



DIRECTIONS FOR OPERATING

McMILLAN MINUTE BOOKS

TO OPEN:

1. Raise either cover to an angle not over 90° .
2. Pull out locking rod.
3. The studs or posts are now released, permitting the insertion or removal of sheets.

TO CLOSE:

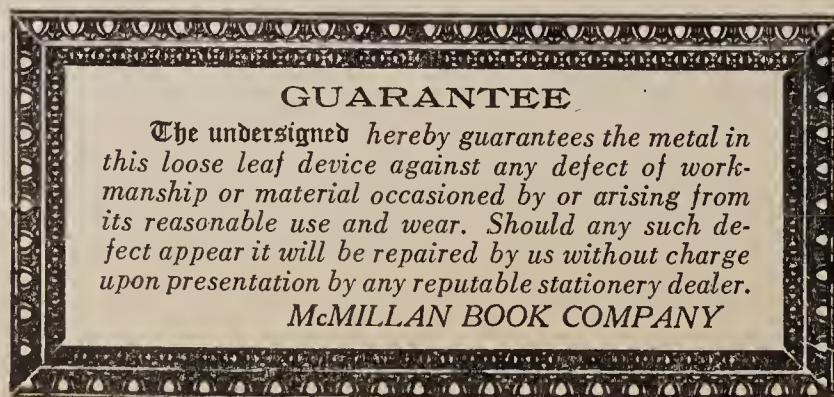
1. Raise cover on the side which has been opened to an angle of not over 90° .
2. Align the sheets in the binder so that the studs or posts fit into the slots in the metal casing, on the inside of the cover.
3. Push in the locking rod, so that the 3 studs or posts are securely engaged.

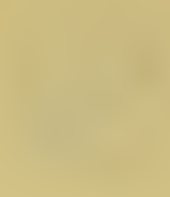
TO LOCK PERMANENTLY:

When the book has been completed, it can be permanently sealed, as follows:

1. Remove the small wrench from the white box sent with the binder.
2. Raise the top cover to an angle of not over 90° , and pull out the locking rod.
3. Place the hooked end of the wrench on the rod and break off the exposed part of the rod.
4. Carefully align the studs or posts in the slots in the metal casing on the inside of the cover.
5. With the small end of the wrench, push the rod into the casing, making sure it engages the three studs.
6. Repeat this operation, on the lower cover.

NOTE: Never have both locking rods released at the same time, and do not break the ends off until the book is to be sealed permanently.





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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held May 9, 1961 at 1:30 p.m. at Chain Bridge Manor Inn, Newburyport. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Borden.

Commissioner Foster asked Director Kenney to review circumstances relating to a proposed conveyance of land to the town of Sandwich for the sum of one dollar. Mr. Kenney explained that the plot of land in question would be used and maintained as a memorial plot to local men who died in the 1937 forest fire and that it was of little value to the Department in terms of location and possible use. Following brief discussion, the Board-
VOTED- to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute on behalf of the Board of Natural Resources, a deed conveying to the Town of Sandwich, for the sum of one (1) dollar, a parcel of State Forest land containing 37,200 square feet which is shown on a plan entitled "PROPOSED MEMORIAL LOT, SCALE 1" = 40', APRIL 14, 1960, NEWELL B. SNOW, ENGR."

The Commissioner requested Frederick Bowers to comment upon proposed acquisitions of land placed before the Board for approval. A parcel of land at October Mountain State Forest, an in-holding within the forest, was recommended for purchase, and the Board accordingly -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to accept the offer of Arthur C. Neeseman, dated February 14, 1961, to sell to the Commonwealth about $47\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land, with buildings thereon, in Lee for the sum of \$10,150.

Mr. Bowers then reviewed the request of the Algonquin Gas Transmission Company for permission to cross the Myles Standish State Forest with a pipeline. Commissioner Foster stated that Department personnel were in favor of such a conveyance, and it was thereupon -
VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster, to execute on behalf of the Board of Natural Resources, a deed conveying to the Algonquin Gas Transmission Company, a location for a pipeline across the Myles Standish State Forest as shown on a plan designated as L-2898EE and dated April 3, 1961, entitled, "Right of Way for Pipeline Across the Property of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, "drawn by Corse & Tibbetts, Engineers.

