject to any legislative approval or any approval required by any other agency of the Commonwealth. Mr. Sweet wished to be recorded as voting against granting this petition.

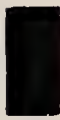
Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was unanimously voted that in view of the scope of the proposal for the development of the Washington Mountain Brook watershed as outlined in the town of Lee's petition of March 15, 1954, the Board take this under consideration in cooperation with any other state agency involved therewith and the town of Lee.

Director Kenney then reported on the situation regarding the appointment of a temporary Chief Fire Warden pending the holding of a Civil Service examination for permanent Chief Fire Warden. It was indicated that Director Kenney would have this temporary appointment to present to the Board for its approval at its next meeting.

Director Kenney reported in considerable detail on the establishment of another State Forest Prison Camp which he and Commissioner Lyman had previously discussed with the Commissioner of Correction Lurie. Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Fulham it was unanimously voted that the Board enthusiastically favors the establishment of this State Prison Camp in one of the State Forests in the western part of the Commonwealth based upon the splendid results that have been attained at the Prison Camp in the Miles Standish State Forest and the overwhelming approval that the first prison camp received both from within and outside of Massachusetts.

Director Sargent then appeared before the Board and continued the discussion of the work of the Department of Marine Fisheries.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted to hold the next meeting of the Board at 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 30, 1954.



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Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Acting Chairman Sweet it was unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.  
Secretary



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting March 30, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m., at the Department of Natural Resources, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts by Acting Chairman Sweet. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey and Sweet. Absent: Messrs. Fulham and Holdsworth.

The Minutes of the meeting of March 16, 1954 were read and approved.

Secretary Cowdrey read a letter dated March 1, 1954 from Chairman Holdsworth in which Mr. Holdsworth wished to register his continued opposition to auto racing in Nickerson State Park.

The Secretary read a letter from the Commissioner of Public Works Volpe dated March 17, 1954 in which Mr. Volpe suggested a second joint meeting of the Board of Natural Resources with his staff early in May to discuss the progress of the joint efforts of the two departments in providing additional highway turnouts. Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted that the Board will meet with Commissioner Volpe at 3:00 p.m., May 11, 1954 at Commissioner Volpe's office and the Secretary was instructed to so advise Commissioner Volpe.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted to instruct the Secretary to send a letter to Commissioner Lyman congratulating him on the beautiful display at the 1954 Boston Flower Show, jointly erected by the Horticultural Society and the Department of Natural Resources which display again received the top gold medal award.

The Board then heard the following gentlemen who discussed with it the question of allowing auto races at Nickerson State Park: Messrs. Lenox E. Bigelow, Vacation Travel and Robert W. Scott, Deputy Commissioner, State Department of Commerce; Mr. Allan F. Jones, Representative First Barnstable District; Mr. Edward J. Smith, Orleans, Massachusetts; Mr. Reginald S. Smith, A.A.A. Contest Board Representative, Washington, D. C; Mr. E. Kenneth Graham, President, Brewster Board of Trade, East Brewster, Massachusetts; Mr. Norman Cook, Executive Secretary Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, Hyannis, Massachusetts; and Mr. Richard H. Adams, Orleans Massachusetts Board of Trade.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted to advise this group, and they were so advised before leaving the office of the Department, that because the original request for the use of Nickerson State Park for this purpose had been unanimously declined by the full Board membership at its January 29, 1954



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meeting, the three members of the Board present felt that the matter of a reconsideration of the January 29th vote should be acted upon by the full Board rather than by merely a quorum of three.

Acting Chairman Sweet recessed the meeting for luncheon at 12:50 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Secretary Cowdrey read a telegram dated March 22, 1954 from John DeCrio, Secretary Berkshire County League of Sportsmen, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, protesting "the creation of additional reservoirs in October Mountain State Forest unless the sportsmen of Massachusetts are guaranteed that such land will always be open to hunting."

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted that the Secretary send a letter to Mr. DeCrio incorporating a transcript of the two motions unanimously passed by the Board at its March 16, 1954 meeting relating to the subject of the water supply of the town of Lee, Massachusetts, and to further state that the Board is keenly aware of its responsibility for the maximum use of the State Forests for the greatest benefit of the people of the Commonwealth.

As instructed in the March 16, 1954 meeting of the Board, Mr. Borden presented Mr. Healey's revised budget for education and publicity which was placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board.

The Board then met with Director Kenney. Mr. Kenney read his reply dated March 19, 1954 to two letters dated March 15, 1954 from Walter E. Woodruff, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Ashby, Massachusetts, pertaining to the recreational facilities at Willard Brook Reservation. Upon motion made by Mr. Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to transfer necessary funds estimated by Mr. Kenney to be between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to be used to provide additional hard surface parking space in the parking area on Hosmer Road at the Willard Brook Reservation.

Director Kenney also gave an extensive report on the progress being made by his Division on the 1954 Parks improvement and expansion program. He also reported briefly on the joint Department of Public Works and Natural Resources program for the providing of picnic tables in the new roadside turnout areas.

Upon motion made by Mr. Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to have the State Parks officially open from April 1st to November 1st instead of as in the past from May 30th to October 15th.

Director Kenney reported that he would submit the name of his appointment for Acting Chief Fire Warden to Commissioner Lyman for his approval not later than April 1, 1954.



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Director Willard reported on the Hiawatha case and stated that no further offers of settlement had been received from the attorneys for the Hiawatha owners.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Cowdrey it was unanimously voted that Commissioner Lyman instruct Director Willard to immediately contact the Attorney General's office and request that it proceed at once with the prosecution of the Hiawatha case.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted that the next meeting of the Board be held at 11:00 a.m., April 21, 1954, at 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts and that Commissioner Lyman be instructed to arrange for the joint meeting of the Board with the Commissioner of Commerce at 3:00 p.m. that same day.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted that the next meeting following that of April 21, 1954 will be held on May 11, 1954 at 11:00 a.m. at 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts and that at 3:00 p.m. the Board would adjourn to the office of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.  
Secretary



Members of Board  
Department of Natural Resources  
Meeting April 22, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Department of Natural Resources, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts by Chairman Holdsworth. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Fulham and Holdsworth. Absent: Mr. Sweet.

The Minutes of the meeting of March 30, 1954 were read and approved.

A letter dated April 9, 1954 from Commissioner of Public Works Volpe was read and the Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Volpe that the Board would be in contact with him later for the proposed second joint meeting of the Department of Public Works and the Board of Natural Resources.

A letter from C. Richard Clark, attorney for the Hiawatha interests dated April 9, 1954 requesting a meeting with the Board was read. Since Clark and Piemonte had come to Boston to appear before the Board, Chairman Holdsworth momentarily recessed the meeting to advise them that the Board would hear their request at 2:00 p.m.

The Board then met again with the Board of Selectmen of the town of Bourne and Representative Allan F. Jones regarding the request by the town of Bourne to use certain land which is part of the Shawme State Forest for an addition to the town dump. Upon completion of the hearing the Board advised the petitioners that the matter would be taken under consideration and a decision made before the end of the day's meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to have Commissioner Lyman instruct the Director of Forests and Parks to install the Plymouth system of radio transmission and to report its effectiveness to the Board as soon as possible after an actual experience trial.

Chairman Holdsworth recessed the meeting for luncheon at 12:25 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

The Board then met with Attorneys Clark and Piemonte representing the Hiawatha interests. At the conclusion of the hearing upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to send a letter to Attorney General Fingold and that the letter be made a part of the Minutes of this meeting:



Hon. George Fingold  
Attorney General of the Commonwealth  
State House  
Boston, Massachusetts

April 22, 1954

Dear Mr. Fingold:

In reference to the Hiawatha case, we wish to make it perfectly clear that it is the wish of the Board of Natural Resources that you handle this matter in any way that you deem to be in the best interests of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur T. Lyman  
Commissioner of Natural Resources

A report dated April 14, 1954 to the Board from Director Kenney regarding the progress by the Department of Natural Resources in furnishing picnic tables to the Department of Public Works for turnout and rest areas was read and discussed. Commissioner Lyman advised the Board that the project would be completed definitely by May 1, 1954 at the latest.

Commissioner Lyman advised the Board that \$200,000 additional funds had been made available in the supplementary State budget for use by this Department in the construction of roads in the forests and parks. This makes a total of \$400,000 made available for this purpose in the current budget. He further stated that contracts for the construction of these roads would be placed by June 30, 1954.

Commissioner Lyman reported progress on the purchase of land containing Profile Rock adjacent to the Freetown State Forest. He stated it was possible that a private individual might purchase this land and deed it free of charge to the Commonwealth.

Commissioner Lyman presented in considerable detail the proposed plan by the Jordan Marsh Company to establish the week of June 6, 1954 as Natural Resources Week. The plan encompasses displays at all Jordan Marsh Stores showing the operation of the Department of Natural Resources in all the phases of its activities. Other than the cost of accumulating and delivering to the Jordan Marsh stores material appropriate for the occasion, there will be no expense incurred by the Commonwealth.

After a thorough discussion of the Jordan Marsh project, upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to cooperate fully with the Jordan Marsh Company in this project.



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Secretary Cowdrey then read a letter from Mr. DiOrio, Secretary of the Berkshire County League of Sportsmen's Clubs dated April 17, 1954. Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to instruct the Secretary to reply to Mr. DiOrio in the same vein as was utilized in the Secretary's letter to this same gentleman dated April 6, 1954.

The Board then took under consideration again the petitions from the Bourne Board of Selectmen. Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to reject this petition. The Secretary was instructed to so advise the parties interested.

The previously proposed time and place for the next meeting was reconfirmed, namely May 11, 1954 at 11:00 a.m., 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

*C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.*  
Secretary



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting May 11, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. at the Department of Natural Resources, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts by Chairman Holdsworth. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Holdsworth and Sweet. Absent: Mr. Fulham.

The Minutes of the meeting of April 22, 1954 were read and approved.

A letter dated April 28, 1954 from Representative Allan F. Jones commenting on the action taken April 22, 1954 by the Board regarding the request from the town of Bourne for use as a town dump of certain land which is part of the Shawme State Forest was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Copy of a letter dated May 6, 1954 from Secretary Cowdrey to Representative E. A. Johnson regarding ~~Civil Service~~ reclassification of the Directors of the Department's three Divisions was read and approved.

A letter dated May 4, 1954 from Robert F. Carey, Secretary of The Council of Sportsmen's Club of Massachusetts, Inc. to Chairman Holdsworth was read. Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth it was unanimously voted to request the Secretary to reply to Mr. Corey's letter stating the policy of the Board in such matters.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted to request Commissioner Lyman to present to the Board at its next meeting copies of the latest inventory of equipment owned by the Department.

The meeting was then recessed for luncheon by Chairman Holdsworth at 12:05 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

The Board then considered again its action of January 29, 1954 regarding the use of Nickerson State Park for sport car racing. Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth it was unanimously voted to reconfirm the January 29th vote, since it was felt that this is not a proper utilization of a State Park. Mr. Fulham's written proxy of April 28, 1954 to Chairman Holdsworth was read and accepted as a qualified vote which thus permitted unanimous action of the full Board. Secretary Cowdrey was instructed to write to Mr. Richard H. Adams, Vice President, Orleans Board of Trade, advising him of the Board's action.



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The revised publicity budget of James A. Healey dated March 26, 1954 was read, discussed and approved. On motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey, it was unanimously voted to include this in the 1955-56 budget.

Commissioner Lyman reported on the progress being made in the five major State Park projects. He also reported that considerable progress was being made on the improvement of the facilities at the other State Parks.

Commissioner Lyman reported that as of this date, 75,000 acres of land had already been sprayed in accordance with the new gypsy moth control program.

Commissioner Lyman then introduced to the Board representatives from the Carling Brewing Company Incorporated. A discussion then ensued regarding the request by this company for the purchase of land now owned by the state at the Cochituate State Park in the town of Natick. This land is to be added to the land already purchased from private owners by the Carling Brewing Company Incorporated for the erection of their new brewery. Being assured by the company representatives that this land and other land adjacent to the Park would be landscaped under the supervision of this Department's Mr. Egbert Hans, upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth it was unanimously voted to approve the sale by Commissioner Lyman to the Carling Brewing Company, Incorporated of 37,000 square feet, more or less, at Cochituate State Park in the town of Natick, at a price commensurate with that paid by this company for other land in this area.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey it was unanimously voted that the next meeting would be held on June 8, 1954 at Myles Standish State Forest. The Board will convene at 10:00 a.m. at the Forest headquarters.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth it was unanimously voted to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

C. Fronica Cowdrey, Jr.  
Secretary



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting June 8, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Chairman Holdsworth at the Forest Camp at the Myles Standish State Forest. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Fulham, Holdsworth and Sweet.

The Minutes of the meeting of May 11, 1954 were read and approved.

The following letters written by Secretary Cowdrey were read and approved: letter dated May 14, 1954 to Mr. Robert F. Carey, Secretary, The Council of Sportsmen's Clubs of Massachusetts, Inc., letter dated May 12, 1954 to Mr. Richard H. Adams, and letter dated May 26, 1954 to Senator Lundgren.

Commissioner Lyman then reported on the development of the turnout and rest area joint program with the Department of Public Works. He and all the members of the Board reported that the public reaction was extremely favorable.

Commissioner Lyman then reported on the Gypsy Moth program. He stated that already 500,000 of the 800,000 acres involved in the program had been sprayed. Rain had slowed down the progress but with proper weather the project would be completed in about a week or ten days.

Chairman Holdsworth reported on the cooperation between the Department of Natural Resources and the federal government in making an inventory of the Commonwealth's forest resources. He stated that he expected to be able to make a final and complete report at the Board's next meeting.

Chairman Holdsworth distributed copies of the Forest Conservancy Districts Act of Maryland for study by the Board members. He suggested that he felt that it would be advisable for this Board to consider recommending the enactment of similar legislation by the Massachusetts Legislature.

The memo of April 30, 1954 from Director Sargent was read and ordered placed on file.

Mr. Borden then brought up the question of Nantucket fishing licenses. This matter was thoroughly discussed but it was felt that no action should be taken by the Board at this time.

Commissioner Lyman then discussed with the Board the subjects of Dighton Rock and Mount Tom Reservation as set forth in his letter to the Secretary dated May 21, 1954, copies of which the Secretary had previously



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sent to the Board members. Commissioner Lyman stated that no Board action on either subject was required at the present time.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was unanimously voted to approve the payment of \$100 to the Secretary of the Board for stenographic expense from September 1, 1953 to June 1, 1954.

Meeting recessed for luncheon at 11:55 a.m.; reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

The Board then met with John D. Willard, Supervisor of the Plymouth Prison Camp, John A. Gavin, Director of Prison Camps from the Department of Correction and Messrs. Potter and Cherry of the Department of Natural Resources. Director Gavin described in great detail the history of the establishment and development of the Camp, and the method of selecting the "camp men". He detailed the operation of the project and pointed up the value of this cooperative effort between the Department of Correction and the Department of Natural Resources. During the discussion it was brought out that the value of the program has received national recognition and that committees from the Departments of Correction of Florida, New York and New Hampshire had already conferred with him with the thought in mind of there being established similar projects in these states.

Upon question by Chairman Holdsworth, Director Gavin pointed out that the Camp has two basic needs: (1) Equipment -- particularly four trucks, and (2) Properly trained and experienced personnel.

At the conclusion of the meeting above described, there then ensued a lengthy discussion of this Department's facilities at Stowe. The question of the economy of retaining these facilities was raised by Mr. Sweet and Mr. Fulham and it was decided to discuss this matter further at the Board's next meeting with the thought in mind that a decision would be made then. Commissioner Lyman was requested to present details of this operation at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Sweet reported on his trip with Director Willard to New Hampshire, Vermont and New York during which he made a study of law enforcement programs.

Director Kenney then reported on the use of fire wardens in forestry work. He was requested by the Board to report at the next meeting regarding further utilization of these men in a forestry program other than fire protection. Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted that each District Forester should be in charge of all matters within his district whether dealing with silvicultural practices, insect pest control, recreation, or forest fire prevention.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey, it was unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of Commissioner



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Lyman that a permit be granted for the erection of a TV antenna on land owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Montague, Massachusetts, in accordance with the plans for a right of way and location of the tower on file in the central office in the Department of Natural Resources.

Commissioner Lyman also stated that the Department has received two items in the capital outlay appropriation; one of \$92,000 for improvements at Mount Tom, and one of \$400,000, part of which is to be used for such matters as to plan developments at Lake Quinsigamond, to acquire Dighton Rock, and to develop (supposedly Clarksburg) an area in the northwest portion of the state. Commissioner Lyman believes that these special items will leave the Department at least the \$275,000 that was originally recommended for improvement in certain areas.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to request the Secretary to send a letter of thanks to Donald C. Mathews, Director, State Park & Forest Commission, Hartford, Connecticut, for the splendid hospitality at the May 18 - 19, 1954 joint meeting.

Commissioner Lyman then presented to the Board for future study a copy of the proposed long range program of the Department of Natural Resources for the period of 1956 through 1960.

Upon motion made by Chairman Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was unanimously voted to hold the next meeting of the Board on June 29, 1954 at 10:00 a.m. at the Forest Headquarters at Nickerson State Park, said meeting to be followed by an inspection of the Park.

This meeting of the Board was then recessed at 2:00 p.m. and followed by a three and one-half hour inspection of the facilities of the Myles Standish State Forest.

C. Francis Conroy, Jr.  
Secretary



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting June 29, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 p.m. by Chairman Holdsworth at his summer home in Brewster. Present: Messrs. Borden, Holdsworth and Sweet. Also present: Commissioner Lyman, Director Kenney, and James Healy. Mr. Sweet was elected Secretary Protem in the absence of Mr. Cowdrey.

Mr. Kenney has asked Mr. Lambert for a study of our State Nurseries in view of the Board's request for such a study at our previous meeting. The value of three-year seedlings versus four-year old transplants is to be considered. At present we sell four-year old transplants, whereas, most other nurseries sell three-year old seedlings. It would seem fairly obvious that three-year old seedlings would be cheaper to raise than four-year old transplants. Also for consideration will be what species of trees the state should concentrate on planting. At present, we have three State Nurseries -- one at Clinton, one at Amherst, and one at Bridgewater. Mr. Lambert, according to Mr. Kenney, seems to feel that the Bridgewater Nursery could be closed down and should be, by the way, thereby allowing us to properly administer the other two Nurseries. If Bridgewater closed down, it would take three years to dispose of the existing stock. Mr. Kenney feels that applications for trees should go through the District Forester rather than Mr. Cook in the central office. By doing this the District Forester would be able to adjust the species to fit the soil for each application. It was further pointed out that fertilizer and seed are our most expensive items in our budget. Mr. Kenney also feels that the State should collect their own seed locally rather than buy it as the germination of our local seed is roughly 75 percent, whereas, that of the imported seed is roughly 50 percent.

After the above discussion, Mr. Borden moved the following motion be adopted which was seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, "that all applications for seed trees be handled by the State Forester." This motion was unanimously passed.

There followed a general discussion of the vote of the Board at its last meeting in regard to giving District Foresters control over all forestry activities within their area. Commissioner Lyman and Director Kenney were instructed to present to the Board within a reasonable length of time a draft of a proposed plan for Regional Offices for the Department of Natural Resources based on either three or four offices properly located on present State-owned land.

The subject of our operations at Stowe was again discussed and Commissioner Lyman, Directors Kenney and Willard are to study this and report back to the Board within a reasonable time.



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Director Kenney submitted a detailed data on construction projects underway, and a recommended program for 1955 fiscal year under Appropriations, Chapter 471, \$400,000. Out of this Appropriation, we will have \$300,000 left to spend on our own Parks and Forests. It is hoped that all moneys allocated for our Parks and Forests will be earmarked by October first of this year.


The status of Nantucket Island in regard to Fish and Game Laws was discussed. The general opinion among the Board Members was to petition the Attorney General's Office for further dispensation of this case at a later date.

A request from the National Girl Scouts' Headquarters to use a primitive area in the western part of the State: namely, Otis, for one hundred girls later in the year was read by the Commissioner. This was referred to Commissioner Lyman to properly work out arrangements with this organization.

A tour of the Nickerson State Park was made by the above personnel immediately following 10:00 a.m. on the same day. Everyone was impressed by the natural beauty of this Park as well as its neatness, and complimented Mr. Robert Hooper, the Park Superintendent, for doing an excellent job.

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, July twentieth, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bradley-Palmer State Park. We will also visit the Harold Parker State Forest on the same day.

Adjournment was at 3:25 p.m.

  
Secretary pro tem



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting July 20, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Chairman Holdsworth at the Mansion House in Bradley Palmer State Park. Present: Messrs. Cowdrey, Holdsworth and Sweet. Absent: Messrs. Borden and Fulham. Also present at the meeting were Commissioner Lyman, Director Kenney and Mr. Arnold Howard, Chief of the Bureau of Parks.

The Minutes of the meetings of June 8, 1954 and June 29, 1954 were read and approved.