The Board then reviewed progress concerning the acquisition of land in the vicinity of Walden Pond State Reservation in Concord and Lincoln. Mr. Fred R. Hart has indicated his willingness to sell two parcels of property fronting on Route 126 provided that he is allowed the right of occupancy for his lifetime. The structural facilities have been suggested as a possible residence for a park supervisor and a headquarters for fire fighting equipment. The Board determined that the acquisition of structural facilities would not be appropriate until such time as the reservation falls under the jurisdiction of the Department, but it was felt desirable to acquire the smaller parcel of land while it was available. The Board therefore -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to accept the offer of Fred R. Hart, dated December 9, 1960, to sell to the Commonwealth about 1.85 acres of land in Lincoln for the sum of \$3,400.

Mr. Bowers and Mr. Howard then discussed the proposed expansion of recreation facilities at Crow Hill Pond, Leominster, stating that Department specialists had indicated the importance of completing the acquisition of Paradise Pond so as to relieve conditions of overcrowding. Although the bulk of the property had been acquired, Mr. Bowers stated that the water rights and a portion of the shoreline were still in one outstanding ownership.

Following receipt of this information, the Board -

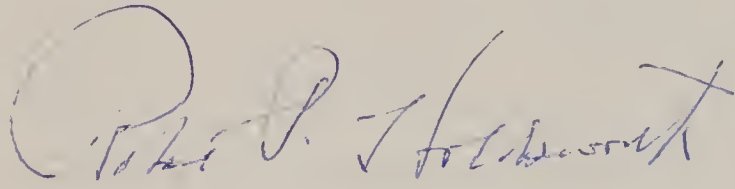
VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to accept the offer of Armas E. Hill and Bertha L. Hill, dated May 4, 1961, to sell to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the sum of \$15,000, about 29.70 acres of land with flowage rights situated at Paradise Pond in Princeton.

Commissioner Foster then reviewed the situation relative to the proposed prison camp in Warwick and the Department's pending development of Sheomet Pond for public camping purposes. He noted that the Department's field personnel had been able to negotiate a satisfactory price for a small property adjacent to the pond which constituted, in essence, an in-holding within our present ownership. The Board accepted this recommendation and -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to accept the offer of Philip J. Bliss, dated March 23, 1961, to sell to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts about 2 acres of land and camp on Sheomet Lake, Warwick, for the sum of \$5,150.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for June 13, 1961.

The Board meeting was then adjourned to continue the field inspection of state park, law enforcement, and marine fisheries activities in Essex County.

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Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held June 13, 1961 at 2:00 p.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Borden.

Chairman Fulham welcomed Mr. Mark R. McIntyre, of the State House News Service, to the Board meeting and stated that should any executive matters come before the Board it would be necessary to go into executive session. Commissioner Foster stated that no such matters were on the agenda, and Chairman Fulham then called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the April 11, 1961 meeting were approved.

Commissioner Foster presented two proposals for land acquisition to the Board -

1. Purchase of approximately 92 acres of land east of Gould River in Andover for \$18,000 which he stated would be used for expansion of camping facilities in the Harold Parker State Forest.
2. Purchase of 344.10 acres of land along the Squannacook River in Townsend for \$43,012.50 which is available through the liquidation of the Fessenden Companies, owners of the land, and which is very valuable timber-wise in addition to future recreation possibilities.

Following discussion, the Board -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to purchase from Thomas A. Thompson et als, approximately 92 acres of land situated east of Gould Road in Andover, adjacent to the Harold Parker State Forest for a consideration of \$18,000.

VOTED - approval of the purchase of 344.10 acres of land along the Squannacook River in Townsend as described in deed of Fessenden Companies, Inc. dated June 1, 1961, for a consideration of \$43,012.50.

Commissioner Foster then presented the request of the Essex County Commissioners for a conveyance to Essex County of 56,400 square feet of state forest and state park land in the Bradley Palmer and Willowdale State forests for a road relocation. Since this relocation would not be detrimental to the Department's holdings, the Commissioner asked the Board for its approval and the Board -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute a deed conveying to Essex County about 56,400 square feet of State Forest and State Park land in Ipswich deemed necessary for the relocation of Topsfield Road.

The Commissioner, in reviewing legislation of the past session, invited Mr. Robert L. Yasi and Mr. Henry G. McCarthy to attend the meeting to comment on several legislative items affecting the Department. He then asked Mr. McCarthy to explain some of the aspects of the legislation proposed by the Special Commission on Pesticides. Mr. McCarthy said that

this was a difficult piece of legislation as it was very broad in its attempt to cover the field as a whole. He stated that the Farm Bureau was very active against the legislation because the farmer was not exempted from regulation. He then reported that the regulatory bill was defeated and that the previous Special Commission^{on}/Pesticides was revived and continued to make a further study with a reporting date of the first Wednesday in December, 1961. The Commissioner noted that new legislation would have to be reintroduced with the report of this Special Commission and said that, if it was agreeable to the Board, he would like to have the Department continue to press for regulatory pesticide legislation. The Board agreed that this should be done.

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Yasi to comment on the Department's bond issue request for a continuation of the parks expansion program. Mr. Yasi said that the Governor had sent a special message to the legislature recommending an additional \$1 million in bond issue funds for the parks expansion program and the legislature had accepted this proposal. He further stated that the legislature was favorably impressed by a recent report citing Massachusetts as one of only five states in the country having a progressive long-range parks expansion program.

The marine fisheries program was then commented upon by Commissioner Foster who stated that this proposal did not reach the legislative stage due to the abbreviated session but is under serious consideration by the Governor for a major program next year. Drafts of legislation have been prepared, the Commissioner said, and he expects that the Advisory Commission will be revived and continued for an additional six months. It was his belief that the delay will prove to be an eventual advantage to the Commonwealth by providing sufficient time to rally public support for the program.

Mr. McCarthy then commented on the accelerated timber management program stating that the Department has funds and personnel to activate this project through January 13, 1962. He further stated that the Department has set up a program for this summer whereby ten students who are majoring in forestry will be employed on timber stand improvement work. Since this work will give them practical experience in forestry, these students will receive credit at their respective colleges for this summer employment. Mr. McCarthy said it was interesting to note that five schools of

forestry from across the country are represented in this program.

Commissioner Foster pointed out that the Department received \$50,000 for this accelerated timber management program. He reported that almost \$60,000 was earned in timber sales last year, which shows that this is a completely self-liquidating program.

In commenting on the legislation passed on the Bald Hill area, Boxford, Mr. Yasi said this legislation was the product of a Boxford group anxious to put in public ownership the Bald Hill area in Boxford and other areas contiguous to the Department's holdings in the northern Essex district as far east as Billerica. He also stated that this bill authorizes the Department to acquire land in Essex County, including Bald Hill and such other land in this area, but as part of the program the Department will await a proposed gift of local property in accordance with a plan by local residents to match any acquisition by the Department acre for acre.

In reporting on the successful passage of the bill to acquire flood plain marshes along the Sudbury and Concord River valleys, the Commissioner stated that this is a significant step forward in the state's wetlands program. He also stated that it was very noteworthy that not only were the recommendations of the study made by the Department accepted by the legislature but also by the townspeople in the areas affected. He informed the Board that the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, before starting the acquisition of the 4500 acres of the flood plain marsh, must receive approval of the project from the Migratory Bird Commission at its fall meeting, but steps involving a biological survey and information concerning property lines and ownerships are being undertaken immediately. The physical acquisition of the land will probably take place next spring. The Commissioner also stated that up to 40% of the area will be open for public hunting as the result of this acquisition.

Mr. Borden said that the passage of this legislation was a great accomplishment for the Department since it did most of the ground work on this well planned project, and it should receive much of the credit.

Commissioner Foster and Mr. Yasi speaking about Chapter 258, Acts of 1961, which authorized Conservation Commissions to acquire certain interests in land, both stated that this new easement authorization would allow Conservation Commissions to spread their

resources much further. By acquiring these rights by purchase or gift, the towns can protect the future use of the properties without being burdened by the properties themselves.

In commenting on the federal legislation concerning the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore Park, the Commissioner asked Mr. McCarthy to brief the Board on his inspection trip with the Congressional Subcommittee on National Parks, May 19 and 20, on Cape Cod. He stated that the Congressional group had been very favorably impressed and it was his feeling that the House will pass legislation for the park. The Board then reviewed the map showing the boundary lines of the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore Park with proposed boundary exclusions.