The statement of Policy and Regulations dated July 14, 1954 from Director Willard was discussed in detail. Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth it was unanimously voted to approve these in principle, with instructions to Commissioner Lyman that the final draft be submitted to the members of the Board for written approval prior to adoption by the Department.

The matter of new radios for the Law Enforcement Division was discussed. Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey it was unanimously voted to instruct the Commissioner to have these radios be of the all-purpose type so that they will tie in with all other radio units of this Department.

Commissioner Lyman reported on his meeting July 1, 1954 with residents of the Washington, Massachusetts area at the Community School of Becket, Massachusetts in connection with the location of a prison camp in western Massachusetts.

Commissioner Lyman then discussed with the Board the subject of the acceptance of a gift of certain land near the Sandersfield State Forest. Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth it was unanimously voted to accept this gift of 150 acres more or less of land near the northwest corner of Sandersfield State Forest from Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Williams.

Commissioner Lyman reported that Commissioner of Corrections Spur was very much pleased with the suggestion from Chairman Holdsworth that the prison guards at Myles Standish State Forest be given a forestry course at the University of Massachusetts and stated that this program would get underway immediately.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Commissioner to purchase from the Brockton Girl Scouts, Inc. certain of their buildings and facilities for the sum of \$2,500.



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Commissioner Lyman then reported on his meeting last week in Pittsfield regarding the further development of the facilities of this Department in the Berkshire area.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted to authorize the Commissioner to proceed at once with negotiations to purchase 350 acres more or less, including the pond, in the Mauserts Pond area for the sum of \$27,500.


A letter dated July 12, 1954 from Commissioner Volpe to Commissioner Lyman was read and discussed. Upon motion made by Mr. Cowdrey and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth it was unanimously voted to instruct Commissioner Lyman to continue the cooperative program of the Departments of Natural Resources and Public Works in establishing and equipping rest areas. In this connection, the Board instructed Commissioner Lyman to discuss with Commissioner Volpe the problem of fires at these rest areas, caused by the public misusing them as picnic areas instead of as rest areas. Director Kenney advised the Board that this was a growing problem as evidenced by six fires at rest areas on Route 1 South on July 18, 1954.

Director Kenney presented to the Board the proposed expenditures in the capital outlay program of his Division from the funds totaling \$400,000 in the current budget. Upon motion made by Mr. Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Sweet it was unanimously voted to approve in principle this program, with instructions to Director Kenney to present the details of same at the next meeting of the Board so that approval may be given by the Board prior to the actual initiation of the individual projects.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth it was unanimously voted to hold the next meeting August 17, 1954 at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. The exact place and time of assembly by the Board to be established by Commissioner Lyman by individual letters to the Board at the earliest date possible.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned for luncheon at 2:10 p.m.

Following adjournment the Board then inspected Bradley Palmer State Park in Topsfield and commended Director Kenney and the Park Superintendent on its appearance. After lunch, the Board inspected the Harold Parker State Forest in North Andover. The Board was very much disturbed at the appearance of this Park and the extremely poor management of it. Commissioner Lyman and Director Kenney were instructed to take steps immediately to have this condition rectified.

  
Secretary



Members of Board  
Department of Natural Resources  
Meeting, August 17, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Chairman Holdsworth aboard the Department's patrol boat, "Pintail" enroute from Martha's Vineyard to Woods Hole. Present: Messrs. Holdsworth, Fulham, Borden, Sweet. Also present: Commissioner Lyman, Director Willard, Director Sargent, Charles Wheeler, James Healy, Captain Fred Wilbur, Tom Moffet, and Walter Love. Mr. Sweet was elected Secretary Protem in the absence of Mr. Cowdrey.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to have Commissioner Lyman express the Board's thanks to those who were responsible for putting together all of the penal laws of the Department as it is an exceptionally fine job.

Board was informed by Mr. Sweet of the meeting at Stowe, Wednesday, August 18th of all Law Enforcement Officers at which time they will receive the new rules and regulations and penal laws.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to have Commissioner Lyman write Director John Farley of the Fish and Wildlife Service expressing the deep gratitude of the Board for the loan of the "Pintail" to the Department of Natural Resources for general use in the Division of Law Enforcement.

Commissioner Lyman will report at the next meeting on the new regional offices setup.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Chairman Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to have Commissioner Lyman commend District Fire Warden Arthur Hallenborg on behalf of the Board for performing beyond the call of duty in rescuing a disabled Concord police officer on his way to aid an overturned boat in Concord and alerting the various fire departments, police departments and State Police in the area on above matter.

Director Willard reported on the Hunter Safety Program as set up under Chapter 457, Acts, 1954, Radios, Training Schools, Titles, Boats, and Budget.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Commissioner and Director of Law Enforcement to make the necessary arrangements so that all of the law enforcement personnel may be put through a four weeks course at the State Police Training School over the coming winter months, and that Commissioner Lyman find means to obtain money, approximately \$6,000 for this project.



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Upon motion made by Chairman Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was unanimously voted to express the Board's appreciation through Commissioner Lyman to the crew of the "Pintail" including Mr. Hughes, Mr. Bannister, and all others for a very pleasant trip.

The Board met approximately at 9:30 a.m. on board the Pintail. Visited Hadley's Harbor on Naushon Island where we met David Forbes. We then proceeded to Edgartown where we visited our lobster hatchery. We had lunch aboard the Pintail. Left Edgartown at 2:45 p.m. and arrived at Woods Hole at 3:45 p.m.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to hold our next meeting, September 13th and 14th in the western part of the State to view our State Parks and State Forests. Commissioner Lyman to give details of this trip to the Board members.

Adjournment was at 3:45 p.m.



William O. Sweet  
Secretary Pro tem



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting, September 28, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Holdsworth at 15 Ashburton Place. Present: Messrs. Holdsworth, Fulham, Borden, and Sweet. Absent: Mr. Cowdrey. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Cowdrey, Mr. Sweet was elected Secretary Protem.

The Minutes of the meeting of August 17, 1954 were read and approved.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Mr. Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to instruct the Commissioner to have the Division Heads draw up a five year plan in each Division which the Commissioner will draw up into a master plan for the entire Department of Natural Resources. Division Plans to be submitted on or before April 1, 1955, to the Commissioner.

Upon motion made by Mr. Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was unanimously voted that the Commissioner take the necessary steps to establish a Planning Bureau within the Department of Natural Resources.

Recognizing the necessity of an informed public opinion in respect to the Department of Natural Resources, the Board unanimously instructed the Commissioner to proceed with plans for the establishment of a publication concerning the activities of the Department, and the Natural Resources of Massachusetts.

On motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was unanimously voted to strike the word, "equipment" from the motion passed at a previous meeting relative to prior approval of the Board of sale of land, etc.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Commissioner to spend up to \$20,000 for the development of Dighton Rock.

Upon motion made by Mr. Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to instruct the Commissioner to dispose of reforestation lots No. 122 and lots lying just easterly therefrom situated northeast of Hyannis at the best possible price.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Commissioner to grant an easement on reforestation lots No. 62 situated in Yarmouth at the best possible price.

Upon motion made by Mr. Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Commissioner to grant a permit to



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the City of Springfield Municipal Water Works, prior to enactment of legislation for any easement, through Robinson State Park for a consideration of 350,000 cubic feet of water per annum; and, with the stipulation that the black top road which is being oiled at present be put back into first class condition upon completion of the project.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sweet and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted that the Commissioner negotiate with the M. D. C. for buildings at Cochituate; and grant the M. D. C. request for a temporary frame building on our land during construction of the Framingham Trunk Interceptor Sewer.

Upon motion made by Mr. Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Commissioner to have Director Kenney negotiate with the Army Engineers for the return of land on the Shawme State Forest.

Upon motion made by Mr. Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was unanimously voted to instruct the Commissioner to approve of the request of the Middlesex County Commissioners for the relocation of a road on a parcel of State land in Ashby.

The Commissioner made a progress report on Road Signs which are to be furnished by the Department of Public Works. Some already being erected throughout the State. He also mentioned anticipated legislation which he will introduce to protect certain employees that might be dismissed due to the reclassification of jobs in the State Service this past year.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Holdsworth, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Commissioner to hire an architect for the purpose of a survey and plans to reconstruct the building at Skinner State Park.

Director Willard spoke to the Board in regard to the status of Fish Inspectors. Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was unanimously voted to request the Commissioner and Director of Law Enforcement to seek an interpretation from the Attorney General of the status of Fish Inspectors in the Department of Natural Resources.

Upon motion made by Mr. Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Commissioner to introduce legislation at the next session of the Legislature transferring Fish Inspectors from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Public Health.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 1:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m.



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Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted that Mr. Sweet be Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year. Mr. Sweet voted present.

Upon motion made by Mr. Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was unanimously voted that Mr. Cowdrey be the Secretary of the Board for the ensuing year.

Mr. Fulham, Mr. Borden, and Mr. Sweet all expressed their thanks to Mr. Holdsworth for the fine leadership and able direction which he exemplified during his year as Chairman of the Board.

Upon motion made by Mr. Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Borden, the Board unanimously voted to deny the request for a right-of-way in the Erwing Forest on the petition of Mrs. Joseph Seremeth, and requested the Commissioner to look into the problem involving the cottage on the above Forest, and recommend to the Board.

Upon motion made by Mr. Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Sweet, it was unanimously voted to authorize Director Kenney to get together plans for a seasonal permit pertaining to our State Parks and Forests.

Upon motion made by Mr. Holdsworth and seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Commissioner to outline a spray program for 1955, and report to the Board.

Our next meeting will be a two-day trip to the western part of the State on October 21st and 22nd. The itinerary of this trip will be furnished to the Members by the Commissioner.



William O. Sweet  
Secretary Pro tem



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting, October 24, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairman Sweet at the Department of Natural Resources, 15 Ashburton Place. Present: Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey and Sweet. Absent: Messrs. Fulham and Holdsworth.

The Minutes of the September 28, 1954 meeting were read and approved.

Commissioner Lyman presented the Gypsy Moth Program for 1955. Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Borden the program was approved and ordered made part of the Minutes of this meeting.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Chairman Sweet, it was unanimously voted that in order to effect a completely coordinated communications system within the Department, the Commissioner is hereby directed to assume responsibility for and supervision of the personnel and equipment concerned therewith and shall approve the installation or replacement of all radios in the future.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Sweet it was unanimously voted that the Board of Natural Resources, after personal inspection of the ground, strongly supports the Commissioner of Natural Resources in his request that a Forest Supervisor be provided for the October Mountain State Forest. This is an area of 16,000 acres, the largest of the State Forests and it is potentially highly productive of forest products and forest influences. At the present time all work done on this forest is performed by forest personnel assigned elsewhere. In the opinion of the Board of Natural Resources the values in this forest can only be obtained through consistent and sustained supervision by a resident forester. Plans are now being developed for the installation of recreational facilities on the October Mountain State Forest which will call for very intensive supervision. The Board of Natural Resources therefore urges the Commission of Administration and Finance to approve of the position requested and at the same time it states its firm conviction that the Commonwealth will benefit and that the time to approve this position is now. The annual returns to the Commonwealth from the October Mountain State Forest under intensive management should yield \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year to the Commonwealth.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted that the Board of Natural Resources strongly approves the plan now being developed by the Bureau of Forest Development for a complete inventory of the timber resources of all of the State Forests and states as its conviction that this inventory should show volumes of timber by species and size classes, and condition together with data on rates of annual increase in timber volumes. It is further voted that the Board urges the completion of this inventory without unnecessary delay because of the importance of demonstrating to the people of the Commonwealth the fact that our



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forests are not static but are increasing in volume and value annually and that they are properties of both high and potential value to the State.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Sweet, it was unanimously voted that through the Commissioner the Board of Natural Resources expresses its appreciation of the work being done on the State Forests visited by the Board on October 21 and 22, to the field and supervisory personnel in charge of those forests.

Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Mr. Borden it was unanimously voted to instruct the Commissioner to send a letter of appreciation on behalf of this Board to thank those in the Federal Service who so effectively cooperated in the Department's 1954 Gypsy Moth Spray Program.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Sweet it was unanimously voted to approve the appointment of Mr. Herman Covey, 75 Wisdom Way, Greenfield, Massachusetts as Deputy Conservation Officer, said appointment to expire December 31, 1954.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Sweet it was unanimously voted to approve the appointment of Mr. Emerson H. Chandler, 285 Webster Street, Auburndale, Massachusetts as Deputy Conservation Officer, said appointment to expire December 31, 1954.

Commissioner Lyman and Director Kenney then presented the Capital Outlay Program as revised September 1954 for the Parks and Recreational areas. This is a revision of the proposed Capital Outlay Program as presented July, 1954. Upon motion made by Secretary Cowdrey and seconded by Chairman Sweet the following expenditures as proposed were unanimously approved:

- a. Most of the \$52,000 residue for the Northern Berkshire area is to be spent in Clarksburg State Park and that area shall have this title.
- b. Spencer State Forest - \$15,000.
- c. Erving State Forest - \$15,000.
- d. Skinner State Park - up to \$15,000 shall be spent for plans for the restoration of the summit house and removal of the tramway.
- e. Harold Parker State Forest - set aside \$25,000 in escrow, the details for the expenditure of which shall be determined by the Board at a later date; however, immediate plans shall be prepared for the renovation of this Park and these plans shall be presented to the Board at the earliest possible date.



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Plans for a wading pool at the Warwick State Forest shall be presented to the Board at its December 3, 1954 meeting.

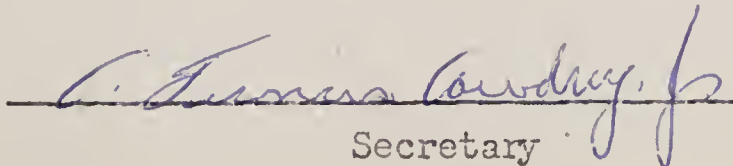
Proposed expenditures of: \$25,000 at the Leominster State Forest, \$20,000 at the Foxboro State Forest, \$10,000 at the Billerica State Forest, \$25,000 at the Mohawk Trail State Forest, \$20,000 at the Willard Brook State Forest, to be held in abeyance until such time as the Board has an opportunity to personally visit these areas.

The subject of new administration buildings at Savoy, Erving, Mohawk Trail, Pittsfield, Otis and Granville was discussed at considerable length. Director Kenney presented plans for administration buildings which met with the unanimous approval of the Board. It was unanimously agreed, but no formal vote was taken, that insofar as possible all administration buildings shall be uniform in external appearance. However, upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Sweet it was unanimously voted that prior to the building of any administration buildings, plans for same shall be submitted to the Board for approval, prior to contracting and/or erection of same.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Chairman Sweet, it was unanimously voted that no new private concession buildings shall be permitted in any State Parks and that as present permits expire, prior approval shall be obtained from the Board before renewal is granted.

The date for the next meeting was tentatively set for Friday, December 3, 1954. Chairman Sweet was to confer with Chairman Coyne of the Board of Fisheries and Game so that part of the day could be devoted to a joint meeting of the Board of Fisheries and Game and the Board of Natural Resources.

Upon motion made by Mr. Borden and seconded by Mr. Cowdrey it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

  
Secretary



Voted that pursuant to the Acts of 1954, Chapter 148, as amended by Chapter 475, Acts of 1954, the board has this day considered and approved as part of the comprehensive program of gypsy moth control the following regions designated by the Commissioner to be sprayed in 1955:

C E N T R A L   R E G I O N

ACTON	HOPKINTON	PEPPERELL
ASHBY	HUBBARDSTON	PRINCETON
ASHLAND	HUDSON	RUTLAND
AYER	LANCASTER	SHERBORN
BARRE	LEOMINSTER	SHIRLEY
BERLIN	LINCOLN	SHREWSBURY
BLACKSTONE	LITTLETON	SOUTHBORO
BOLTON	LUNENBURG	STERLING
BOXBORO	MARLBORO	STOW
BOYLSTON	MAYNARD	SUDBURY
CLINTON	MEDFIELD	SUTTON
DOUGLAS	MEDWAY	TOWNSEND
DOVER	MENDON	UPTON
DUNSTABLE	MILFORD	UXBRIDGE
FITCHBURG	MILLBURY	WALPOLE
FRAMINGHAM	MILLIS	WALTHAM
GRAFTON	MILLVILLE	WAYLAND
GROTON	NATICK	WEST BOYLSTON
HARVARD	NORTHBORO	WESTBORO
HOLDEN	NORTHBRIDGE	WESTMINSTER
HOLLISTON	NORWOOD	WESTON
HOPEDALE	OAKHAM	WESTWOOD

Estimated town funds available	\$ 158,046.88
Estimated state funds available	<u>158,046.88</u>
Estimated total funds available	\$ 316,093.76

E S S E X   R E G I O N

PEABODY  
LYNNFIELD

Estimated town funds available	\$ 10,660.11
Estimated state funds available	<u>10,660.11</u>
Estimated total funds available	\$ 21,320.22

B E R K S H I R E   R E G I O N

ALFORD	LEE	PITTSFIELD
CHESHIRE	LENOX	RICHMOND
EGREMONT	MONTEREY	SHEFFIELD
GREAT BARRINGTON	MOUNT WASHINGTON	STOCKBRIDGE
LANESBORO	NEW MARLBORO	WEST STOCKBRIDGE

Estimated town funds available	\$ 32,067.93
Estimated state funds available	<u>32,067.93</u>
Estimated total funds available	\$ 64,135.86

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## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting, December 3, 1954

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Natural Resources was held at the Department Office, Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts at 10:15 a.m.

There were present Messrs. William O. Sweet, Chairman, Richard Borden, Robert Holdsworth, and Thomas A. Fulham.

Minutes: Deferred to next meeting in absence of Secretary Cowdrey. Thomas A. Fulham was elected Secretary Pro-Tem.

The Chairman, William O. Sweet, presented an agenda for the joint meeting with the Fisheries and Game Board which was accepted and a copy is attached.

A review of past business was conducted, reviewing some 29 items, and the action taken or being taken, as follows:

Administrative

1. Department Publication.  
Healey working on it. Report January 1, 1955.
2. Regional Offices.  
Funds requested. Plan to be submitted at January meeting.
3. Radio control under Commissioner.  
Executed.
4. Overall five-year plan for Department.  
Will be presented April 2, 1955.
5. Planning Bureau.  
In effect.

Forests and Parks

1. Examination for Forest Fire Wardens - Chief -.  
Examination held - appeal made on marks.
2. Unexpended balances and State Park Bond Issue.  
Examined - resubmit in January.
3. Road Program in our State Parks.  
Report at January meeting.
4. Property. ie; Profile Rock, Dighton Rock, etc.  
In progress - donated by Taunton Historical Society for \$1 and other contributions.



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Forests and Parks - contd.

5. Installing Plymouth Radio System per minutes of April 22, 1954.  
Established in Barnstable County.
6. Equipment at prisoners camp.  
No. improvement.
7. Training personnel at prisoners camp.  
In progress - with Department of Correction.
8. Status of Fire Wardens in Forestry work.  
Wardens are working recreation.
9. Inventory of forests.  
Report due.
10. State Nurseries Program.  
Report due.
11. Applications for seed trees being handled by State Foresters.  
Report due.
12. Brockton Girl Scout Camp.  
Purchase from Girl Scouts - their lease has expired.
13. Signs for our State Parks and Forests by Department of Public Works.  
In progress - written report to be submitted in January.
14. Status of Skinner Park Plans.  
In progress.
15. Chain saws purchased under hurricane emergency.  
Necessary to use specifications established by State purchasing agent.

Law Enforcement

1. Examination for Law Enforcement Officers.  
Write new exam - due February 1st for report.
2. Status of Nantucket Island.  
Set up conference with Attorney General.
3. Training School for Conservation Officers.  
Willard to report February 1st.
4. Hunters' Safety Program.  
Report due January 1st.
5. Status of Fish Inspectors.  
Request due - has not been submitted to Attorney General's office.



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6. Legislations transferring Fish Inspectors.  
Legislation has been filed with amendment requesting Food and Drug Division.
7. Intergradation of Marine and Inland Wardens patrol work.  
Not done - no reason - administrative division breakdown.
8. New Deputy Program.  
No change in policy. No unpaid deputies.
9. Uniforms.  
Inland wardens in uniforms.

New business submitted to be discussed at next meeting:

1. Design for new forest fire truck.
2. Water shed study.
3. Proposed legislation.

The meeting recessed at 2:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 2:20 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Board of Fisheries and Game. All members of both Boards present except as noted above. Chairman Sweet of the Board of Natural Resources presided.

Chairman Coyne introduced Dr. Sheldon of the University of Massachusetts who described his work in surveying Massachusetts with aerial photographs, mapping wild life habitat and typing forests. In connection with this talk, interesting sample photographs and maps were presented.

Bill McConnell was then introduced and he expressed his enthusiasm for the project and its value from the standpoint of foresters.

Following Mr. McConnell's talk, the problem of furnishing 22 additional man months for completing the survey job was discussed. At the suggestion of Commissioner Lyman, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to direct him to find and assign two men to assist in completing the project.

The earlier request of the Board of Fisheries and Game to acquire the Shawme State Forest as a game refuge was then discussed. Since, however, the Army engineers have notified Director Kenney that they are not contemplating the release of any land at Camp Edwards, it was of course obvious that nothing could be done along these lines.

Following the discussion of the use of Natural Resources Officers in the liberation of fish and game for the Division of Fisheries and Game, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to instruct Director of Law



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Enforcement Willard to assist in the game liberation program of the Division of Fisheries and Game for 1955.

Chairman Sweet then raised the question of the abolishment of deputy wardens except when employed in an allied department. The Board of Natural Resources would prefer to have an adequate close-knit organization of its own men in regular service throughout the year than the previous setup with 150 unpaid deputies. Members of the Board of Fisheries and Game commented that such a matter is a question of policy to be determined by the Board of Natural Resources but that like changing the hunting tags it could be misunderstood by sportsmen. They recommended that the two Boards get together in advance on such a matter, and with proper information disseminated beforehand to the general public, unfortunate misunderstandings could be eliminated.

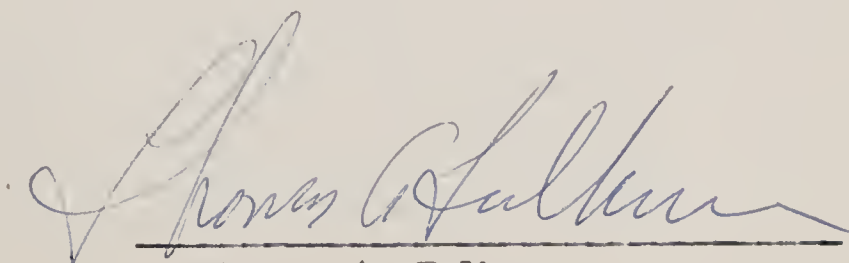
Chairman Coyne then showed a sample of the new license tag which has distinct advantages over the one issued for 1954.

Chairman Sweet called attention to the hunter safety program as provided for in Chapter 456 of the Acts of 1954. He stated that the Division of Law Enforcement had already operated four pilot schools and that all officers were going to be required to take the same course. This would then permit there being a school in every officer's district with qualified instructors from both the Division of Law Enforcement and the National Rifle Association. It is expected that from 2,000 to 2,500 minors will take the course during 1955.

The next discussion was in connection with the suggested revision in the manner of putting into effect rules and regulations of the Board of Fisheries and Game recommended by Mr. Willard. Messrs. Willard and Johnson participated in this and at the conclusion it was the consensus of both Boards that since this is an administrative matter it should be worked out by Messrs. Willard and Johnson without the necessity for official action on the part of either Board.

The final topic discussed was whether or not the Board of Fisheries and Game intended to challenge and overturn any of the ordinances of towns which have closed their areas to hunting. The Board stated that they have no intention of doing so, and further advised that the Attorney General will not do so even though he is of the opinion that such ordinances are bad.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Thomas A. Fulham  
Secretary pro tem



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting, January 11, 1955

The Board of Natural Resources held a meeting in the Commissioner's office, January 11, 1955 at 9:50 a.m. All members were present except Mr. Fulham. Mr. Sweet presided.

The Board members and the Commissioner reviewed plans and projects and the use of consultants until 11:45 a.m., when they recessed until 12:40 p.m.

On motions duly made and seconded, the following votes were taken:

VOTED to authorize the commissioner to grant a one-year permit to Louis Commaro to build a small reservoir of approximately 15' x 20' and 6' deep in the Beartown State Forest for the storing of 15,000 gallons of water for domestic purposes including fire protection for his property, said permit to be renewable from year to year at the discretion of a majority of members of the Board.

VOTED to authorize the commissioner to grant a permit to Doctor W. E. Deacon, Cedar Street, Duxbury, to improve Woods Road Crossing at the south-westerly end of the so-called Brewster lot in Plymouth with the specific stipulation that the road be maintained in passable condition by Doctor Deacon and that all trees and brush be disposed of under the direction of the district forester.

VOTED to authorize the commissioner to turn over to the Department of Public Works a small portion of land in Rowley which has been used as a dump, provided the Department of Public Works is willing to accept the same.

VOTED to authorize the commissioner to sell approximately 100,000 cubic yards of gravel at the Freetown State Forest, in accordance with the memorandum dated December 17, 1954 from Director Kenney and letter of December 10, 1954, from the Callan Construction Corporation to Director Kenney.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to grant a temporary permit to the Gilbane Building Company or the Carling Brewing Company for a 50-foot right of way in connection with the construction of the storm sewers for which a permanent 15-foot easement has already been granted to the Carling Brewing Company. When the storm sewers are completed, the land surface is to be restored in accordance with specifications prepared by this department.

VOTED that it is the policy of the Board to cooperate with all neighboring states in connection with forest fire detection and suppression, and that the Commissioner is authorized to make such radio tie-ins as is deemed advisable to accomplish this purpose when funds are available therefor.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to proceed with the relocation



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of the Rehoboth Fire Tower, in accordance with the letter of December 14, 1954 from the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army and in accordance with the letter of Acting Chief Fire Warden Charles R. Orsi to Director Kenney, including the acquisition or lease of such land as is necessary on Long Hill in Rehoboth and to enter into such agreements as may be wise with the Rhode Island Forest Fire Service for inter-state radio communication.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to exchange land owned by the Commonwealth for other parcels owned by Mr. Frank L. Tree, as outlined in Mr. Bower's memorandum to the Commissioner of January 6, 1955, the state-owned parcels being marked "a" and "b" on the accompanying map and Mr. Tree's parcels being marked "c" and "d".

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to convey approximately 154,000 square feet of land in Otis for the relocation of Algeria Road in the Town of Otis, in accordance with the selectmen's letter to the department dated November 29, 1954, and the map attached thereto.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to proceed with the sale of certain telephone poles owned by the department in West Brookfield as outlined in the letters of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. to the Commonwealth dated December 10 and July 28, 1954, with plan, and to make such further arrangements such as for maintenance and use as may be necessary and beneficial to the department.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to proceed with the construction of the charcoal kilns for the use of Dutch elm diseased wood in accordance with memorandum of John H. Lambert, Forester.

VOTED to make no present change in the nursery stock prices.

VOTED to direct the Commissioner and the Director of Law Enforcement to cooperate with the National Rifle Association in its uniform hunter casualty report.

VOTED to approve the recommended revision of the Rules and Regulations for the use of State Park and Recreation Areas including the charges for use of facilities at the area acquired from the Girl Scouts at Myles Standish State Forest.

VOTED to apply \$46,000 of the funds for development and improvement under C. 660, Acts of 1953, which had been reserved for land purchase, for the purpose of completing projects listed in recommendations of December 1, 1954, and to purchase the land with the cottage thereon at Laurel Lake in Erving State Forest for about \$4,000.

VOTED to direct the Commissioner to have Mr. Healey make up completed dummy in five copies for proposed department monthly publication, with masthead, full text, mailing list, estimated cost and source of funds.

Director Willard reported on planned training school for Law Enforcement



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Officers and it was moved and seconded and unanimously

VOTED to direct the Commissioner to send up to fifteen of the Law Enforcement Officers to the State Police Training School, in March, depending on availability of needed funds.

Adjourned at 4:58 p.m. after determining that the next meeting would be a field trip, with the meeting place to be at the junction of Routes 9 and 27, at 9:00 a.m. on January 26th if the weather was suitable, otherwise on January 28th.

C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.  
Secretary



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting, February 15, 1955

The Board of Natural Resources held a meeting at the Department offices, Boston, Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m., February 15, 1955.

Present: Chairman Sweet, members, Messrs. Fulham and Holdsworth; absent, Messrs. Borden and Cowdrey.

In the absence of the secretary, Mr. Fulham was appointed temporary secretary by the Chairman.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were not read due to the absence of the secretary.

The following motions were made, seconded and passed unanimously:

VOTED to approve the request of the Worcester County Commissioners in connection with the relocation of Wallum Pond Street in Douglas as per their letter of January 20, 1955, covering Parcel 1, 2,800 square feet, Parcel 2, 32 square feet, Parcel 6, 80 square feet, Parcel 7, 3,200 square feet, Parcel 8, 1,100 square feet, Parcel 9, 1,200 square feet, as shown on plan enclosed with request (all areas being more or less).

VOTED to approve the purchase from Mr. Frank Williams, a parcel of land comprising approximately 55 acres adjacent to the Warwick State Forest, for \$100 plus taxes of approximately \$25.00.

VOTED to put into effect on January 1, 1956 the new rate on cottages on our land at the Myles Standish State Forest of \$5.00 a month or \$60.00 a year.

VOTED to notify the Committee on Public Health that the Board of Natural Resources is unanimously opposed to the enactment of 1955 House Bill 708 on the ground that its enactment would not be in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

VOTED to approve the Revised Capital Outlay Program (third revision of September, 1954) \$400,000 Bond Issue with changes as listed below:

- (a) Project C, Foxboro State Forest, to cancel outlay completely and perform necessary work with the Department maintenance force.
- (b) Project C; Mohawk Trail State Forest, to add \$2,000 for the removal of the old and the erection of a new concession building.





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- (c) Project D; Upton State Forest, to cancel outlay completely.
- (d) Project E; Otter River State Forest, to expend \$9,000 of allocation and withhold balance of \$16,000 until area can be inspected by the Board.
- (e) Project E; Tolland State Forest, to reduce outlay to \$15,000.
- (f) Project C; Leominster State Forest, to withhold outlay until area can be inspected by the Board.
- (g) Project C; Willard Brook State Park, to withhold outlay until area can be inspected by the Board.
- (h) Project D; Harold Parker State Forest, to withhold outlay until area can be studied further and report submitted to the Board.
- (i) Project E; Demarest Lloyd State Park, to withhold approval until area can be inspected by the Board.

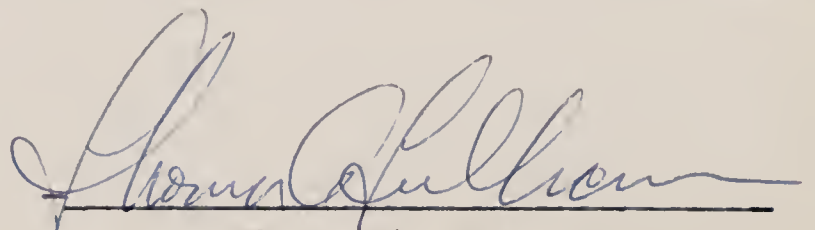
VOTED to add to the Capital Outlay Program \$25,000 for erection of a Headquarters and Service Building at Cochituate State Park.

VOTED to expend from the Reserve for Contingencies approximately \$2,500 for the purchase of 65 acres more or less in the town of Freetown, adjacent to the Freetown State Forest known as Profile Rock.

VOTED to add to Capital Outlay Fund \$10,000 to be expended to acquire suitable wood working machinery for the purpose of fabricating with Department labor, hurricane timber and/or other applicable timber from the State Forests. This fabricated timber to be used to erect necessary service buildings or other structures for use at State Forests, Parks or Reservations.

VOTED to approve Forest Planting Research project as outlined in letter February 3, 1955 to Raymond J. Kenney, Director of Forests and Parks, from Department of Forestry and Wildlife, University of Massachusetts, signed by R. P. Holdsworth, head of Department.

VOTED to approve publication of a Department Bulletin to be known as Department of Natural Resources News. Initial distribution to be approximately 2,500 copies. Publication to commence as soon as necessary funds and approvals are available.



Thomas A. Fulham  
Secretary pro tem

Members of Board  
Department of Natural Resources  
Meeting, March 22, 1955

The Board of Natural Resources held a meeting at the Department offices, Boston, Massachusetts, at 11:00 a.m., March 22, 1955.

Present: Chairman Sweet, members Messrs. Holdsworth, Fulham.  
Absent, Messrs. Borden and Cowdrey.

Mr. Fulham - Acting Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following motions were made, seconded and passed unanimously:

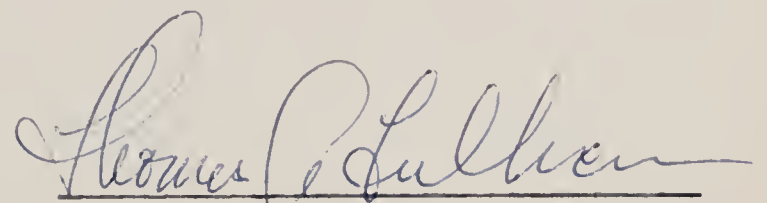
VOTED to authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 for the survey and schematic plans at Hopkinton.

VOTED to acquire a parcel of land of 68 more or less acres in the town of Ashland adjacent to the Ashland State Park owned by Joseph W. Valentine and a parcel at the same location of 1.3 acres more or less owned by Henry B. and Charles H. Eames for a sum not to exceed \$17,000.00. Funds to be supplied from the \$400,000.00 Bond Issue.

VOTED to request Director of Forest and Parks to submit reports on

- (a) Number and location of private groups using State Forests and Parks for various activities.
- (b) Outline of schedule of regulations for the use of State Forests by private groups.

VOTED to adjourn at 1:00 p.m.



Thomas A. Fulham  
Secretary pro tem



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

Meeting, May 18, 1955

The Board of Natural Resources met in the Commissioner's office, May 18, 1955. Present were Messrs. Sweet, Fulham, Holdsworth and Cowdrey. Chairman Sweet presided and Mr. Fulham kept the minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting of March 22nd were read and the following amendments made:

- I. The first vote was one which took place at the February 15th meeting and should be made a part of those minutes.
- II. The following were added to the March 22nd minutes:
  1. "The application of Wakefield Y.M.C.A. for conducting of day camps at Berry Pond from June 27, 1955 to August 19, 1955 on Monday through Friday and the application of the Fall River Girl Scouts to use the Profile Rock area or a special area in Freetown State Forest for the same purpose were considered together and upon discussion it was deemed that both applications fell within the category of special privilege covered in a vote at the 1/15/54 meeting which would not be approved or renewed in the future; therefore it was unanimously  
  
Voted to reject the applications and reiterate the earlier vote.
  2. "The request of Fred L. Nedeau to purchase certain land for housing development adjacent to the Ludlow fire tower was considered but determination was postponed pending further study.
  3. "The request of the N. E. Telephone Company to use the fire tower in Fall River for the broadcast of Edward R. Murrow's "Person to Person" with James Cagney was considered and it was unanimously  
  
Voted to permit such use in consideration of credit being given to the Department and the receipt of a release of the Department and its employees from all liability."

III. Paragraph (a) of the third vote was amended to read:

- (a) "all present permits licenses and leases for use of our state-owned land."



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On motions duly made and seconded, it was

Voted to approve the expenditure of \$16,000 at the Otter River State Forest for expansion of the pond and beach, extension of the parking and picnic area, which approval had been withheld at the Board meeting of February 15, 1955.

Voted to approve the expenditure of \$25,000 at Leominster State Forest for erection of a service building and garage, causeway and dam on which approval was withheld at the Board meeting of February 15, 1955.

Voted to approve the expenditure of \$20,000 at Willard Brook State Forest for a comfort station, water supply and extension of the parking area on which approval was withheld at the Board meeting of February 15, 1955.

Voted to approve the expenditure of \$3,000 for a survey at the Demarest Lloyd Memorial Park.

Voted to reallocate the \$30,000 previously assigned to projects at Spencer State Forest and the Erving State Forest because of interference there with recreational activities.

Voted to reallocate the \$25,000 assigned to Harold Parker State Forest until a more detailed survey can be made.

Voted to reallocate \$22,000 of the \$25,000 assigned to the Demarest Lloyd Memorial Park because of extensive hurricane damage.

Voted to allocate \$2,000 more to Leominster State Forest to complete the program there.

Voted to allocate \$16,000 additional at Otter River State Forest for the erection of a service building.

Voted to allocate \$5,000 for paving the parking area and access road and remove various obstructions thereto at the Freetown State Forest.

Voted to allocate \$26,000 for a service building at the Nickerson State Park.

Voted to allocate \$20,000 additional for the purchase of equipment including trucks, tractors, chippers and various pieces of mowing, loading and grading machinery for use at the state parks.

Voted to allocate \$3,500 additional to the reserve for contingencies.

Voted to meet with the Board of Fisheries and Game at 73 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass., June 15, 1955 at 2:00 p.m.

Voted to refer letter from Alexander Adair, Secy., Chapter No. 2, Massachusetts Bay State Trappers Assoc., to the Division of Fisheries and Game.



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Voted to authorize the acceptance of the gift of Clarence Wedge of the necessary land for the rebuilding of a bridge on Harold Parker Road.

Voted to reject the request of Peter Traversa for a right of way through the southerly part of Balance Rock Park in Pittsfield.

Voted to grant to the Town of Freetown approximately 15,000 square feet for the improvement of Slab Bridge Road in accordance with the letter of the Selectmen, dated May 12, 1955, and the map attached thereto.

Voted to approve the request for certain rights of way from Federal Furnace Road to property of Brenner and certain other landowners in accordance with letter of April 22, 1955 and map attached thereto, under such terms and conditions, including compensation for damages, as are deemed advisable.

Voted to authorize the transfer of certain land in North Pond recreation area at the Savoy State Forest to the Berkshire County Commissioners in accordance with memorandum of April 4, 1955 and map attached thereto.

Voted to grant a permit to Michael F. Dorzdal for one year to cultivate the so-called pasture lot on the east side of Hockanum Road at the Skinner State Park, for which the Commonwealth is to be paid forty (40) dollars.

Voted to approve the purchase of land in Rehobeth for the location of a fire tower and to approve the other matters connected with the agreement with the Federal Government in accordance with the terms contained in letter dated May 17, 1955, from Army Engineers.

Voted to grant an easement to Franklin County Commissioners for the necessary relocation of Cider Mill Road in the Town of Montague in accordance with their letter of March 2, 1955 and the maps connected thereto.

Voted to approve the conveyance of a portion of land in the Roland C. Nickerson State Park to the Town of Brewster in accordance with the Selectmen's letter of April 13, 1955 and the map attached thereto.

Voted to waive the price of 10 cents for the pamphlet "Forest Trees of Massachusetts", and to authorize the distribution of the same for educational purposes.

Voted to sell or dispose of the building at the Pittsfield State Forest located on land acquired by the Department in 1954 and the equipment therein as deemed to the best interests of the Department.

Voted to accept from the Town of Dartmouth their interest in and the control of the Town Landing at the Demarest Lloyd Memorial Park.

Voted to approve and act upon, in accordance with its recommendations. the report entitled "Report of Reforestation Lots", dated May 17, 1955 by J. H. Lambert, Forester, which is made a part of these minutes as follows:



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Recommended to Sell:

#R18 - J. R. Holway lot, Sandwich, 16.36 Acres

An inaccessible lot somewhere within the Camp Edwards Area with nothing on it.

#R19 - J. R. Holway lot Sandwich, 8.54 Acres

A small inaccessible lot within Camp Edwards Area with nothing on it.

#R23 - F. A. Cadwell & L. W. Allen. Pelham, 16.50 Acres

So isolated from roads, that is not practical to try to manage. A small amount of timber on it.

#R24 - F. A. Cadwell lot, Pelham, 7.50 Acres.

A small very isolated lot, not practical to manage.

#R44 - Walter E. Clark lot, Holden, 54.78 Acres

Inaccessible poor growing lot, very rocky, covered with poor cordwood size stand of hardwoods and mountain laurel.

#R53 - H. R. French lot, Hubbardston, 36.40 Acres.

Lot back from town road, poor shallow ledgy soil with mostly poor growth hardwoods.

#R58 - Walter E. Clark lot, Paxton, 45.00 Acres

Practically entirely swamp and poor growth and isolated.

#R62 - F. S. & T. W. Crowell lot. Yarmouth 21.00 Acres.

Understand in process of selling, should get good price.

#R69 - J. E. Brachu lot, Attleborough, 26.44 Acres

Repeatedly burned - no sign of any plantations. Joins city land on East - city might want it. Gas and transmission lines cross it.

#R122 - C. Ritchie Simpkins lot, Yarmouth, 40.00 Acres

Understand in process of selling.

#R128 - M. F. & S. H. Herrick lot, Lynnfield, 7.00 Acres

A small inaccessible lot which has been burned several times, with a poor growth of hardwoods. Town of Lynnfield might want it for Town Park.

#R129 & R133 - C. Ritchie Simpkins lots. Yarmouth, 33.00 Acres

Understand in process of selling.

#R181 - M. E. Pierce & S. S. Gurney lot, Taunton, 28.90 Acres

Very few trees on lot, next to City-owned Hutt Forest, might be sold or given to City or sold as desirable house lots.



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#R185 - Auguste B. Ross lot, Montague, 17.39 Acres

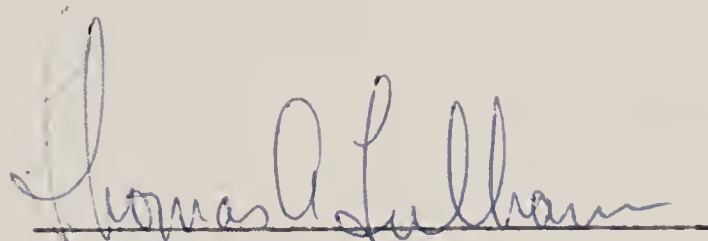
A small partially burned (repeatedly) lot on sand plain near housing development. Better for house lots.