In reviewing the legislation providing for a study of Youth Conservation Camps, Mr. Yasi reported that the Department will be one member of a special study commission which will also include one senator, two representatives, two members of the clergy, and a representative of the Youth Service Board. He also said that the commission shall include in its study the construction and maintenance of such camps for the purposes of educating youthful persons in the conservation of our natural resources, ~~pointing out the purposes of educating youthful persons in the conservation of our natural resources,~~ pointing out the active consideration being given this approach by the federal government and some western states. The reporting date of this study has been set for the fourth Wednesday in January, 1962.

Commissioner Foster then commented briefly on legislation affecting the Water Resources Commission. Under Chapter 539, Acts of 1961, which was primarily an air pollution bill, a section of significance to water pollution was also included. This measure provides an incentive for industry to clean up the waste in streams by prohibiting communities from assessing water pollution control facilities. Two bills were also passed authorizing the Water Resources Commission to draw up stream encroachment lines on the Assabet and Chicopee Rivers, which provides in law a method of preventing people from moving in below a reservoir and nullifying the flood protection provided. Legislation was also enacted authorizing the inclusion of water supply storage for the City of

Springfield in the Littleville Reservoir being built by the Army Engineers as part of its flood control program for the Connecticut River valley. He further stated that the City of Springfield will pay the full cost of making this reservoir larger and that the Water Resources Commission will act as an arbitrator over the use of the water in the future.

The Commissioner stated that under Chapter 506, Acts of 1961, the Department was directed to take over the operation of the shellfish chlorination and purification plant formerly operated by the City of Newburyport which has been closed since December 31, 1960. He said that the Department began operation of this plant on May 28, 1961 and that personnel and funds have been provided to adequately operate this plant until June 1962. In connection with the operation of this plant, the Commissioner informed the Board that the Department had executed a lease with the City of Newburyport and following discussion of the terms of the lease, the Board:

Following discussion of the charge of 50¢ to be made to users of the services of this chlorination and purification plant, as authorized by Chapter 506, Acts of 1961, the Board-

VOTED - to confirm the action of the Commissioner, according to Chapter 506, Acts of 1961, in establishing a charge of fifty cents (50¢) per one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) bushel of shellfish processed at the shellfish purification plant in Newburyport.

In commenting on the past legislative session, the Commissioner stated that on the whole this had been a successful legislative year for the Department as the average of the legislation passed in the interest of the Commonwealth was very high. He gave great credit to Henry C. McCarthy, Robert L. Yasi, and Harold Greene for their work on the Department's legislation stating that any success that the Department had on legislative matters was largely due to their efforts. He also reported to the Board the high degree of cooperation received from the Directors and Bureau Chiefs of the respective Divisions during the past fiscal year.

The application for a permit by the Worcester Chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the South Shore Outboard Association, to hold an outboard motor

hydroplane race on Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, July 4, 1961, and to use the facilities at Regatta Point State Park for viewing the race, was presented to the Board by the Commissioner. He stated that this organization will abide by all the rules and regulations of this Park, will supply police protection, and will remit to the Department the regular park fee of 25¢ per person from their general admission charge. Following discussion of this request for a permit the Board -

VOTED - to authorize a special permit to the Worcester Chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the South Shore Outboard Association for the exclusive use of all facilities at the Regatta Point area of Quinsigamond State Park, Worcester, on July 4, 1961 for the express purpose of conducting outboard motor hydroplane races.

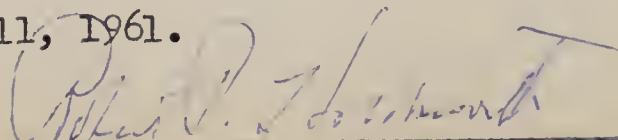
Commissioner Foster stated that the Department had done little in the way of preparing a public report on the state parks expansion and recreation program and it now seemed time to think in terms of having an informational film made of the state parks system. In view of this, he said he had met with Mr. John Agnew, Jr., of the Audio Visual Recording Co., Inc., of Hingham, and had worked out a tentative proposal for a 27 minute sound film, costing \$10,000, covering the state parks program. He then stated that he had asked Mr. Borden to attend a meeting of members of the Department and Mr. Agnew when the latter showed one of his films demonstrating the type of work done by his firm. Following the showing of the film, it was the opinion of the Department that it would be worthwhile to engage the services of Mr. Agnew at the price stated above for a 27 minute colored optical sound motion picture. Mr. Borden recommended that a member of the Department should accompany the photographers on field assignments and Commissioner Foster said he would delegate Lewis A. Carter to work closely with Mr. Agnew.