#R195 - Blanchard & Sons lot, Princeton, 58.92 Acres

A very rocky steep hillside back from highway and inaccessible - a poor growing site covered with poor hardwoods.

Voted to direct the Commissioner of Natural Resources to exert every effort to obtain the necessary funds to combat the destructive effects of the pine looper.

Adjourned.



Thomas A. Fulham  
Secretary pro tem



## Members of Board

## Department of Natural Resources

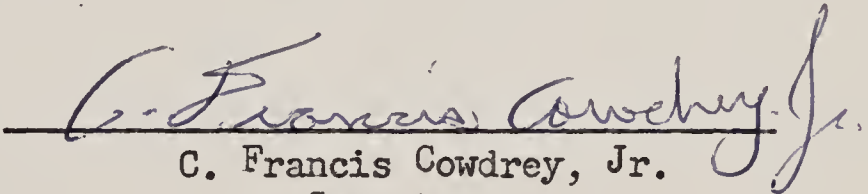
Meeting, June 15, 1955

Prior to the joint meeting with the Board of Fisheries and Game, the meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Chairman Sweet at 2:00 p.m. at 73 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Present were Messrs. Borden, Cowdrey, Fulham, Holdsworth and Sweet.

Upon motion made by Mr. Holdsworth and seconded by Secretary Cowdrey, it was unanimously voted to authorize Commissioner Lyman to act as per his recommendation in the Bowers matter covered by the letter dated June 8th, which is made part of the minutes of this meeting.

Upon motion made by Mr. Fulham and seconded by Mr. Borden, it was unanimously voted to hold the next meeting of the Board at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 12th in the Conservation Building at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.

The meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was recessed at 2:10 p.m. and was reconvened jointly with the Board of Fisheries and Game by Mr. Coyne, Chairman of the latter named Board.

  
C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr.  
Secretary

A joint meeting of the Board of Fisheries and Game and the Board of Natural Resources was held on June 15, 1955 at 2:10 p.m. in the office of the Director of Fisheries and Game at 73 Tremont Street, Boston.

All members of the Board of Natural Resources were present as follows: William O. Sweet, Chairman; Professor Robert P. Holdsworth; Richard Borden; C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr., Secretary; Thomas Fulham. Members of Board of Fisheries and Game present were: Matthew T. Coyne, Chairman; Frederick A. McLaughlin, Secretary; James W. Cesan. Powell M. Cabot and Frederick D. Retallick were absent. Chairman Matthew T. Coyne presided.

Chairman Coyne opened the meeting by outlining the pond reclamation program of the Division of Fisheries and Game and the problems involved, including that of public opinion. He stated, however, that at present the public demand for reclamation work is greater than facilities and personnel available.



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At this point a new sound and color movie film recently completed by the Division entitled "Operation Reclamation", which illustrated the work in detail, was shown by Ralph Woolner, wildlife photographer for the Division.

It was explained by Chairman Coyne that experience has proven that the warm weather months of July and August are the most effective periods for reclaiming ponds. Discussion followed relative to reclaiming three trout ponds in state forests, namely -- Ashland Reservoir, York Lake, and Ruth's Pond, as recommended by the Division, subject to approval by the Natural Resources Board, and tentatively scheduled for certain dates in July and August. Chairman Sweet pointed out the recreation use of the ponds during the summer months, and after consideration, a motion was made and seconded, and it was

VOTED: Unanimously by the Board of Natural Resources that the three ponds be reclaimed any time after Labor Day weekend, weather conditions permitting.

The Law Enforcement Division budget which was seriously cut this year was discussed. The Fisheries and Game Board expressed interest in said budget, and one-half the cost is paid from the Inland Fish and Game Fund. They were of the opinion that if the Fisheries and Game Division had some knowledge of the figures or could receive a copy of the budget, they might be in a position to assist in securing a larger appropriation. With the license fee increase, they favored expanding law enforcement activities along with fish and game programs. There was discussion, and a motion was made to deposit a copy of the law enforcement budget with the Division of Fisheries and Game, which motion was later withdrawn. It was then moved and seconded and

VOTED: unanimously by the Board of Natural Resources that there be joint consultation by the Director of the Law Enforcement Division and the Director of the Fisheries and Game Division in the drafting and acceptance of the law enforcement budget.

The development plans of Knightsville and Tulley areas were discussed. Inasmuch as no clearance on the title had been received by the Department of Natural Resources, no plans have been formulated, but at a later joint meeting said proposed plans would be presented.

Mr. Borden discussed the protection and rights of general public in national public lands, and the Boards were in mutual favor of supporting a resolution relative to public interest over private interests on these areas; said resolution to be drawn up by Borden for joint action at a later date.

The state-wide ecological survey project was taken up, and it was noted that a delay in obtaining maps through the Purchasing Agent had occurred. The Fisheries and Game Board decided to investigate the matter



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at their meeting later in the afternoon.

The Attleboro Hatchery was discussed relative to federal budget, and it was mutually agreed that all would take interest in said matter to assure completion of the hatchery at the earliest possible date.

The joint meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Frederick A. McLaughlin  
Secretary of Board of Fisheries  
and Game



The Board of Natural Resources held its meeting on August 30, 1955 at the University of Massachusetts at 10:30 A.M. Present were Chairman Sweet, Messrs. Holdsworth and Fulham, and Commissioner Lyman.

The meeting was held with Dean Dale Sieling and President Mather of the University of Massachusetts for the purpose of discussing mutual problems of the University and the Department. The group also inspected and considered the problems of the Amherst nursery and discussed the subject matter of C. 439, A. 1955.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously

- VOTED to request the Commissioner to express to the personnel of the Department the gratitude of the Board of Natural Resources for their efforts over and above the requirements of their normal responsibilities in order to alleviate suffering during the flood emergency.
- VOTED to commend Harold L. Ramsey, Chief Moth Superintendent, and each of his assistants and personnel of the Bureau and to commend Messrs. Harding and Walsh of the U. S. D. A. for their excellent performance in spite of their long hours without relief in connection with the aerial spraying for the gypsy moth and the pine looper.
- VOTED to instruct the Commissioner to recommend to the General Court that there be established in this department the position of Deputy Commissioner.
- VOTED to instruct the Commissioner to petition the General Court to amend the General Laws, Chapter 21, as amended, and Chapter 132, so that the words "State Forester" would automatically refer to the Commissioner.
- VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to accept as a gift the B. B. Bristol land in Norfolk, consisting of approximately 250 acres of ponds and woodlands.
- VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to cooperate with and approve the request of the Department of Public Works in accordance with Commissioner Volpe's letter of May 20, 1955, concerning the Westfield River excavation.
- VOTED to approve the transfer to the Department of Public Works for highway purposes three certain parcels of land on the Mohawk Trail comprising about 2.41 acres.
- VOTED to approve the conveyance of land in Agawam in accordance with A. 1955, C. 588.
- VOTED to approve the conveyance to West Springfield in accordance with A. 1955, C. 281.
- VOTED to approve the taking of one acre of land on which we have a fire tower in New Ashford together with a right of way from U. S. Route No. 7.
- VOTED to approve the acquisition of the parcels of land described in A. 1955, C. 519, (Lake Quinsigamond) in order to carry out the terms of the Act.
- VOTED to approve the acquisition of the areas included in A. 1955, C. 523 (Pilgrim Spring), A. 1955, C. 538 (Dighton Rock), A. 1955, C. 566 (Walden Pond), A. 1955, C. 578 (Tenney land on Taconic Trail), when funds become available by appropriation or bond issue.

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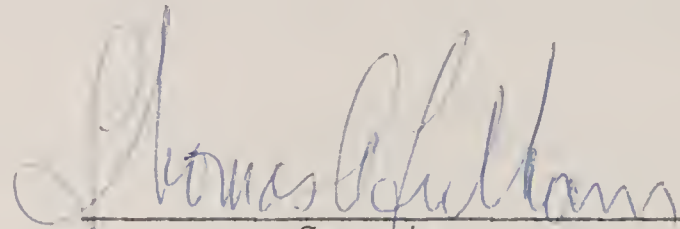
VOTED that the Board of Natural Resources authorize the Commissioner to employ such experts, clerks and other employees from time to time for such periods as he may determine to be necessary for the efficient operation of the Department and that such action by him as executive and administrative officer of the Department does and shall carry the approval of the Board pursuant to Section 3B of C. 21, Gen. Laws (Ter. Ed) as amended.

VOTED to approve the execution by the Commissioner of a lease of a parcel of land in the Wendell State Forest to the Department of the Air Force for use as an access road.

VOTED to approve the grant of a permanent easement to the Kennedy property over state land from Federal Furnace Road, Plymouth.

No determination was made on Senator Conte's request for the repair of the road to the Boy Scout camp, or the setting aside of land on Martha's Vineyard for the Boy Scouts, or the purchase of the Dewar Lot by Farnham Smith; but all three will be studied further.

The Board also received information on Chief Woodman's report on forest fire towers, the purchase price of the Seremeth land at Laurel Lake, the list of special privileges on our lands, the Acts and Resolves to date for the 1955 session, repairs to the Stow Building, the Great Beach Area, and damages to our areas due to the floods and the resulting fall-off in attendance.

  
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the Commissioner's office at 10:00 A. M., November 3, 1955. All the members were present, being Messrs. William O. Sweet, Thomas A. Fulham, Richard Borden, Donald B. Miller and Professor Robert P. Holdsworth.

Mr. William O. Sweet was nominated and elected Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Thomas A. Fulham was nominated and elected Secretary of the Board.

The following resolution was drawn and voted with instructions to the Chairman to have such resolution communicated to C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr., former Secretary to the Board, over the signatures of the Board members who served with him:

RESOLVED that William O. Sweet, Chairman, Robert P. Holdsworth, Richard Borden and Thomas A. Fulham, being members of the Board of Natural Resources who served with C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr. for two years, on said Board do hereby tender their sincere thanks to said C. Francis Cowdrey, Jr. for the opportunity to serve with him, and do express their appreciation to him for his services as Secretary to the Board of Natural Resources, which were given with such keen interest and which were so stimulating and helpful.

After discussion and study the following votes were moved, seconded and unanimously approved:

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to charge any authorized capital expenditure for improvements to recreational areas to whichever bond issue he deems advisable so that the capital outlay appropriations prior to 1955 may be utilized in their entirety.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to utilize \$20,000 for land building acquisition: at Clarksburg, the so-called Loffler land of approximately 1 1/2 acres and camp and that portion of the Estes land deemed essential for an entrance; at Irving State Forest, the Seremeth land and camp; at Harold Parker State Forest, two lots of approximately 12 acres and 5 acres, respectively; at the Leominster State Forest, approximately 14 acres; and at Pearl Hill Brook, approximately 4 1/2 acres owned by Albert E. Terrill, 3/4 of an acre owned by Wilfred Stanton, and 8.65 acres owned by the Girl Scouts.

VOTED that the Rules and Regulations for the government and use of the State Forests and State Parks under the control of the Division of Forests and Parks shall be amended in accordance with the recommended changes, specifically Rules 7, 13, 14, 17, 21, 22 and 24, and that all other rules and regulations now existing shall continue in effect and shall constitute, along with the amendments, the Rules and Regulations to be in existence after legally effective date.

VOTED in accordance with the vote of the Legislature, C. 523, A. 1955, to authorize the Commissioner to proceed with the acquisition, surveys, and title searches at Pilgrim Springs, Truro, and to allot \$100,000 for this purpose.

VOTED in accordance with the vote of the Legislature, C. 538, A. of 1955, to authorize the Commissioner to proceed with the land acquisition, purchase of buildings and development - including surveys, planning, and supervision of construction - at Dighton Rock and to allocate \$60,000 therefor.

VOTED in accordance with the vote of the Legislature, C. 566, A. 1955, to authorize the Commissioner to proceed with land acquisition, including surveys,

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etc., at Walden Pond and to allocate \$22,000 therefor.

VOTED in accordance with the vote of the Legislature, C. 578, A. 1955, to authorize the Commissioner to proceed with the land acquisition, title search, surveys, etc., of property on the Taconic Trail and to allot \$18,000 therefor.

VOTED in accordance with the wording of the Capital Outlay of 1955 to authorize the Commissioner to proceed with the land acquisition, surveys, and development at the southern tip of Plum Island and to allocate \$100,000 therefor.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to proceed with the land acquisition and development of recreational facilities, including surveying, planning, and supervision of construction, at Watson's Pond and to allocate in accordance with the Capital Outlay \$41,900 therefor.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to proceed with the camping development at the Cliff Lake area of Nickerson State Park and all matters pertaining thereto, and to allocate the sum of \$180,000 therefor.

VOTED to authorize the expenditure of \$77,000 for planning, models, surveys, and supervision of development of the recreational areas of the Department of Natural Resources.

VOTED to allot \$50,000 for the purchase of materials and equipment for the recreational areas of the Department of Natural Resources.

VOTED to allocate \$21,000 for concession buildings at Clarksburg, Leominster, Ashland, and Windsor State Forests and three at Myles Standish State Forest.

VOTED to allocate \$72,000 for additional comfort stations at Willard Brook, Otter River, Savoy, Harold Parker, Myles Standish, Beartown, Chester, and Nickerson State Forests.

VOTED to approve the following additional amounts in connection with projects previously approved: Otter River State Forest, addition to administration building, \$4,150; Willard Brook State Forest, electrical work, \$2,685; Windsor State Forest, repairs to dam, \$5,730.

VOTED to rescind the previous allocation of \$35,000 for October Mountain State Forest recreational facilities and to substitute therefor the sum of \$71,364.82.

VOTED to rescind the previous authorization of \$27,000 for the Mohawk Trail State Forest for the dam, pool, beach, bathhouse, comfort station and concession building, and to substitute therefor the sum of \$44,880.

VOTED to rescind the previous allocation of \$32,900 for the Bradley Palmer State Park and to substitute therefor the sum of \$42,485.

VOTED to rescind the previous allocation of \$26,000 for headquarters building for Nickerson Park and to substitute therefor the sum of \$45,000.

VOTED to approve the offer of the Worcester County Gas and Electric Company to purchase our power line at the Westboro Fire Tower in accordance with their letter of September 28, 1955.

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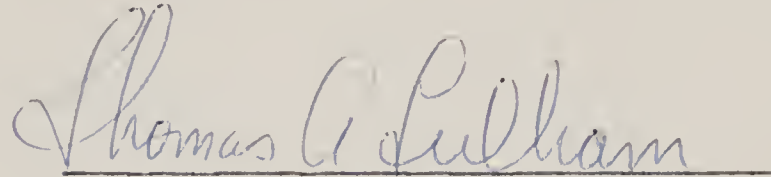
VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to execute the lease for the utilization of the Tully Brook Area with the Corps of Engineers, United States Army.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to contact the Department of Public Works to do necessary work in connection with reconstruction and repair of dams at York Lake, Sandisfield State Forest, \$110,000; Howe Pond, Spencer State Forest, \$27,500; Thompson Pond, Spencer State Forest, \$82,500, as outlined in letter of October 17, 1955, from Harry J. Talmadge, Hurricane Relief Board.

VOTED to issue a Deputy Warden's commission to Fred A. Blake.

VOTED to sell parcel of land adjacent to Ludlow Fire Tower under such terms and conditions as will protect adequately the state's fire tower and access thereto.

VOTED to hold the next meeting on December 6, 1955, at 10:00 A.M.

  
Secretary



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the Commissioner's office at 10:00 A.M., December 6, 1955. Present were Chairman William O. Sweet, Thomas A. Fulham, Robert P. Holdsworth and Donald B. Miller.

After discussion and study the following votes were moved, seconded and unanimously approved:

VOTED to authorize the commissioner to proceed with recreation utilization by the Air Force at the Otis Base in Chicopee on land of the department in the vicinity of the Otis Reservoir or on other land of the department to be used for both department and air force purposes, the details of the arrangement to be left to the commissioner.

VOTED to approve the taking by the Department of Public Works of 4 19/100ths acres of state forest land in Boxford and Rowley for highway purposes.

VOTED to approve the changes in the rules and regulations for the utilization of parks by striking out the special annual parking permit of \$7.00 at Cochituate and also the amendment to eliminate the authority to grant a permit for a float at Cochituate.

VOTED to approve the regions for the 1956 gypsy moth regional spray program in accordance with the attached list of cities and towns.

VOTED to approve the purchase of equipment in accordance with the attached list.

VOTED to authorize the commissioner to grant an easement for a public highway in the Town of Erving to the Franklin County Commissioners in accordance with their petition, dated November 8, 1955, involving approximately 1 1/2 acres.

VOTED to approve the request of the Worcester County Commissioners for the acquisition from this department of approximately 1 35/100ths acres of land for the widening and relocation of Spencer Road in Oakham on such terms and conditions as the commissioner deems advisable.

VOTED to extend limited permission to allow exploration for a period up to June 1, 1956, to Mr. Marchisio and Dr. Brophy for uranium deposits at October Mountain State Forest, provided that a suitable bond be posted for restoration of the land and suitable documents be drawn up for execution by the parties.

VOTED to accept from Western Massachusetts Electric Company such parcels of land as a gift as the commissioner deems advisable.

VOTED to authorize the commissioner to publish a department directory which will list by name, assignment and telephone number each person in the department, to be issued January 1 annually and revised annually on July 1.

VOTED to authorize the commissioner to negotiate with the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority to fix the price to be paid for the lands of the department taken by the Authority.

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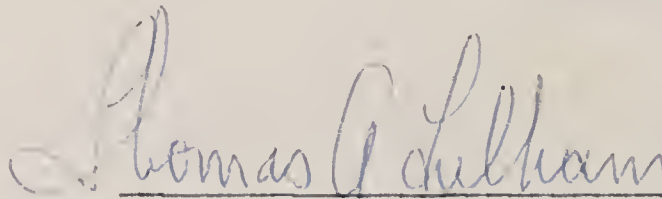
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VOTED to authorize the commissioner to negotiate with the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority relative to micro-wave tower sites.

VOTED to authorize the commissioner to the governor and to the general court that it is the opinion of the Board of Natural Resources that the Greylock Reservation Commission should be authorized to acquire for the commonwealth the property of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co.

VOTED to approve the following expenditures from the Recreation Fund:  
\$6,000, Service Building at Otter River; \$4,000, Tramway Removal, Skinner Park;  
\$14,000, (decrease) improvements at Otter River.

Adjourned.

  
Secretary

Joint Meeting  
of the  
FISH AND GAME BOARD  
and the  
BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

January 17, 1956

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. with Messrs. Sweet, Holdsworth, Borden, Fulham and Miller of the Board of Natural Resources present with Messrs. Coyne, McLaughlin, Cabot and Cesan of the Fisheries and Game Board. Commissioner Lyman and Director McLaughlin were later invited to join the group. The meeting was held in Commissioner Lyman's office.

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Chairman Sweet of the Board of Natural Resources opened the meeting with a wish for a Happy New Year for all.

Chairman Coyne of the Fisheries and Game Board said that at one of their previous meetings it had been decided to carry over the discussion of the distribution of fish and game so that the Board of Natural Resources would be up to date on plans for the future; also, so that the Fisheries and Game Board could receive advice from the Board of Natural Resources and so that there would be a mutual understanding between the Boards in the matter of distribution.

The second article on the agenda would be a discussion of the acquirement of the East Bridgewater area. Fisheries and Game has been interested in this for years. It involves a tract of land in the hands of the Department of Natural Resources. Commissioner Lyman is in accord with the plan that the Division of Fisheries and Game use the land. The object of the discussion is to see whether or not the Board is also in accord with the plan.

The third article was a discussion of the source of funds for the striped bass research project.

The fourth was the subject of legislation for the drainage of rivers.

The fifth was a discussion of the buildings at Upton.

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**FISH AND GAME DISTRIBUTION:** It was brought out that the conservation officers have always and still are playing a prominent part in the distribution of fish and game and that they can give valuable information on the location of posted areas. Under the reorganization bill consideration was not given to the man hours and man power required to take over the full responsibility for the distribution of fish and game by the Division of Fisheries and Game. After a consultation with Commissioner Lyman after the reorganization bill went into effect, it was decided that the conservation officers would continue to assist in the distribution of fish and game. The Boards hope to set up a very cordial relationship among the wildlife men, the district managers and the conservation officers.

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It is the policy of the Division of Fisheries and Game not to stock areas that are not open to hunting and fishing by the public. It was suggested that officers cooperate by letting the Division know about posted land in their districts and that the officers protect the stocked areas by concentrating their efforts where stock has been distributed. Director McLaughlin is to get in touch with Director Willard and let him know what assistance can be given from time to time.

Director McLaughlin said that, in view of the fact that many of the rivers, ponds and brooks have more than one name and that probably there would be several by the same name in a certain vicinity, it would be helpful if the conservation officers informed the Division as to the location of some of the bodies of water. It was suggested that Director McLaughlin sit down with Commissioner Lyman so that they may work this out together.

**EAST BRIDGEWATER AREA:** Director McLaughlin pointed out certain phases of the proposed project with the help of a map. Commissioner Lyman said it looks like an ideal chance for the department to utilize certain land for whatever it can best be used. He said he does not feel that it should be transferred outright to Fisheries and Game but that the land can be utilized to good advantage by the Fisheries and Game Board on the consent of the Board of Natural Resources. The Board of Natural Resources authorized Commissioner Lyman to make arrangements for the Division of Fisheries and Game to utilize this area.

**STRIPED BASS:** Mr. Coyne of the Fish and Game Board said that there was no provision made in their budget for the striped bass project because they had not heard from Marine Fisheries on the subject. Director McLaughlin was asked to contact Director Sargent and make a report at the board meeting. They decided that if they went along with it on the same basis it would take another three years to complete the project. Director McLaughlin and the Fisheries and Game Board decided to include it in the supplementary budget for this year. If they are refused in the supplementary budget they expect to be able to get sufficient funds to go along with it in the 3304-42 account. They will do that if necessary but they feel that it would be better to get it set up under the supplementary budget. Chairman Sweet said he is in accord with the plan if they are sure they can get the money in the supplementary budget. Mr. Coyne said they are surer of getting it in the supplementary budget but if they are refused they will definitely have enough in the 3304-42 account.

**LEGISLATION ON DRAINAGE:** Commissioner Lyman mentioned the number of bills now before the Committee on Harbors and Public Lands on the drainage problem. He said he wants to alert the Boards in case any difficulty arises later. He informed them that later on there is a possibility that there won't be much of any water coming down rivers, streams and brooks to take care of the pollution and that eventually there may not be enough water in some places for fish to live in.

It was decided that the problem should be carefully studied before there is an act of legislation on it. Mr. Borden suggested that Commissioner Lyman and Director McLaughlin get together and work on it. Mr. Cabot made the suggestion that the slogan should be: "When in doubt, no drainage". It was decided that the executive heads of the department appear before committees and speak in the interest of the department.

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Commissioner Lyman mentioned the mosquito control situation; how it is under the Department of Agriculture and how easily it can be controlled by small doses of DDT.

UPTON: Mr. Coyne informed the members that Fisheries and Game is pretty well transferred up to Westboro. Director McLaughlin said he has talked with Mr. Woodman and they are going to clear the buildings as soon as possible but that they are going to have to maintain one of the buildings for storage of materials taken from the other buildings for the time being.

LIAISON: The question of liaison between the Fisheries and Game Board and the Board of Natural Resources was brought up. It is the general feeling that there is no reason why the two departments cannot work together and be mutually helpful to each other; in fact, all present felt that everything is most agreeable. It was hoped that the same feeling of cooperative association is felt by the men in the field in both Fisheries and Game and Natural Resources. They said that differences in opinion can be worked out to the mutual satisfaction of the field men of Fisheries and Game and Natural Resources and felt that the new gun law has established a mutual understanding between the two departments.

ACQUISITION OF LAND: Mr. Miller mentioned that the hunters and fishermen want more land acquired for hunting and fishing purposes. He thinks the two boards should work together on the acquisition of land for that purpose. Mr. Coyne mentioned that they have an item of \$100,000 for land acquisition. He said that sometimes land is acquired and hunting is prohibited, such as at Greylock. It was suggested that 1,000 acres be acquired up there and hunting allowed. Commissioner Lyman stated that the probate court could straighten out the matter of land closed to hunting. He suggested that Senator Conte could file a substitute bill to acquire land and not turn it in as for Greylock Reservation. He said that separate areas should be taken and turned over to the Department of Natural Resources so that they could be used for hunting purposes (with the exception of land that must be kept for sanctuaries).

Mr. Coyne said they want to get all the land they can by sale, lease, grant or any other way, so that it can be open for hunting. He said it is their intention to acquire as cheaply as possible as much land as possible for hunting purposes.

Mr. Cabot brought out the fact that much good fishing is lost to fishermen because reservoirs throughout the state are closed to fishing, even though it would not hurt or spoil the water if fishing were allowed. Commissioner Lyman said that Mr. Sterling of the Department of Public Health would be glad to cooperate in that matter and on anything else that will be helpful to the Board of Natural Resources.

PITTMAN-ROBERTSON: Chairman Sweet questioned Chairman Coyne about land purchased under the Pittman-Robertson Act. In the course of the general conversation, Mr. McLaughlin mentioned that the important phase in the acquisition of land under this act is that if you buy land you must show that you can do something with it and that it must be in the terms of increased game production, not increased hunting. After land is purchased it must be developed for the profit of the game; not for the profit of the hunter.

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Mr. Sweet observed that in all probability, fifty years from now hunting will be done mostly on state-owned land.

Mr. Coyne brought out the fact that they still have to depend on the farmers and land-owners if they want to have successful game programs. He said a problem exists where sportsmen have every right to be on the areas but they are not allowed on them.

OUTBOARD MOTOR CRAZE: The effect of the outboard motor craze on fishing was brought up and Mr. Coyne said they have reached decisions on the subject where it is expected all concerned will profit.

AREA OF GREAT PONDS: It is generally agreed that there is a discrepancy in the area of great ponds and that it would be good if some final agreement could be reached on the size of great ponds.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held at the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston on Tuesday, January 17, 1956 at 10:00 a.m. All members were present. Chairman Sweet presided.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously

VOTED to authorize Commissioner to sell two dilapidated buildings on the Willowdale State Forest.

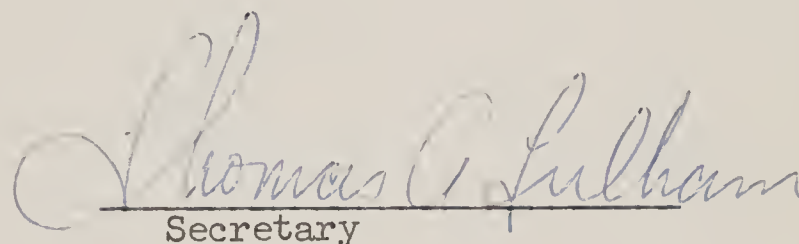
VOTED to approve the purchase of the list of recreational equipment as submitted with the exception of the last two items, and to authorize the expenditure from capital outlay of \$7,500 therefor.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to allow Goshen access to Highland Lake and to make such improvements as are approved by the Commissioner.

VOTED to instruct the Commissioner to thank the Western Massachusetts Electric Corp. for the gift of the various areas along the Westfield River.

VOTED that the Commissioner designate Francis W. Sargent to be Acting Commissioner during the absence of the Commissioner until further notice.

The Commissioner reported to the Board on the numerous and seriousness of the flood control bills. He also reported that Commissioner Oswald is going ahead with the October Mountain site.

  
Secretary



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on March 27, 1956 at 10:00 A.M. at the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston.

It was moved and seconded that Thomas A. Fulham be elected Chairman of the Board, and he was unanimously elected.

It was decided not to elect a Secretary at that time, but to wait until the new member should be appointed and qualified.

It was moved and seconded and unanimously

VOTED that the Board should express its appreciation to William O. Sweet whose resignation from the Board had been accepted by Governor Herter; that such appreciation should be expressed in the form of a letter signed by all the members a copy of which should be made part of the minutes.

VOTED to take by eminent domain certain land in the Town of Truro in accordance with the Pilgrim Springs taking dated March 26, 1956 and the map of said area attached thereto.

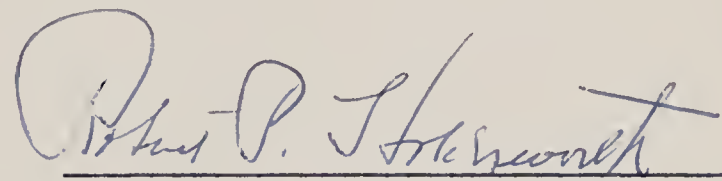
VOTED to approve the request of the Franklin County Commissioners to take for highway purposes approximately one-third acre in accordance with plan dated January, 1956, for such consideration as the Commissioner deems advisable.

VOTED to approve the request of the City of Fitchburg to take for highway and other purposes certain land in accordance with their letter dated November 16, 1955, at a price of \$10 per acre.

The Commissioner reported briefly in reference to weekly reports from the Directors, the setting up of a Forestry Camp for the Shirly School at the lodge in the Nickerson State Park, and the extremely favorable reports on the Flower Shows, the extraordinary work of the men at the Myles Standist State Forest Prison Camp and the chapel that they have built, and that there are indications that the progress of forestry is going to be so rapid in the next few years that the program in connection with the forests should be reviewed.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. Holdsworth, Fulham, Miller and Borden.

Adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

  
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Acting Secretary



A regular meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held at the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, May 15, 1956, at 10:30 A.M. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Borden. The Chairman presided and Prof. Holdsworth acted as secretary.

A discussion preceded each of the votes enumerated below and it was them moved, seconded and unanimously

VOTED to authorize the commissioner to dispose of the so-called Haskins house on the Savoy Mountain State Forest in whatever manner he decides is in the best interests of the Commonwealth.

VOTED to authorize the commissioner to dispose of the cottage located on the Seremeth lot at the Laurel Lake Area of the Erving State Forest in whatever manner he decides is in the best interests of the Commonwealth.

VOTED to confirm the action of the commissioner in selling the old C.C.C. building at the 4H Camp on the North Spencer Forest which collapsed on April 8, 1956.

VOTED to earmark the expenditure of \$7,500 for the improvements of the Lodge at the Nickerson State Park.

VOTED to direct the chairman to advise the Senate Committee on Ways and Means that the Board recommends approval of Senate No. 361 which amends Section 3A of Chapter 21 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) as amended, by increasing the dollar amount which the Board may approve as the salary of the Commissioner to \$15,000.

VOTED to allot the following funds from the unallotted balance of the bond issues:

1. Mohawk Trail Forest, drinking water supply (recreation area) \$2,500; workshop and garage (prison camp project) \$5,000.
2. Willard Brook Forest, Drinking water supply, added funds, \$3,500.
3. D.A.R. Forest, Parking Area and beach, \$10,000.
4. Otter River Forest, Bridge and road., \$11,000.
5. Pittsfield Forest, Camping facilities, Parker Brook area, \$15,000.
6. Cochituate Park, Boating facilities, Storage Bldg. \$70,000 and \$5,000.
7. Beartown Forest, Day-use facilities, \$42,000, Camping facilities, \$29,000.
8. Hopkinton Forest, Day-use facilities, \$78,000, Headquarters building and garage, \$20,000.

9. Savoy Mountain Forest, Camping facilities, \$35,000, Headquarters building and garage (prison pfoject) \$5,000.

10. Freetown-Fall River Forest, Road, P.A, Trails, Benches in Profile Rock Area, \$7,500.

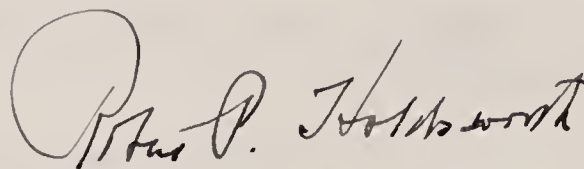
It was decided to wait for sketches of the project for renovation of the Summit House at Skinner Park; to wait until the unsatisfactory condition in the Bay is corrected before developing Demarest Lloyd; to await outcome of certain bills now before the General Court before acting on Harold Parker Forest and Mohawk Trail Forest.

VOTED TO approve the request of the Berkshire County Commissioners that there be transferred to them 3.08 Acres of State Forest land for the relocation of Algeria Road in Otis, in accordance with the layout and plan submitted.

VOTED to table the Resolution of the City Council of Fall River, dated April 10, 1956, favoring a request to this department to transfer to that city the Freetown State Forest to be cleared and used for industrial purposes, pending further study.

The Board heard reports on other subjects including the hearing of the Committee on Conservation on House No. 2866, being the Report of the Trustees of the University and the Board of Natural Resources, the steps in the creation and enactment of a budget, the bill on prospecting and mining and principles of park planning.

Adjourned at 3:30 P.M.



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Secretary Pro Tem

A regular meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held at the office of the Commissioner at 10:00 a.m. on July 10, 1956. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller and Livermore.

The Board expressed its sadness at the sudden death of Representative Richard A. Ruether and formulated and unanimously voted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Natural Resources has learned with deep regret of the death of Representative Richard A. Ruether, who displayed great awareness of the value of our natural resources, his ability to envision and plan their development and preservation for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth, and his tireless expenditure of time and energy on such projects; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Natural Resources express to his bereaved family its deep sympathy for their bereavement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions signed by the members of the Board be sent to his family.

After discussion it was moved, seconded and unanimously

VOTED to allot the sum of \$4,500 out of 8256-09 for the bituminous surfacing of the road into the Service Building and Garage at Cochituate State Park. (Note: It had been originally planned to pay for this project out of 1956 maintenance funds. Because of complications in connection with Flood Repair Projects, this money was not all available prior to June 30th. When the bids were opened, it was found that sufficient money was not available in the maintenance appropriation to award the contract. Money was then encumbered under the Bond Issue, Item 8256-09.)

VOTED to allot the sum of \$25,000 out of Item 8256-09 (\$1,341,900 Bond Issue) for use as a contingency fund. (Note: From time to time contract bid prices exceed the amounts originally allotted by the Board, and this sum could be used to make up the differences).

VOTED to allot the sum of \$8,000 out of Item 8256-09 (\$1,341,900 Bond Issue) for purchase of two wheel-type tractors and attachments.

VOTED to allot the sum of \$10,000 out of Item 8256-09 (\$1,341,900 Bond Issue) for improvements at Cushing Tomb.

VOTED in accordance with notice of taking and tracing map dated July 10, 1956, to make taking of certain lands in Truro as shown in said documents.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to make available to Civil Defense for a Western Massachusetts headquarters the building located on land of the Department near Route 20.

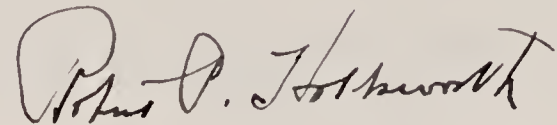
VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to grant an adequate access from Flower Hill Road in Warrick to the old burial ground under such terms and conditions as he deems advisable.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to dispose of buildings located on land acquired in the vicinity of Dighton Rock in such manner as he deems to be to the best interests of the Department.

Joint meeting with Fisheries and Game Board August 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Letter from Attorney Carpenter in behalf of the Miguel Corte Real Society was read and it was recommended that representatives of the Society be invited to confer with the Board at a meeting this fall and that the Commissioner should write and explain that the August meeting would be a joint meeting with the Fish and Game Board, and further that the September meeting was being held in the Berkshires.

Adjourned.



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Secretary Pro Tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held at the office of the Commissioner on August 16, 1956 at 10:30 a.m. Present were Messrs. Holdsworth, Borden and Livermore. Mr. Fulham arrived later.

Directors Sargent and Kenney and Chief Howard attended to contribute to the discussion of the items proposed by the Division of Fisheries and Game Which were to be on the agenda of the Joint Meeting of the Boards in the afternoon.

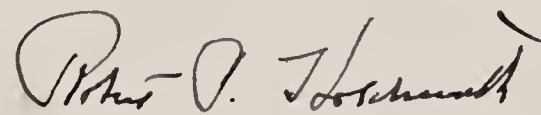
The matters discussed were:

1. Request of Fish and Game to use the site below the Hopkinton Reservoir for a fish-rearing station. It was determined to agree to study the matter.
2. Possibilities of joint action on future land purchase and joint management of present and future land holdings. It was felt that this was not wise.
3. Opening of Harold Parker Forest Field Trial Area to hunting and possibilities of using Bradley Palmer State Park for Field Trial Area. It was felt that this could be done.
4. Possibilities of joint action on the problem of getting rights of way to great ponds. It was deemed wiser to keep aloof from this matter.
5. Deputizing fish and game personnel. The consensus on this was "no".

Adjourned at noon.

A joint meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Fisheries and Game was held at 73 Tremont Street at 1:30 p.m. All members except Mr. Miller were present.

The items on the agenda were discussed and it was agreed by the Board of Natural Resources that as to Item 2, the Department and the Division of Fisheries and Game will cooperate on the use of our forests to provide the greatest yield from silviculture and the greatest yield for game; on the rest of the proposals the attitude of the Board of Natural Resources determined at the morning meeting prevailed.



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Secretary Pro Tem



MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
AND BOARD OF DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME

Time: August 16, 1956  
Place: Boston Office of Div. of Fisheries and Game  
Present: Natural Resources Board Members Fulham, Borden, Livermore, and Holdsworth; Fisheries and Game Board Members Coyne, McLaughlin, and Cabot. Director Sargent and Director McLaughlin.

Chairman Coyne of the Division of Fisheries and Game called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M. and proceeded immediately to the items on the agenda for discussion.

1. Hopkinton Reservoir Area.

Chairman Coyne outlined the Division's needs in expanding trout production and indicated that preliminary studies had indicated that it might be possible to use water from Hopkinton Reservoir and the old filter beds below the dam to establish a trout rearing station. Chairman Fulham of the Natural Resources Board pointed out that the demand for recreational uses of water areas was great and that plans were being made for the area along that line. After some discussion regarding the area involved in the Division's request, the Board of Natural Resources agreed to the Division's continuing the investigation in more detail to determine the feasibility of using the site and indicated general approval to possible use of the site, providing there was no interference with the recreational plans for the area.

2. Acquisition and utilization of land.

The two Boards agreed that whenever possible land purchases should be coordinated to accomplish the joint aims of the respective Boards. Chairman Fulham pointed out that such was not always possible in that much of the land acquired by the Dept. of Natural Resources was in accordance with legislation directing them so to do.

Director McLaughlin pointed out that there was a need for coordination between the Division of Forests and Parks and the Division of Fisheries and Game in developing plans for forest management and utilization. In the discussion which followed it was brought out that in many cases forest improvement practices which could not be justified purely from a forestry standpoint were feasible if their benefits on game production were considered. It was further pointed out that no specific policy could be worked out since each forest and tract of land was different.

The two Boards agreed to the need for multiple use of the forest lands and agreed that Director McLaughlin and Commissioner Lyman should work out the coordination necessary to accomplish this aim.

3. Field Trial Areas.

Chairman Coyne of the Fish and Game Board reviewed the activities of the Division in setting up a field trial area on the Harold Parker State Forest and the agreement between the two Boards keeping it closed to hunting. He stated that because of the small amounts of land open to hunting in the Northeast Section of the State the Fish and Game Board now felt that it would be desirable to open the Forest to hunting in 1957 and requested that the Division of Fisheries and Game be allowed to set up a field trial area

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on the Bradley Palmer State Park which is closed to hunting.

The Board of Natural Resources agreed to the establishment of a field trial area on the Bradley Palmer State Park.

4. Making Fish and Game Employees Deputy Conservation Officers.

Chairman Fulham of the Board of Natural Resources stated that their Board was not in favor of deputizing a large group of Fish and Game employees during the hunting season. They believed that this action would be contrary to their policy of not having untrained deputy conservation officers. In the discussion which followed it was agreed that the same results could be obtained by having the Fish and Game Employees wear an arm patch which would serve as identification.

5. Rights of Ways.

Chairman Coyne of the Fish and Game Board explained that the situation in regard to obtaining rights of ways to great ponds was acute and that the problem of access was not confined to fishermen but also included boaters and swimmers.

After some discussion of the problem it was suggested by Chairman Fulham of the Natural Resources Board that Commissioner Lyman discuss the problem with the Commissioner of Public Works and suggest a joint study of the problem with a view to expediting the acquisition and defining the responsibilities of the various Departments in consummating the acquisition.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Frederick A. McLaughlin  
Secretary of Board of Fisheries and Game

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Votes for the meeting of the Board of Natural Resources on September 1956. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Borden, and Livermore.

VOTED to approve granting an easement to Metropolitan District Commission in accordance with their letter of August 30, 1956 and the accompanying map for such consideration as the Commissioner may approve.

VOTED to approve granting an easement to Metropolitan District Commission in accordance with their letter of August 28, 1956 and the accompanying map for such consideration as the Commissioner may approve.

VOTED to approve the purchase of a parcel of land approximately 16.5 acres and 51.12 feet at the Dighton Rock State Park for the sum of \$25,000.00. The parcel being shown on map dated September 11, 1956 of the Dighton area.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to enter into an agreement with Groves & Sons Company to allow certain dumping privileges in accordance with and under the terms of the letter of August 23, 1956 from Charles R. Orsi to John Lambert and the map connected thereto, and modification of said terms as the Commissioner deems advisable.

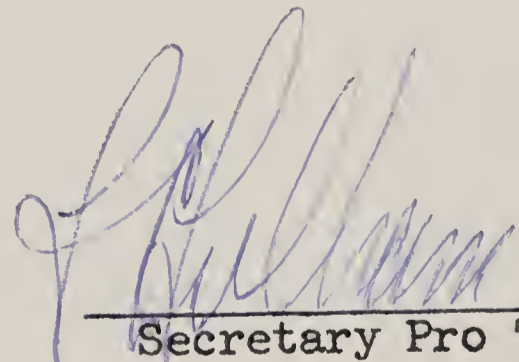
VOTED to approve the expenditure of \$7500 for materials and equipment for a workshop at the Monroe State Forest.