It was the opinion of the Commissioner that this film could be made available to Conservation Commissions, sportsmen's clubs, schools, and civic groups and Chairman Fulham said he thought it would also be valuable for employee training purposes.

Following discussion of this proposal, it was -

VOTED - that the Commissioner proceed with negotiations with the Audio Visual Recording Co., Inc. to make a 27 minute colored optical sound motion picture film of the state parks system.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for July 11, 1961.
Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.


Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held July 11, 1961 at 1:00 p.m. at Thompson's Pond, Spencer. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Potter.

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By unanimous action of the Board, the minutes of the May 9, 1961 and June 13, 1961 meetings were approved as submitted.

Commissioner Foster then brought before the Board the matter of property formerly owned by the Hunt sisters in Abington, which was taken by eminent domain for park purposes in August 5, 1960. Mr. Howard explained that 24.23 acres were acquired because the property fell within the limits of land required for the development of day-use facilities. The Commissioner reported that the former owners were asking in excess of \$30,000 for the property because of alleged deposits of gravel, but that in recent weeks the Department had been able to negotiate a price within the appraisals obtained. He recommended that the Board approve the payment of \$18,172.50 for the property in question. After brief discussion, it was -

VOTED - to approve the payment of the sum of \$18,172.50 to Marion L. Hunt and Mildred A. Hunt for a settlement of damages in the taking of 24.23 acres of land in Abington. Said taking, dated August 5, 1960, was recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds on the 31st day of August 1960 in Book 2799, Page 245.

Commissioner Foster then discussed with the Board a proposed gift of 10 acres of land in Richmond by Donald B. Miller of Pittsfield as an addition to the Linden Bates Memorial Park. It was pointed out that the property was at the moment somewhat remote from present state holdings, but that the road constituting its western boundary would be that used by the Skyline Trail recommended in the Pittsfield State Forest master plan. The Board gave recognition to the generosity of such an offer and directed Commissioner Foster to talk further with Mr. Miller concerning the matter.

The Commissioner then placed before the Board a suggested schedule of allocations from the 1961 recreation bond issue. He prefaced this action by pointing out the serious difficulties encountered by the Department in obtaining the necessary funds to operate new areas constructed, citing the current situation at Shawme-Crowell State Forest where completed camping facilities could not be operated for lack of sufficient personnel.

He reported that in seasonal accounts (fire control and recreation) the Department would be some 1000 man-weeks short in personnel appropriations for the coming year and would, therefore, have to cut back seasonal activities by two weeks at either end. The Commissioner pointed out that many other agencies were facing similar problems.

It was accordingly the recommendation of the Department that bond issue projects during 1961-62 feature land acquisition and modernization of facilities, rather than the addition of new areas for public use. He noted that many of the previously authorized projects would not be available for use until the 1962 season so that there would not be any noticeable delay in producing improvements for the public. He stressed the fact that all of the items recommended were taken from a master list of several million dollars worth of needed construction and acquisition projects.

Mr. Fulham expressed the concern of the Board over the lack of adequate appropriations and asked whether this matter had been brought to the attention of the Budget Commissioner and appropriate committees of the legislature. He received answers in the affirmative and was assured that these matters would be stressed still further in future conferences.

Upon motion of Mr. Holdsworth, seconded by Mr. Potter, the schedule of allocations and projects submitted (see below) was approved by the Board.

ALLOCATION OF 1961 BOND ISSUE FUNDS

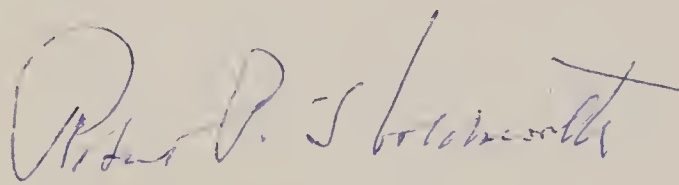
Committed for acquisition	\$ 250,000
Committed for development	500,000
Committed for overhead	150,000
Conservation Commission projects	50,000
Reserve contingency	<u>50,000</u>
	\$1,000,000

1961 BOND ISSUE PROJECTS

1. CHICOPEE MEMORIAL STATE PARK
Development of day-use facilities \$100,000
2. D. A. R. STATE FOREST
Camping facilities 70,000
3. WENDELL STATE FOREST
Day-use facilities (forestry camp project) 50,000

4.	<u>PETERSHAM STATE FOREST</u> Reconstruction of Riceville dam	\$ 50,000
5.	<u>WATSON POND STATE PARK</u> Boat launching facilities	5,000
6.	<u>MYLES STANDISH STATE FOREST</u> New bathhouse - Fearings Pond area	35,000
7.	<u>DOUGLAS STATE FOREST</u> Boat launching facilities	5,000
8.	<u>ASHLAND STATE PARK</u> Conversion to flush toilets	15,000
9.	<u>SPENCER STATE FOREST</u> Parking area	15,000
10.	<u>STANDISH MONUMENT STATE RESERVATION</u> Workshop	5,000
11.	<u>AMES NOWELL STATE PARK</u> Service building	20,000
12.	<u>OCTOBER MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST</u> Service building and garage	35,000
13.	<u>SHAWME-CROWELL STATE FOREST</u> Service building and garage	35,000
14.	<u>BRISTOL-BLAKE STATE SANCTUARY</u> Visitor-use center	<u>60,000</u>
		\$500,000

The official meeting then adjourned and the Board continued its inspection of Department facilities in Worcester County (Long and Whitehall Ponds, Rutland, in the morning) by attending classes of the Junior Conservation Camp at Thompson's Pond and by visiting the Spencer State Forest in Spencer.

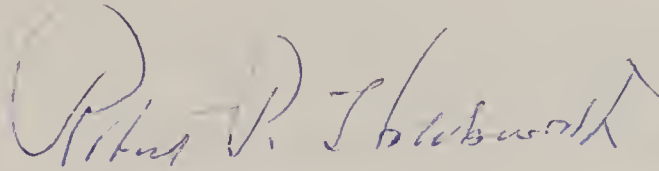


Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held August 23, 1961 at 1:00 p.m.
at the Tolland State Forest, Otis. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Miller.

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The Board met and at the direction of Chairman Fulham agreed to defer all
business until the September 12, 1961 meeting.



Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held September 12, 1961 at 10:30 a.m. 517
in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham,
Holdsworth, Potter and Borden.

The minutes of the July 11, 1961 and August 23, 1961 meetings were approved.

In commenting on the 1961-1962 recreation dates, Commissioner Foster advised the Board that due to lack of sufficient appropriations the Department was 39,000 man-hours short in fire protection and recreation seasonal accounts and it was necessary to close 14 of the state forests and parks on September 9, which is two weeks early, due to lack of sufficient appropriations. He also stated that due to lack of funds the opening date for the forests and parks will be much later than usual.

The Commissioner then asked Messrs. McCarthy, Kenney and Howard to participate in the discussion of the recreation season dates. Mr. McCarthy stated that the Department may have picked up some money by not filling all positions this summer and these funds could be used for the spring season, but there still will not be sufficient funds to open the parks on April 15, 1962. Mr. Howard stated that the areas which are staffed with year-round personnel are being kept open and then pointed out on a map the areas which were closed September 9 as follows - Lowell-Dracut State Forest, Brimfield State Forest, Clarksburg State Park, D.A.R. State Forest, Dighton Rock State Park, Sandisfield State Forest, Tolland State Forest, Wahconah Falls State Park, and Douglas State Forest. He further stated that the other areas will remain partially closed with some facilities being open.

Mr. Kenney on commenting on forest fires said that although everything is in a satisfactory condition at the present time, the situation could change in a week and it is now planned, due to lack of sufficient funds, to close the fire towers two weeks early.

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Frederick Bowers to attend the meeting to present various land matters to the Board. He stated that the New England Power Company, through its agent Stephen V. Hughes Jr., had asked for approval of a conveyance of two parcels of state forest land in Franklin containing 17.94 acres which are deemed necessary for the installation of a high tension line for the transmission of electricity from Somerset to West Medway. Mr. Bowers then stated that in exchange for said land the New England Power Company will convey to the Commonwealth two parcels of land containing 21.10 acres which are adjacent to the Franklin State Forest. Following discussion it was -

VOTED - to approve the conveyance of 17.94 acres of state forest land in Franklin to Stephen V. Hughes, Jr. in exchange for 21.10 acres of land adjacent to the Franklin State Forest, and to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute a deed conveying said land.