VOTED to instruct the Commissioner to use every effort to affect a cooperative effort with the Department of Commerce in facing marine problems.

It is the unanimous opinion of the Board that the type of cooperation with working committees of both departments can serve as a model for various state departments utilizing their facilities and participation to the best interests of the Commonwealth.

The Board, realizing that the natural resources for which they are responsible affects all other units of the government, reaffirms its policy of having the Commissioner cooperate with all other government units--be they federal, state, county or municipal.

Adjourned.

  
Secretary Pro Tem



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on October 29, 1956 at the home of Donald B. Miller in Richmond. Present: Chairman Thomas A. Fulham, Donald B. Miller, Robert P. Holdsworth and Robert Livermore, Jr. Mr. Borden notified the Board that due to a meeting in Washington he would be unable to be present.

VOTED to rescind the vote passed at the meeting held on May 15, 1956 authorizing the expenditure of \$78,000 for the construction of day-use facilities at the Hopkinton State Forest.

VOTED to rescind the vote passed at the meeting on May 15, 1956, authorizing the expenditure of \$29,000 for the construction of camping facilities at the Beartown State Forest.

VOTED to rescind the vote passed at the meeting held on May 15, 1956 authorizing the expenditure of \$7500 for improvements to the lodge at Nickerson State Park.

The Commissioner called to the attention of the Board the wording of the Capital Outlay appropriation of \$500,000, and in reviewing the many matters contained therein it was felt \$5,000,000 would be necessary to carry out the program. It was felt due consideration should be given to recommending to the Board for expenditure the said \$500,000.

VOTED to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000 out of available bond issue funds for the development of day-use facilities at the Demarest Lloyd State Park.

VOTED to authorize the expenditure of \$30,000 out of available bond issue funds for the construction of service building at the Pittsfield State Forest.

VOTED to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000 out of available bond issue funds for the construction of service building at the Granville State Forest.

VOTED to accept the resignation of Arthur T. Lyman as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources as of November 27, 1956.

The meeting was recessed and reconvened on October 30, 1956.

VOTED to authorize the expenditure from available bond issue funds the sum of \$5,000 for surveys of the proposed Mohawk Trail camping area and the Pearl Hill Brook area.

On the two-day tour the Board visited:

The Mohawk Trail State Forest, the proposed camping area therein, some of which was suggested as being maintained as a relatively unimproved camping area.

Monroe Prison camp.

The Tenney property on the Taconic Trail.

The Pittsfield State Forest - At Lulu Brook swimming area the Commissioner was instructed to contact Mr. Hall Nichols to expedite the necessary repairs as rapidly as possible so that the swimming facilities would be in adequate condition for the summer of 1957.



October 29, 1956

The York Lake reconstruction of the dam that went out in the flood of August, 1955. Considered the problems surrounding the removal of stumps and the improvement and enlargement of the beach area.

Visited the Lower Spectacle Lake area.

During the two days the entire problems of the Department of Natural Resources were reviewed.

The next meeting of the Board was set for the office of the Commissioner on November 27, 1956 at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Fulham was authorized to send out a call for the meeting and a copy of his call dated November 1, 1956 is hereby made a part of the official record.



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Robert P. Holdsworth  
Temporary Clerk



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held in the Commissioner's office on November 27, 1956 at 10:30 a.m. Present: Chairman Thomas A. Fulham, Robert P. Holdsworth, Donald B. Miller, and Robert Livermore, Jr. For the purpose of appointing a Commissioner, Mr. Borden's letter of November 26 to Chairman Fulham is made part of this record.

Mr. Livermore was nominated and unanimously elected Secretary of the Board of Natural Resources.

After due discussion and consideration of various recommendations by the Forest and Park Association, the Massachusetts Striped Bass Association and the Board, Francis W. Sargent was nominated Commissioner and was unanimously elected by vote of Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller, Livermore and, by proxy, Borden. The letter informing Mr. Sargent of his appointment signed by Chairman Thomas A. Fulham with copy to Comptroller Fred A. Moncewicz is attached herewith for the record.

VOTED that the salary of the Commissioner shall be \$10,000 per annum.

The Board expressed the opinion that the facilities for trailer sites should be gradually reduced with a view toward eventual elimination.

After due discussion the Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Forests and Parks were unanimously approved, the amendment from the original copy sent to all Board members being substituted prior to said approval. Copy of the Rules and Regulations attached.

VOTED that the request of the Town of West Springfield that part of the Robinson State Park situated northerly from the Westfield River and adjacent to land previously transferred to West Springfield be tabled for later consideration after the necessary legislation is enacted and that the Commissioner so notify the Park and Recreational Department of West Springfield.

VOTED TO table the offer of the Huguenot Society of Oxford of a gift of land and property for further consideration until after Mr. Stobbs submits full information on the matter including a brief history and a description of the land they proposed to give to the state, and that the Commissioner be instructed to look into the matter further.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to obtain more information in reference to the request of the Town of Ashland for 5.98 acres of land owned or under control of the Department of Natural Resources for water supply purposes and to have formal papers drawn up to aid and consider the needs of Ashland's water supply and to check with Public Health in reference to any legal problems connected therewith.

VOTED to authorize the Commissioner to exchange certain property of the Erving Paper Mills for land of approximately 10 acres of the State Forest in Erving located on the south side of the proposed relocation of Route 2 as shown in Mr. Bowers' memorandum of November 26, 1956 and map attached thereto.

VOTED - The Board of Natural Resources, while deeply sympathetic with the needs and requirements for national defense of specific large tracts of land within the bounds of the Commonwealth, and that some of the areas within the jurisdiction of the Board of Natural Resources fill these qualifications, the Board does not feel that such land in its control should be leased or otherwise encumbered while there is other private land available for such purposes in the Commonwealth, and that the Commissioner so notify Mr. Adams.





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November 26, 1956

Mr. Thomas Fulham  
Fulham Bros., Inc.  
280 Northern Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Tom:

As per our telephone conversation of today, I think it is very doubtful that I will be able to attend the meeting for tomorrow of the Board of Natural Resources. I understand the principal purpose of this meeting is to consider a successor for Arthur Lyman.

I would like to go on record now as wholeheartedly endorsing the nomination of Frannie Sargent, and he has my unqualified vote and endorsement.

I apologize for not having been able to attend more meetings recently, but between illness in the family and work, I have really been in the bite, but I should emerge out of it fairly soon.

My best to all the Board.

kindest regards,

RICHARD BORDEN, *President*  
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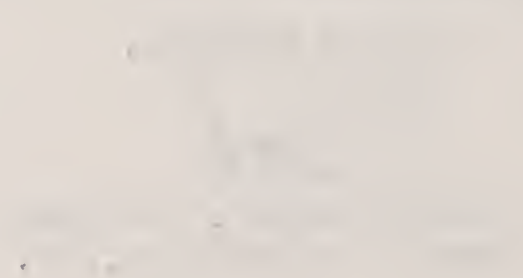


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Reagent	Reaction
Hydrogen	Reduction to the corresponding alcohol.
Oxygen	Oxidation to the corresponding ketone.
Chromic acid	Oxidation to the corresponding carboxylic acid.
Permanganate	Oxidation to the corresponding carboxylic acid.
Acidic dichromate	Oxidation to the corresponding carboxylic acid.

The above results indicate that the compound is a secondary alcohol which is readily oxidized to a ketone and further to a carboxylic acid.



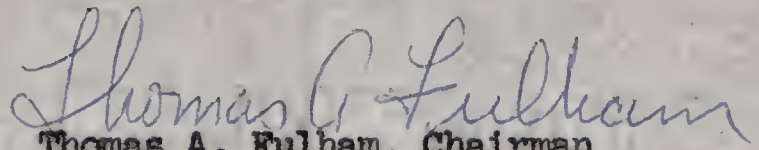
November 27, 1956

Mr. Francis W. Sargent, Director  
Division of Marine Fisheries  
Department of Natural Resources  
15 Ashburton Place  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Sargent:

This is to advise you that, pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Natural Resources by sections 2, 2C and 3 of Chapter 21 of the General Laws, as amended, at a meeting of the said Board, notice of said meeting having been sent by registered mail to each Board Member at least twenty-one days prior thereto setting forth the business to be transacted thereat, at which four of the five Board Members were present, we have today accepted the resignation of Arthur T. Lyman as Commissioner of this Department and have unanimously appointed you as Commissioner of Natural Resources effective November 28, 1956.

Very truly yours,

  
Thomas A. Fulham, Chairman  
Board of Natural Resources

TAF/br

cc: Mr. Fred A. Moncewicz  
Comptroller

November 27, 1956

Mr. Francis W. Gergant, Director  
Division of Marine Fisheries  
Department of Natural Resources  
15 Ashburton Place  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gergant:

This is to advise you that, pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Natural Resources by sections 5, 20 and 21 of Chapter 21 of the General Laws, as amended, at a meeting of the said Board, notice of said meeting having been sent by registered mail to each Board Member at least twenty-one days prior thereto setting forth the business to be transacted thereat, at which four of the five Board Members were present, we have today accepted the resignation of Arthur T. Lapan as Commissioner of this Department and have unconditionally appointed you as Commissioner of Natural Resources effective November 26, 1956.

Very truly yours,

*(Signature)*  
James A. Fallon, Chairman  
Board of Natural Resources

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cc: Mr. Fred A. Nonewick  
Comptroller

November 27, 1956

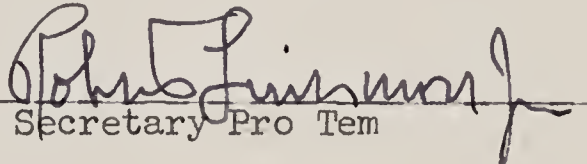
VOTED to authorize the sum of \$4,000 from available bond issues for the construction of a new concession building and parking area at the Nickerson State Park in Brewster. (Explanation: The existing concession building located adjacent to Tent Area Number 1 is no longer adequate for the number of campers at the park. This situation will be aggravated further with the opening of the new camping area south of Cliff Lake. In addition, the present location does not easily lend itself to the parking of cars by those who patronize the concession. A new location on Deer Park Road just south of the entrance to Camping areas 2, 3 and 4 has been selected, which will be more central to these areas and, at the same time, will be nearer to the new camping area. Better parking facilities can also be provided at this location).

VOTED to allot the sum of \$100,000 for the development of day-use facilities at the Pearl Hill Brook section of the Willard Brook State Forest, substantially in accordance with the plan submitted herewith.

VOTED to authorize expenditure of \$106,600 for surveys available from bond issues and planning in accordance with the attached breakdown.

VOTED to approve the appointment by the Commissioner of Frederick C. Wilbour as Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries and that the Comptroller be so notified.

VOTED that the next meeting of the Board of Natural Resources will be held at the office of the Commissioner on December 18, 1956 at 10:30 a.m.

  
Secretary Pro Tem



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on December 18, 1956 at 11:50 a.m. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Livermore.

The Commissioner reviewed with the Board various administrative changes of policy pertaining to the Department -- chain of command, consolidation, contact with public and legislature and establishing a clearly defined table of organization. Commissioner Sargent distributed to the members copies of his memorandum to Governor-elect Furcolo outlining departmental duties, project priorities and budget.

At the request of the Chairman, a memorandum concerning the contracts with various consultants employed by the Department was noted and discussed briefly.

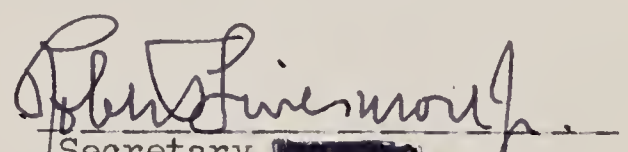

Messrs. Kenney and Lambert were called into the meeting for a discussion of Professor Holdsworth's proposed inventory of the state forests in Massachusetts. It was agreed that such an inventory is most important and that the program should be started as soon as practicable during the winter.

VOTED - to start the forest inventory at the October Mountain State Forest.

VOTED - approval for the Commissioner to acquire certain small tracts of land adjacent to the Pilgrim Springs area and to instigate such legislation as might be necessary therefor.

VOTED - to defer action upon a proposal to purchase and install an intra-park radio unit at Nickerson State Park in the amount of \$2500 until more details are available at a later meeting.

Note: The date for the next meeting of the Board was set for January 15, 1957 at 10:30 a.m. at 15 Ashburton Place, Boston and that Mr. Sterling be invited to attend to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the new Water Resources Commission.

  
Secretary 



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held January 28, 1957, at 11:10 a.m. in the Commissioner's office. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Livermore and Borden.

The Commissioner introduced Clarence Sterling, consultant to the Water Resources Commission, who discussed the duties and responsibilities of the Commission and its relation to the Department of Natural Resources and also the authority of the Commissioner as its Chairman. The Commissioner will outline, at other meetings, the progress of the Water Resources Commission.

It was suggested that at the next meeting of the Board the proposed forest inventory using IBM methods be discussed and that Messrs. Kenney and Lambert be present to give a progress report on this.

Radio equipment at Nickerson Park is to be discussed at next meeting of the Board.

The subject of hunting in State Parks was discussed and the Commissioner suggested that a survey of parks be made to see whether areas might be available to be opened for hunting during the season. It was agreed that such a survey should be made. The Commissioner said that Messrs. Kenney, Howard and Bowers would make this survey and consult with the Division of Fisheries and Game. It was agreed that a news release regarding this study would be desirable.

Messrs. Kenney, Howard and Bowers were called into the meeting for discussion of recommendations on Bills for purchasing or development of land. It was the consensus of Messrs. Kenney, Howard and Bowers that, since land is getting scarce and since the Department was allotted only \$300,000 out of the request for \$2,500,000 for purchase of land and development, the money be used principally for the purchase of land as opposed to development.

The following House Documents of Year 1956 were discussed -

- H-48 VOTED--that money be expended principally for purchase of land.
- H-349 Plum Island. VOTED--that nothing be done on this Bill as we have no money to build an access road and cannot purchase further private property at the prices asked without eminent domain authorization.
- H-421 Recreation on Thiel Farm. VOTED--so long as this area is not primarily the responsibility of the Department and since there are insufficient funds for acquisition and development of lands, no action should be taken on this Bill.
- H-699 Mohawk Trail Forest. VOTED--this is considered a high priority project but because of financial limitations this project must be temporarily deferred.
- H-907 Walden Pond State Reservation. VOTED--so long as this area is not primarily the responsibility of the Department and since there are insufficient funds for acquisition and development of lands, no action should be taken on this Bill.
- H-1742 Tenney Property and in the vicinity. VOTED--to purchase this property to preserve the natural beauty of the Taconic Trail.



- H-1920 Scenic highway through Pittsfield State Forest. VOTED--highly desirable, but funds are insufficient to effect the purpose of this Bill.
- H-2092 Florida - acquisition of land for State Park. VOTED--we should preferably acquire lands in their natural state so as to preserve them rather than, with our limited funds, to remove existing undesirable structures along roadsides.
- H-2093 To develop recreational areas on Taconic Trail. VOTED--since we now own this it was thought better to buy land across the road from this property in order to protect the land we now own.
- H-2094 To clear and mark the old Indian Trail. VOTED--that no action be taken on this Bill until further investigation determines the ownership of the lands involved and the exact location of the trail.
- H-2600 Thiel Farm. This is in essence the same as Bill H-421. See Bill H-421.

Mr. Bowers gave the following recommendations on land acquisitions which would include surveying, searching of titles, and buying from land owners -

\$ 25,000	Williamstown (Tenney land)
25,000	Pittsfield State Forest, Bates Memorial
65,000	New Marlboro (Lufkin land - they want \$50 an acre and would probably cost about \$100,000)
10,000	D.A.R.
15,000	Spirit Falls - Royalston
10,000	Harold Parker
35,000	Goshen
25,000	Whitehall
20,000	Ashland
20,000	Hopkinton
25,000	Dighton Rock
80,000	Norwell
20,000	Myles Standish
30,000	Standish Monument (very expensive land--approximately 10 acres)
15,000	Nickerson
10,000	Bradley Palmer
10,000	At desirable locations as they are available
Total -	<u>\$440,000</u>

VOTED-- that these funds be allocated to land purchase according to the above list which represents suggested allocations according to preliminary survey.

Messrs. Fulham, Livermore and Borden discussed the methods of land acquisition used by the Department and a study was recommended.

It was recommended that the Commissioner find out how other State Departments acquire land and report such findings at the next meeting. The Commissioner said he would also write to Robert Moses, New York State Park Commissioner, to inquire about the method of land acquisition in that State.

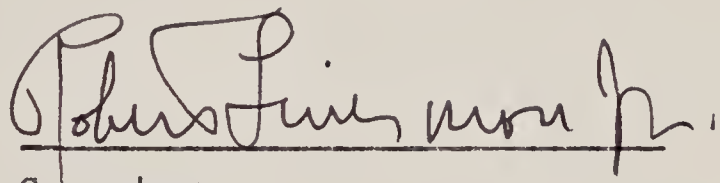


It was understood that Mr. Bowers would continue with title searching, etc., for later final determination.

There was discussion and explanation of current Bills to do with Natural Resources before the Legislature on which hearings have been had or will be heard.

The date for the next meeting of the Board was set for February 19, 1957 at 10:30 a.m., at 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, and it was agreed that a representative of Edwards, Kelcey & Beck be invited to attend.

Meeting adjourned - 12 noon.

  
Secretary



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held February 19, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's office. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Livermore, Borden, Holdsworth and Miller.

At the request of the Chairman, the Commissioner discussed briefly the recent activities and future plans of the Department. He pointed out that he had had a meeting with Governor Furcolo and among other things the Governor expressed keen interest in the recreation study.

The Commissioner reviewed a number of recent legislative hearings on various bills including the gypsy moth bill, shade tree nursery bill, and the closing of woods due to fire hazards, etc. He reported that he had recommended postponing action on certain bills to acquire land pending receipt of the engineering report from Edwards, Kelcey and Beck at which time he will again confer with the Governor suggesting a special message to the legislature. He pointed out that a new form has been developed to keep a complete record on legislative bills.

The financial situation of the Department was discussed and it appears that a deficiency appropriation will have to be requested before the end of the fiscal year. At the next meeting it was agreed that the Commissioner should present further information regarding the financial position of the Department.

After considerable discussion of proposed projects and projects under construction at Lake Quinsigamond, it was agreed that after further study by the Commissioner the entire program should again be reviewed.

It was suggested by the Chairman and approved by the Board that at future meetings the Commissioner should be prepared to report on the activities of the Department since the previous meeting, review minutes of previous meeting, and give a brief projection on future plans.

After discussion it was

VOTED - to hold a joint Board meeting on March 19, 1957; the Board to hold its regular meeting at 10:30 a.m. and joint meeting to be held at 2 p.m. in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place.



Messrs. Lambert and Kenney gave a comprehensive progress report on the proposed forest inventory and after discussion it was

VOTED - that the Commissioner be instructed to proceed to inventory the forestry resources of the State Forests and Parks of this Department. Further, that a request for funds be made of such an amount that will support an inventory team of men who will be able to complete the original inventory in five years and a continuous revaluation which will be completed each five years.

After further discussion as to the most desirable forest land to start the inventory it was

VOTED - that the October Mountain State Forest be established and developed as a model forest.

Radio equipment at Nickerson Park was discussed. After Arnold Howard stated the necessity of mobile communication at the Park it was

VOTED - that a method of communication be established at Nickerson Park which will provide the greatest utility with the most practical mobility.

VOTED - to transfer to the Department of Public Works for highway purposes 0<sup>69</sup> acres of land in Georgetown-Rowley State Forest.

Following discussion on the proposal that the Department of Public Works convey to this Department land under their control that is not needed for highway purposes, it was agreed that the Commissioner would determine what lands would be appropriate and explore the possibility of legislation authorizing such transfers for next session. It was also agreed that Mr. Bowers should contact each Forest Supervisor to see if any such lands are adjacent to our lands.

The methods employed in the acquisition of lands were reviewed. The Commissioner read a letter from Robert Moses, New York State Park Commissioner, on their method of acquiring land. Mr. Bowers reported on discussions with the M.D.C. and the D.P.W. on their methods of land acquisition. After further discussion it was agreed that Messrs. Livermore and Bowers confer further on methods of land acquisition and report at a future meeting of the Board.

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The proposed building for the forestry camp on Myles Standish was tabled for the next Board meeting.

The proposed gift of land from the City of Worcester, two areas

- 1. Great Brook Valley 133<sup>00</sup> acres (approximately)
- 2. Aqua Park 11<sup>00</sup> acres (approximately),

was tabled.

The Commissioner introduced Messrs. Guy Kelcey and Joseph W. Lavin, of Edwards, Kelcey and Beck, who gave a progress report on their studies for acquisition of additional areas for incorporation into the state park system. Copies of this report were given to each Board member as well as Outline of Part II of the Inventory and Plan for Development of the Natural Resources of Massachusetts. Copies attached to minutes.

A format of the 16-page pictorial brochure was presented. Discussion and suggestions for this brochure followed. It was agreed that family recreation should be featured and each part of the state represented in this brochure. The Commissioner suggested that Edwards, Kelcey and Beck prepare a brief statement for Governor Furcolo and the Commissioner to be placed on inside front page of the brochure. Approval of the pictorial brochure was given by the Board.

Mr. Kelcey stated that the pictorial brochure will be ready by May 1 and with a probable first printing of 5,000 copies. They will undertake, as part of their service, to assist in the distribution.

Mr. Kelcey informed the Board that in the report they will recommend to the Legislature the amount that should be expended each year for this long-range program and will list lands, in order of their priority, which should be acquired.

Edwards, Kelcey and Beck will keep the Department informed as to the progress of the report so as to conform with the policy of the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

*Robert F. ...*  
Secretary

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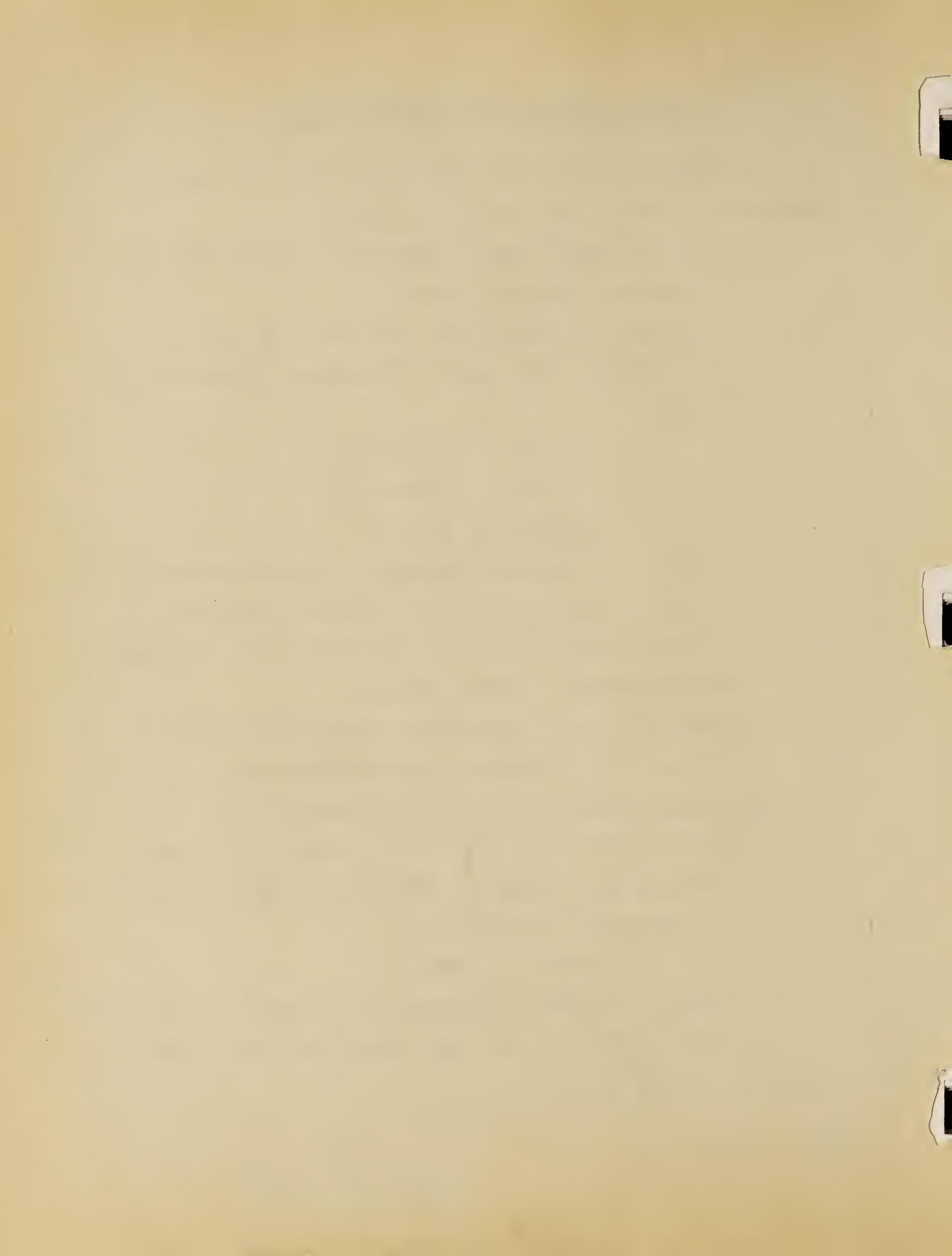
PROGRESS REPORT TO NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

In conducting our studies for acquisition of additional areas for incorporation into the state park system, we have:

1. Made an inventory of lands in possession of the Department and the degree of development thereon
2. Made field trips to investigate land acquisition potentials and expansion and development of Department of Natural Resources land.
  - a. Berkshire County (complete)
  - b. Pioneer Valley (50% complete)
  - c. Cape Cod (20% complete)
3. Contacted and interviewed many public and semi-public agencies concerned with conservation and recreation in an attempt to coordinate the acquisition and development program with present and future plans of related programs.
4. Developed a layout of the pictorial brochure for public distribution and an outline of the engineering report.

Before submitting our findings to the Department we shall:

1. Complete reconnaissance trips for the remainder of the state (Merrimac Valley, Blackstone Valley, Cape Cod and the Islands and the remainder of Pioneer Valley)
2. Submit Interim Reports as required
3. Prepare an immediate and long-range plan for acquisition and development of recreational areas for residents and vacation travelers



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held March 19, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Livermore, Holdsworth and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Board.

At the request of the Chairman the Commissioner discussed the activities of the Department since the last meeting. He stated that as a result of a meeting in Amherst at the University of Massachusetts Forestry Department with Professor Holdsworth and the Department's foresters, in connection with the North Adams and Adams unemployment situation, a forestry program to assist in the economic rehabilitation of the Adams area is being prepared for presentation to the Governor.

The Commissioner reported on the hearing with Cape Cod officials, Senator Stone, and National Park Service Personnel regarding the Great Beach proposal.

The financial situation of the Department was discussed and copies of the additional departmental requests needed for the 1958 budget were given to each Board member. Copy attached to the minutes.

For the next Board meeting the Commissioner and Mr. Edward Mahan will discuss and have available a departmental deficiency request for the current fiscal year.

The Commissioner discussed the progress of various projects at Lake Quinsigamond stating that a Senior Forest and Park Supervisor has been employed for Lake Park.

After discussion of the Myles Standish State Forest Service Building, the Board gave approval to proceed with the construction of the building with the Commissioner setting the location of the building.

Messrs. Livermore and Bowers reported on their meeting on methods of land acquisition and after discussion and approval of existing methods it was -

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to do all preliminary work in connection with land acquisition.

After discussion it was -

VOTED - to approve the conveyance to the Town of Ashland of 6 acres of land.

Following discussion of land in Taunton for Watson Pond Recreation area the Board members signed the order of taking of land.



The date for the next meeting of the Board was set for April 16, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. at 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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A joint meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Fisheries and Game was held at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place. Members of the Board of Natural Resources present were Messrs. Fulham, Livermore, Holdsworth and Miller. Members of the Board of Fisheries and Game present were Messrs. Cesan, McLaughlin, Retallick, Russell, Joyce and Director of the Division, Charles L. McLaughlin.

Closer cooperation between the Boards on matters of hunting and fishing on state lands and joint purchase of wild wooded areas was discussed. The consensus of both Boards was that there should be coordination in the acquisition of lands. The Commissioner and Director McLaughlin stated that they are now working on plans for joint purchase of land.

Director McLaughlin suggested that the forestry work in their wildlife areas be supervised by the departmental foresters. This was viewed favorably being considered beneficial to both forests and wildlife.

Commissioner Sargent discussed tentative arrangements which have been made to permit shore fishing and launching boats at Lake Quinsigamond.

The question of recreation and/or hunting and fishing in flood control areas under the control of the Army Engineers was discussed. It appears that there are many problems in connection with developing such areas for recreation but it is considered that the areas can be most adaptable to hunting and fishing.

The Commissioner stated that, should the forestry proposal for economic rehabilitation in the Adams area be approved by the Governor, he would consult with the Division of Fisheries and Game when cutting timber in order that wildlife habitats not be disturbed.

Publicity for both agencies was referred to and it was proposed that a coordinated program for publicity be discussed at the next joint Board meeting.



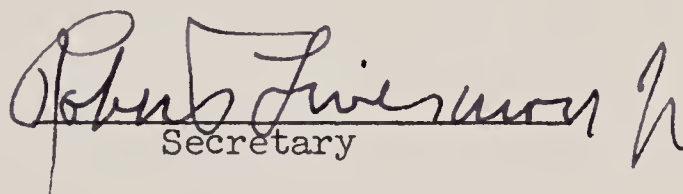
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Director McLaughlin reported that, with the approval given his Division at a previous joint Board meeting, he has started quail and pheasant work in the Myles Standish State Forest.

In connection with the approval given to the Division of Fisheries and Game at the joint Board meeting, August 16, 1956, Director McLaughlin said that, after the sportsmen interested in bird dog trials had looked at Bradley Palmer State Park and Willow Dale State Forest, it was felt that Willow Dale State Forest was more desirable.

Both Boards were in favor of asking for a deficiency appropriation for enforcement vehicles.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

  
Secretary



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held April 16, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Livermore, Holdsworth and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Board.

At the request of the Chairman, the Commissioner outlined various activities of the Department since the previous Board meeting. He stated that the forestry program to assist in the economic rehabilitation of the Adams area had been presented to the Governor. He discussed the meetings in Stow with Departmental personnel. The present situation regarding proposed tramway on Mt. Greylock was discussed as well as the decision to locate the workshop building in the prison area at Myles Standish State Forest.

The several meetings with Edwards, Kelcey & Beck concerning the brochure to be submitted with the engineering report and the meeting with the Worcester Senators and Representatives regarding the Lake Quinsigamond projects were discussed.

After consideration of press notices regarding forest fires, it was agreed that statements from the Department relative to the forest fire situation must first be cleared by the Commissioner and released by Mr. Healey.

After discussion it was -

VOTED - to designate Edward W. Mahan, 1st Assistant to the Commissioner, as Acting Commissioner in the absence or disability of the Commissioner.

Copies of the deficiency request for the current fiscal year were given to the Board members by Mr. Mahan. The Commissioner reported that he had been informed by the Budget Commissioner that this request would probably be cut materially.

The Commissioner gave copies of "recreational projects completed" between January 1, 1956, and April 1, 1957, to the Board members and stated that this information was being released. Copy attached to minutes.

After discussion the Board gave approval to the request of the Appalachian Mountain Club to camp overnight at Brimfield State Forest on May 11, 1957, with arrangements and publicity to be worked out by the Department.

VOTED - that 2060 sq. ft. of State Forest land in Upton be conveyed for highway purposes as requested by City of Worcester.



VOTED - conveyance to Town of Edgartown, as directed under Chapter 128, Acts of 1957, land in Edgartown known as "Meshacket."

Commissioner introduced Newton Mayall, Planning and Research Associates, who discussed progress of Lake Quinsigamond plans and stated that Lake Park is now virtually complete. He also described the work and facilities at Regatta Point stating that filling and grading should be completed in 40 to 45 days. The Commissioner told of the views of the Worcester Legislators as a result of his recent meeting with them with reference to the offer of land from the City of Worcester and after discussion it was -

VOTED - to accept the two areas from the City of Worcester -

1. Great Brook Valley 133<sup>00</sup> acres (approximately)
2. Aqua Park 11<sup>00</sup> acres (approximately)

Mr. Mayall described the plans for the proposed developments at Regatta Point including the proposed restaurant. Mr. Mayall said that the firm of Harris, Kerr, Forster & Company are setting up the proposed financial structure for such a restaurant. A progress report will be presented at the next Board meeting on the status of negotiations with the proposed restaurateur.

After discussion of the recommendation to take \$24,000 from the day-use facilities at Beartown State Forest for the following expenditures-

Equipment & tools - Workshop - Myles Standish Forest	\$ 5,000
Truck - Nickerson Park	4,500
Spraying Equipment	2,500
Radio equipment - Nickerson Park	3,000
Service Building - Windsor (Prison Camp Project)	1,000
Power & Telephone Line - Savoy Mountain	2,000
Lumbering Operations	6,000
	<u>\$24,000</u>

it was -

VOTED - to approve the expenditure of \$24,000 and that the funds be taken from the previous allotment of \$42,000 for day-use facilities at Beartown State Forest.

Commissioner is to report on acquisition of land at Plum Island at next Board meeting.

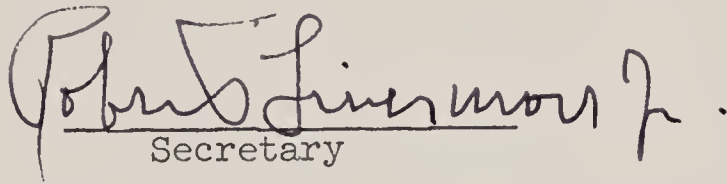


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John Lambert reported on progress of forest inventory proposal and gave members of Board copy of report.

The date for next meeting of the Board was set for May 14, 1957.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

  
Secretary



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held May 14, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Borden, Holdsworth and Livermore.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Board.

The Commissioner gave a detailed report on the forest fires and it was suggested that the Board send a letter of commendation to the personnel of the Department in recognition of their distinguished work and cooperation during the emergency and it was -

VOTED - that the Commissioner write a letter of commendation to the Directors on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Sargent reviewed his meetings with the Worcester Senators and Representatives on May 3 and with the City Officials of Worcester on May 6 regarding plans for Lake Quinsigamond and stated that the Department has suspended all further plans for this project until all aspects of the development have been reviewed by Messrs. Kenney and Howard. Copy of the statement made to the City Officials of Worcester was given to Board Members.

Mr. McWilliams and associates, of the Air Force Cambridge Research Center, Air Research and Development Command, U. S. Air Force, were introduced to the Board to present their request that authorization be granted them to erect an antenna for electronics research in the Bradley Palmer State Park in Ipswich. After discussion of the location for the proposed project the Board informed the group that its decision regarding their request would be sent to them within two or three days.

It was the consensus of the Board that a letter be sent to Lt. Colonel Robert L. Dubose, Installation Officer, Cambridge Research Center, by the Commissioner stating that the Board was reluctant to grant the request for the installation of the antenna at Bradley Palmer State Park but suggesting several privately owned locations in the immediate vicinity and that the Board would reconsider their request should these suggested locations be unsatisfactory.



After consideration of the proposal made by the Erving Paper Mills to convey to the Commonwealth approximately 57 of the northernmost acres in their tract of land in Erving in exchange for approximately 12 acres of land owned by the Commonwealth which abuts their land on the west, which proposal was unacceptable to the Board, it was -

VOTED - to offer an exchange of 138 acres, being all of their land situated north of the proposed highway, for the 12 acres and to so notify the Erving Paper Mills.

Following discussion it was -

VOTED - to approve the conveyance by the Commonwealth to the South Sagamore Water District an easement of land in pursuance of the Acts of 1946, Chapter 503.

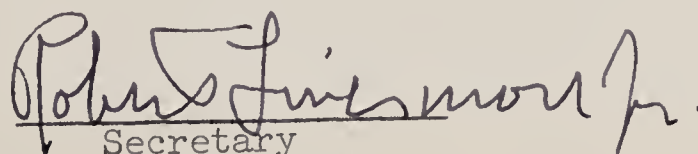
The offer of Lawrence Southworth to sell 7 acres of land near the Myles Standish Monument was examined in relation to the appraisal prepared for the Department and it was -

VOTED - to authorize Mr. Bowers to have another appraisal made.

Commissioner Sargent and Mr. Kenney reported in detail on the present forest fire setup for the Department and the existing arrangements with local Fire Departments. A program is being drafted to be presented to the Governor for additional requirements for future forest fire work, including personnel and equipment.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for June 11, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

  
Secretary



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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held June 11, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Borden and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Board.

Commissioner Sargent reviewed the progress of the program for the rehabilitation of the areas burned in the forest fires. He told of his visit to Lake Quinsigamond and Dighton Rock. In further discussing Lake Quinsigamond, he stated that the Department is now going back to the original plans for the development of Regatta Point which were primarily designed for swimming and boating and that he and Messrs. Kenney and Howard had met with Mr. Mayall, the designer, to implement this decision without further delay.

It was decided that the July Board meeting be held at the Headquarters at Lake Cochituate to be followed by a visit to Lake Quinsigamond.

When discussing the budget, it was agreed that the Department Supplemental Budget request for 1958 should ask for restoration of all items cut out of the Governor's budget plus certain other items in order to prevent curtailment of activities--the proposed forest inventory item will also be included in the supplementary request.

Mr. Singer, of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, was introduced to the Board members to present his request for a radio communications center consisting of four towers and one building to be situated adjacent to the Sandwich Fire Tower, Telegraph Hill, Sandwich. After discussion of the proposed project the Board informed Mr. Singer that their decision would be transmitted to him very shortly. After further consideration of this site, which is isolated from the forest, it was -

VOTED - that the Commissioner negotiate with the Civil Aeronautics Administration to make arrangements, satisfactory to both parties, for erection of four towers and one building on Telegraph Hill, Sandwich, and further stipulate that the Civil Aeronautics Administration supply their own power and telephone lines on the hill and provide an access road and maintenance of such road.



A representative of Edwards, Kelcey & Beck presented the final draft of their report and the Commissioner's letter of transmittal was given to the Board members. The final format of the pictorial brochure was shown to the Board by a representative of Herbert W. Frank Advertising and was approved by the Board. Upon the Commissioner stating that he had read the final report of Edwards, Kelcey & Beck, the Board gave its approval to the report as a basis for future action.

After consideration of the rebuilding of privately owned cottages destroyed by fire at Myles Standish State Forest, it was -

VOTED - that the Commissioner write the cottage owners giving permission to rebuild but with the provision that with our long-range recreational program they will eventually have to remove these cottages from state property.

VOTED - to approve conveyance by Peter L. Trudeau of 84 acres of land in Becket.

VOTED - to approve conveyance by Kelly Lumber Company to sell 26 acres of land in Becket.

VOTED - to approve conveyance by Charles W. Engwer of  $69\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land in Becket.

VOTED - to approve conveyance of Gordon W. Coburn of  $136\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land in Becket.

VOTED - to approve conveyance of Donald B. Miller of land in Hancock and Lanesboro.

VOTED - to approve conveyance of Ernest G. Smith of 60 acres of land in Winchendon.

VOTED - to authorize Mr. Bowers to make an offer of \$5,000 to Allister F. MacDougall for about 4 acres of land in Ashby.

VOTED - to authorize Mr. Bowers to make an offer of \$20,000 to Laurence Southworth for land at Standish Monument.

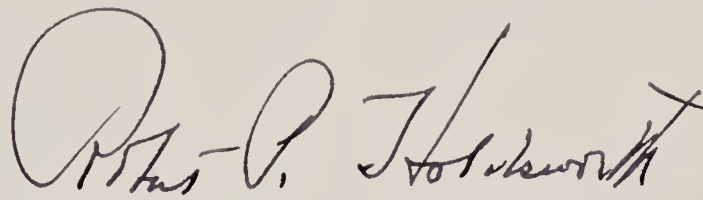


VOTED - that the Commissioner be empowered to approve land acquisitions up to \$5,000 which he deems in the public interest and upon completion of any transaction to report to the Board at its next meeting.

The suggestion by Chairman Fulham that the September meeting be a review and planning meeting was approved by the Board.

The date for the next meeting was set for July 23, 1957, at 10:30 a.m., at the Headquarters, Lake Cochituate.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



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Secretary pro tem



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held July 23, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. 209  
in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Borden,  
Livermore, Holdsworth and Miller.

Due to the present drought and forest fire emergencies the meeting was held in the  
Commissioner's office rather than at Lake Cochituate as was set at the Board meeting of  
June 11, 1957.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Board.

Commissioner Sargent, in discussing the drought, stated that he had been designated  
Chairman of the Weather Amendment Board. He reviewed his meetings with the Governor,  
Dr. Howell, the meteorologist, the Weather Amendment Board, the public hearing in Taunton  
and the final decision of the Weather Amendment Board to authorize the Department of  
Agriculture to enter into an agreement with W. E. Howell Associates, Inc., to use  
artificial means to induce rainfall in Plymouth and Bristol Counties.

The revised plans for Regatta Point, Lake Quinsigamond, were discussed by the  
Board which gave its approval.

The Commissioner reported that the printed engineering reports and pictorial  
brochure have been received from Edwards, Kelcey and Beck and that a special message,  
to be submitted to the Legislature by the Governor, has been prepared to accompany the  
engineering report which will be delivered to the Governor this week. The Department  
is recommending to the Governor that in his special message to the Legislature an  
appropriation of 5 million dollars be made to start this land acquisition and development  
program using the Edwards, Kelcey & Beck report as a basis for action. The Commissioner  
gave a brief description of the suggested top priority areas to be acquired and developed  
as the first part of the program.

The Board approved in principle the recommendations of the Commissioner to the  
Governor along with the message to the Legislature in connection with the Edwards,  
Kelcey & Beck engineering report.

Following discussion of two designs of decalcomanias for Department cars the  
Board gave approval to one design to be used on all cars--a round blue and white shield  
imprinted, Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources.



After consideration of public protests against the reported banning of trailers in State Parks and the opinion made by the Board at its meeting November 27, 1956, that the facilities for trailers in trailer parks should be gradually reduced with a view toward their eventual elimination it was -

VOTED - to reaffirm the original vote that the Department will not construct additional trailer parks for trailers but trailers will be admitted to State Parks if there is room and the terrain is suitable for trailers.

VOTED - to let offer of \$5,000 to Allister F. MacDougall for 4 acres of land in Ashby stand and not consider Mr. MacDougall's counter offer.

VOTED - to make an offer of \$250 per acre for the Walker land.

VOTED - to make an offer of \$10,000 for the Thull property.

VOTED - to accept offer of Aiken to sell 53<sup>75</sup> acres of land.

VOTED - to make an offer of \$150 per acre for Fahey land.

VOTED - to approve acquisition of Merriam land at a suggested price of \$150 per acre.

VOTED - to reject consideration of offer of Carbone to sell land at \$400 per acre.

VOTED - not to approve consideration of Hammond land until possible negotiations for Aiken and so-called Manning land are completed.

VOTED - to approve the conveyance of land to the Town of Freetown for highway purposes.

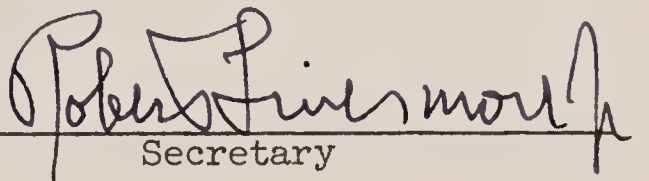
VOTED - not to increase the previous offer of \$20,000 for Southworth land.

VOTED - to approve easement for water line, Robinson State Park, for City of Springfield.

Board members signed easement.

The date for the next meeting of the Board was set for August 20, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. at 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

  
Secretary



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held August 20, 1957 213  
at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place. Present  
were: Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller and Livermore.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Board.

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

Chairman Fulham, with the approval of the Board, recommended that the September meeting be a review of the minutes of the last three years to ascertain what recommendations and votes of the Board have been carried out and to make a projection of the plans for the next three years.

Mr. Housen, President of the Erving Paper Mills, and his attorneys, Messrs. Tucker and Hyman, were introduced to the Board to present their proposal of an offer to purchase 12 acres of land in Erving owned by the Commonwealth at \$100 per acre. Following discussion, the Chairman informed Mr. Housen and his associates that the Commissioner would make known the Board's decision, by telephone, to them at the close of the Board meeting.

VOTED - not to accept the offer of the Erving Paper Mills to purchase  
12 acres of land in Erving owned by the Commonwealth at \$100  
per acre.

After consideration by the Board of the proposed change in regulations relating to hunting and trapping on state forests and parks and the public hearing necessitated by such change it was -

VOTED - that hunting and trapping be permitted on all state forests with  
the exception of -

Swann Forest, Monterey  
D.A.R. Forest, Goshen  
Federation of Womens Clubs Forest, Petersham  
Willowdale State Forest, Ipswich, except Hood Pond Tract

and that hunting and trapping be permitted on the following state  
parks only -

Nickerson State Park, Brewster  
Clarksburg State Park, Clarksburg



Tenney Property, Williamstown  
Pilgrim Springs, Truro

and that hunting and trapping be prohibited within 100 yards of all recreational areas on all state forests and parks.

At the suggestion of Mr. Livermore, who was of the opinion that there is confusion on the part of local communities as to the state's position in assisting these communities to eradicate the dutch elm disease, it was recommended that the Commissioner start a publicity campaign on this matter.

VOTED - to purchase land in Williamstown amounting to 106.32 acres offered the state by Beulah Bailey Thull if she will accept a price of \$10,000.

VOTED - to accept offer of Vera Haskell to sell approximately 62 acres of land in Ashland for \$25,000.

Complying with a previous vote of the Board that the Commissioner be empowered to approve land acquisitions up to \$5,000 and to report such transactions to the Board, the following were presented to the Board and were so approved.

Bernard Merriam land of 15  $\frac{4}{10}$  acres in Hopkinton.

Parmenter Land Corp., 2 parcels of land in Hopkinton,  
60 sq. rods and  $5\frac{1}{2}$  acres.

Francis D. Gagnon land in Hancock to be acquired at appraised value.

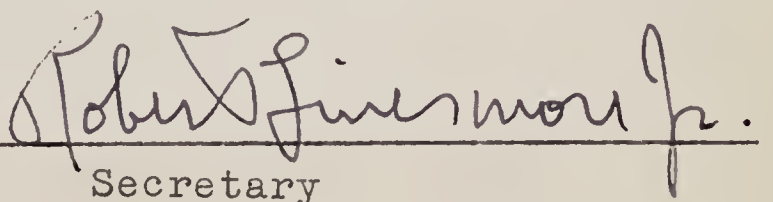
Frederick Rowe land, 6 parcels totaling 793 acres, in Warwick.

It was moved and seconded that Thomas A. Fulham be re-elected Chairman of the Board and he was unanimously elected.

It was moved and seconded that Robert Livermore, Jr. be re-elected Secretary of the Board and he was unanimously elected.

The date for the next meeting was set for September 17, 1957 at 10:30 a.m. at the Headquarters, Cochituate State Park.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

  
Secretary



After discussion of the request of Evelyn F. and John M. Moriarty for the renewal of their permit to operate the Totem Trading Post on the Mohawk Trail State Forest, the Board instructed the Commissioner to inform Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty of its approval of their permit to continue personal operation of the Totem Trading Post as long as there was no transfer of this permit for business to any other person.



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held September 17, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. at the Headquarters, Cochituate State Park. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Borden, Miller, Holdsworth, Livermore. Also present were Messrs. Kenney, Willard, Wilbour, Howard, Bowers, Healey and Foster. 217

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Board.

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

Chairman Fulham, in accordance with the recommendation made at the August Board meeting, asked each Director to report on the activities of his Division for the past three years and give a projection of future plans for the Division. Reports were made by the following. Copies of reports attached to the minutes.

C. Henry W. Foster	- Consultant to Water Resources Commission
Howard S. Willard	- Director of the Division of Law Enforcement
Raymond J. Kenney	- Director of the Division of Forests & Parks
Arnold Howard	- Chief of Recreation, Division of Forests & Parks
Frederick Bowers	- Parks Engineer
Frederick C. Wilbour, Jr.	- Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries

Chairman Fulham expressed the gratitude and thanks of the Board for the very fine record of accomplishment since the change in organization in 1953 and stated that the Department had made him very proud to be a member of the Board.

The Board recommended that the Commissioner write a letter of appreciation to the members of the Division of Law Enforcement who prepared the luncheon.

It was also a recommendation of the Board that the Commissioner write to Carl Lydiard, Park Superintendent, thanking him for his hospitality and the fine appearance of the Headquarters at Cochituate.

After discussion of the proposed prison camp at October Mountain, the Board directed the Commissioner to inform Commissioner Arthur T. Lyman, Department of Correction, of its desire to further such plans.

The Board directed the Commissioner to start the forest inventory on the October Mountain State Forest inasmuch as funds for the requested



state-wide inventory team and vehicle had not been provided in the Supplementary Budget.

After discussion it was -

VOTED - to acquire a parcel of land in Hancock, approximately 54 acres, from Francis D. Gagnon at a cost of \$2,100.

VOTED - to acquire a parcel of land, approximately 50 acres, situated on the northerly side of Paradise Pond in Princeton from Roger W. Foster for \$5,000.

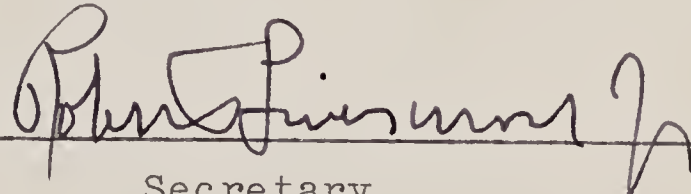
VOTED - to acquire a parcel of land, supposed to contain 17.21 acres situated on Pearl Hill Brook in Lunenburg and Townsend, from Fred L. Taylor for the sum of \$1,290.75.

VOTED - to reject offer of Austin McHugh to sell 3.5 acres of land and buildings in Ashby for \$20,000.

It was decided to arrange a joint meeting with the Board of Fisheries and Game on October 22, 1957 in Pittsfield.

After inspecting the boat landing ramp at Cochituate State Park the Board and Directors visited Ashland State Park and Quinsigamond State Park, Lake Park area and the construction at Regatta Point.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

  
Secretary

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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held October 22, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. at the Pittsfield State Forest Lodge. Present were Messrs. Borden, Miller, Livermore and Holdsworth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Board.

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

Following the inquiry of the Board as to the progress of the forest inventory at October Mountain, the Commissioner stated that he would hold a meeting with Director Kenney and John Lambert to see that top priority is given to this project.

Representative James DeNormandie was introduced to the Board to present his proposal that the Department purchase two houses near Walden Pond which have been offered for sale at \$7,500 each in order to enlarge and clean up the Walden Pond State Reservation. After discussion the Board informed Representative DeNormandie that it could not give approval for this purchase. The Commissioner recommended that further exploration be given to this proposition.

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to proceed with the acquisition of land under

Chapter 763 of the Acts of 1957 at -

- (a) North Sugar Loaf Mountain ) \$55,000
- (b) Black's Pond, Franklin County )
- (c) Provincetown - \$100,000.

The Board directed the Commissioner to look into the matter of developing recreational areas at Black's Pond and North Sugar Loaf Mountain.

VOTED - to approve request of Hampden County Commissioners that 350 square feet of State Forest land be conveyed to them for highway purposes.

VOTED - to approve offer of Carl O. Klingholz to sell two parcels of land and buildings in Hawley and Plainfield -

- (a) 216 acres and buildings - \$18,000
- (b) 70 acres \$ 700
- \$18,700.

VOTED - to reject offer of Erving Paper Mills to exchange 114 acres of land for 12-acre parcel of land owned by the Commonwealth.

VOTED - to reject proposal of Arthur P. Foster that the purchase price of Lots 310 and 391 at Plum Island, accepted at a sales price of \$666, be increased to \$800.



VOTED - to grant request of Philip Ball, Jr., attorney for Mrs. Florence W. Tripp, that confirmatory deed be given to Mrs. Tripp to replace lost deed for 16-acre parcel of land conveyed to the Commonwealth in 1922 for reforestation purposes with right to redeem or repurchase the land in ten years. Land was redeemed by the grantor and a deed given to Florence W. Tripp on January 18, 1927.

VOTED - to increase allotment for service building and garage at Pittsfield State Forest from \$25,000 to \$45,000.

The Board approved the Commissioner's decision to remove the "no hunting" signs from the acreage owned by the Department on Plum Island.

Robert Livermore, Jr., recommended that land known as Bald Hill consisting of 184 acres surrounding the Boxford State Forest be considered for eventual purchase. It was the consensus that this land might be of interest to both the Department of Natural Resources and the Division of Fisheries and Game and further discussion was deferred to the joint Board meeting to be held in the afternoon.

Donald B. Miller recommended that the Board consider a parcel of land of approximately 160 acres, for recreational purposes, for sale at Goose Pond in Lee. The Board stated that it would visit this area at the close of the joint Board meeting.

At the conclusion of the joint Board meeting the members of the Board of Natural Resources, with the exception of Professor Holdsworth, drove to Lee to look at property on the shore of Goose Pond for possible acquisition. It was the opinion of those present that the cottage colony on the opposite shore made the area less desirable than others under consideration.

The date for the next meeting of the Board has been set for November 12, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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A joint meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Fisheries and Game was held at 2:30 p.m. Members of the Board of Natural Resources present were Messrs. Borden, Miller, Livermore and Holdsworth. Members of the Board of the Division of Fisheries and Game present were Messrs. Cesan, McLaughlin, Retallick and Russell. Commissioner Francis W. Sargent and Director of Fisheries and Game, Charles L. McLaughlin, were also present.

Copies of the Rules and Regulations Relative to Hunting and Trapping within the State Forests, State Parks and State Reservations were given to members of both Boards and discussed briefly.

It was the consensus that flood control area projects could be used jointly and should be looked into for possible use.

Following discussion of joint purchase of land at Bald Hill, Boxford, in which both the Department of Natural Resources and the Division of Fisheries and Game have an interest, it was decided that further investigation should be made.

The Commissioner and Director of Fisheries and Game told of their meeting with Moseley, Alfred & Associates in connection with a publicity program sponsored by the optometrists throughout the state to give eye-screening examinations without cost to hunters with 1957 hunting licenses as a public service to help cut down the increasing number of shooting accidents. It was considered doubtful that many hunters would participate.

After discussion of in-service training and handling of public by law enforcement officers of the Department it was unanimously VOTED - that the Commissioner and Director study the matter of improvement of law enforcement in relation to training and public relations and report to the next joint Board meeting.

The Commissioner, at the request of Mr. Miller, gave a brief description of the National Park Service proposal for creating a 33-mile park along the Outer Beach of Cape Cod, which he is actively supporting. Once established as a National Park the lands would probably be closed for hunting but fishing would be encouraged.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Robert Livermore  
Secretary



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held November 12, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. 227  
in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Borden,  
Miller and Potter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Fulham welcomed Richard C. Potter, the new Board member, and gave a brief description of the Act relative to organization, powers, and duties of the Department of Natural Resources and a short history of the setup, functions, and problems of the Department before and since the 1953 reorganization.

Among the activities of the Department, since the previous meeting, which the Commissioner reviewed were the following -

Tourist Route System	Nantucket - forestry project
Parks Bulletin	Reforestation - purchase of equipment
Governor's Travel/Vacation Committee	Forest Fire Commission
Annual Report	Lake Quinsigamond projects
Legislation	Weather Amendment Board - New Hampshire
Boston Harbor Islands	Seismic Studies - Plum Island
October Mountain forest inventory	

Copies of the Commissioner's Annual Report were given to each Board member.

The Commissioner informed the board that the new position of Administrative Assistant, with duties including supervision of budget, payroll records, and bookkeeping, had been given approval and the position was now filled by Harold J. Greene, of Wakefield.

After discussion of the Lake Quinsigamond project, Mr. Potter, who is familiar with the area and its problems, offered to study the eventual use of these areas and report his findings at a future date. This proposal was welcomed by the Board.

The Commissioner informed the Board that the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, of which he is Chairman, has adopted a resolution to look into the matter of salt-water sport fishing licenses.

It was moved and seconded that Robert P. Holdsworth be elected the Secretary of the Board and he was unanimously elected.

Complying with a previous vote of the Board that the Commissioner be empowered to approve land acquisitions up to \$5,000 and to report such transactions to the Board, the following were presented and were so approved -

Duane P. MacDuffee, approximately 31 acres in Townsend - \$1,500.

Francis D. Gagnon, approximately 54 acres in Hancock - \$2,100.

Ralph S. Foster, approximately 72.6 acres in Westminster - \$2,200.



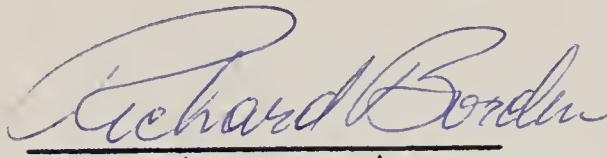
VOTED - to accept the offer of Charles B. Jackson to sell a parcel of land, Mohawk Trail, supposed to contain  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres with buildings for \$7,000.

VOTED - to accept the offer of William D. Fahey to sell about 40 acres of land in Ashland for \$9,500.

VOTED - to approve request of Massachusetts Turnpike Authority for drainage easement on land in Blandford.

The date for the next meeting was set for December 10, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

  
Secretary pro tem

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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held December 10, 1957, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's office, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Borden, Miller and Potter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Complying with a previous vote of the Board that the Commissioner be empowered to approve land acquisitions up to \$5,000 and to report such transactions to the Board, the following were presented -

John E. Bannis, approximately 170 acres in Worthington at \$5.00 per acre.

Robert H. Tifft,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  acres in Hancock for \$304.00.

VOTED - to reject offer of Alice M. Woods to sell approximately 25 acres and buildings at Orient Springs, Pelham, as inadvisable to acquire.

VOTED - to reject present offer of Johan Anderson to sell 18<sup>07</sup> acres in Hopkinton for \$11,000 (\$608.74 per acre) but to continue negotiations for the property.

VOTED - to grant request of Western Massachusetts Electric Company for location of transmission line on October Mountain State Forest, Becket, approximately  $9\frac{1}{4}$  acres.

Following the vote on the request of the Western Massachusetts Electric Company it was agreed that the consideration for the location would be the conveyance of a parcel of land to the Commonwealth in a location to be selected by the department.

VOTED - to grant permission to the Worcester County 4-H Camp Committee to continue to use a portion of Thompson Pond section, Spencer State Forest, as in the past under the condition that the permit may be canceled at any time by the Commissioner of Natural Resources for any cause which, in his judgment, is deemed sufficient.

VOTED - to approve the following form of wording of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority in regard to drainage easement, granted by the Board at its meeting November 12, 1957, on state land in Blandford -

"In consideration of the construction and planning benefits as a result of the cooperative engineering on the part of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, and acting in accordance with the authority conveyed to the said Department by statute, that the Commissioner be and hereby is authorized to discharge the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority from any and all claims arising out of the taking by the said Authority of certain land in the Town of Blandford and designated as Parcel DE-7 in the Order of Taking of the said Authority numbered 186; it being understood that upon the payment of the bonds of the said Authority, the lands so acquired shall become the property of the Commonwealth."



VOTED - to acquire, by gift, certain lands in the vicinity of Indian Head River belonging to the towns of Pembroke and Hanover as directed by the Legislature, Chapter 715, Acts of 1957.

After discussion of Indian Head River, the Board directed Frederick Bowers, Parks Engineer, to survey the recreation possibilities of this area and to make a plan for development and approximate cost to be submitted at a future meeting.

VOTED - to approve request of Town of Erving for a Right of Entry on State Forest land in Erving for highway purposes.

The report entitled "Public Outdoor Recreation," which had been filed with the Legislature, was next discussed. The Department is preparing a tentative list of priority projects based upon a possible \$5,000,000 to start the 20-year program with a proposed development of three major projects - one in the Berkshires; one in central Massachusetts; and one near the coast line. It was considered important that preliminary site plans and visual aids be hastily prepared for the first legislative hearings on the Bill.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Potter, it was agreed that Mr. Bowers should inspect, at his early convenience, the Connor Pond area in Petersham now owned by the Worcester Natural History Society and included in the "Public Outdoor Recreation" report.

The Chairman called upon the Commissioner to report upon the varied activities of the Department since the previous Board meeting.

The approval of the Board was given to Chairman Fulham's suggestion that he write a letter, on behalf of the Board, in support of the Bill to increase the salary of the Commissioner.

VOTED - to name the area in the town of Berkley, adjacent to Dighton Rock, now under the control of the Department of Natural Resources as -

"DIGHTON ROCK STATE PARK"

VOTED - to name the area in the town of Williamstown, recently acquired from Sanborn Tenney, adjacent to State Highway Route 2, and under the control of the Department of Natural Resources as -

"TACONIC STATE PARK"

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VOTED - to name the area in the town of Scituate, recently acquired from the Scituate Historical Society, and under the control of the Department of Natural Resources as -

"CUSHING MEMORIAL STATE PARK"

VOTED - to name the area in the city of Taunton, adjacent to Watson Pond and recently turned over to the Department of Natural Resources by the Department of Mental Health on a permit basis as -

"WATSON POND STATE PARK"

VOTED - to name the area in the town of Truro, adjacent to Pilgrim Spring and located between State Highway Route 6 and the Atlantic Ocean and either acquired or being acquired by the Department of Natural Resources as -

"PILGRIM SPRING STATE PARK"

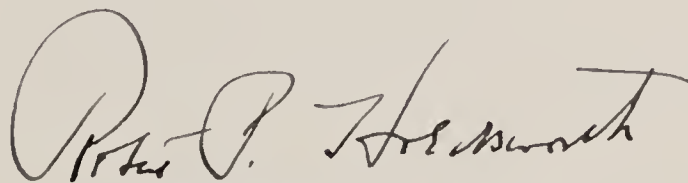
VOTED - to name the area in the town of Clarksburg, adjacent to Mausert's Pond, and recently acquired by the Department of Natural Resources as -

"CLARKSBURG STATE PARK"

The Board studied, discussed, and recommended certain changes in the proposed Rules and Regulations for the government and use of state forests, state reservations, and state parks, under the control of the Division of Forests and Parks and gave tentative approval to the revisions pending the public hearing.

The date for the next meeting was set for January 14, 1958, at 10:30 a.m., in the office of the Chairman, Thomas A. Fulham, 280 Northern Avenue, Boston.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



Secretary