Following discussion it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to accept an offer of Irving E. Estes and Mary D. Estes to sell to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts an 0.72 acre parcel of land on Middle Road in Clarksburg, with buildings thereon, for a consideration of \$4,000.00, subject to a life estate, under such terms and conditions as he may deem advisable.

VOTED - to rescind vote of May 9, 1961 authorizing Commissioner Charles H.W. Foster to accept the offer of Arthur C. Neeseman, dated February 14, 1961, to sell to the Commonwealth about 47½ acres of land with buildings thereon in Lee for the sum of \$10,150.00 and to adopt the following vote: - To approve the purchase of 47½ acres of land and buildings in Lee from Arthur C. Neeseman at a cost of \$10,000.

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to convey to the town of Natick an easement in a 3.759 square foot parcel of state park land situated on the westerly side of North Main Street in Natick, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a sewer pumping facility, provided that plans for the installation of said facility be first approved by the state Department of Public Health.

VOTED - to approve a proposal of Howard B. Sether to exchange land on West River Road in Upton for the purpose of eliminating undetermined and irregular boundary lines and establishing in place thereof more definite and less complex boundary lines between land of said Sether and land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to establish said lines in locations mutually agreed upon and to execute any legal instruments which may be required for the purpose.

Mr. Bowers then stated that he had received an offer from Abbie F. Bartlett to sell 37 acres for \$10,000 or 38 acres for \$11,500 in Salisbury. Before discussing the Bartlett offer, the Commissioner said he would like to review the whole Merrimack land acquisition with the Board. He said that the Committee on Lands recommended to him that the Department give up the project of trying to buy land in this area due to its high price, but he felt we should continue to try to get land in metropolitan areas even though the Department would have to pay substantially higher prices per acre. The Commissioner raised the question of whether such lands should not be considered of the highest priority, pointing out that under the recently passed Omnibus Housing Act the federal government has set up money for the purchase of open spaces in metropolitan

areas and it was his thought that the Merrimack River project might qualify under this Act.

There was discussion as to whether the Department would be able to take the land by eminent domain after consulting with the Selectmen. Commissioner Foster offered the suggestion that perhaps a special piece of legislation could be filed to authorize the Department to proceed with a system of state parks on the Merrimack River and this would provide for land-taking without consulting the selectmen and would also provide the funds for acquisition. Mr. Fulham then stated that it was his opinion that the Commissioner should meet with the Selectmen in Salisbury to discuss this land acquisition project. It was also the consensus of the Board that the Department defer accepting the offer of Abbie F. Bartlett, to sell her land in Salisbury until after the meeting with the Selectmen.

On the matter of the Connecticut River access points, Commissioner Foster said that \$10,000 was allotted in the 1961 bond issue for boating facilities at Skinner State Park but upon further investigation the proposed site was found not feasible for a boat launching area. He said a study of access points along the Connecticut River was made by the Department's Law Enforcement personnel and the Division of Fisheries and Game and one of their recommendations was that 14 new access points along the river should be provided. In view of this study, the Commissioner said he would like to recommend that the \$10,000 previously allotted for boat launching facilities at Skinner State Park be reallocated to the acquisition of these access points without any construction of facilities. He further stated that with a good program of acquisition in cooperation with the power companies along the river, the entire project could be completed within the coming year, Following discussion the Board then -

VOTED - to approve the reallocation of the \$10,000 from the 1961 bond issue, previously approved for boating facilities at Skinner State Park, for use for the purchase of access points along the Connecticut River.

The subject of Hood's Pond was then brought up for discussion by Commissioner Foster, who stated that under the will of Bradley W. Palmer a tract of property adjacent to Hood's Pond was turned over to the Children's Summer School with the Department afforded first refusal for the market value of the improvements less \$500 when the property was no longer used for that purpose. He said that in 1958 the Department was notified that the Children's Summer School group would like to negotiate with the North Shore Council of Boy Scouts to work out a new program, and the Department then indicated that it was reluctant to give up its option on the property. As a result the Children's Summer School terminated negotiations with the Boy Scouts. He said that he had a meeting several weeks ago with the officials of the Children's Summer School and they were unwilling to work out an exchange of land, and would like the Commonwealth to either relinquish its option and let the Children's Summer School sell the property to someone else, or have the Department make an offer to take over the property - land and buildings. He then stated that the vote of the Board on May 13, 1958 was -

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

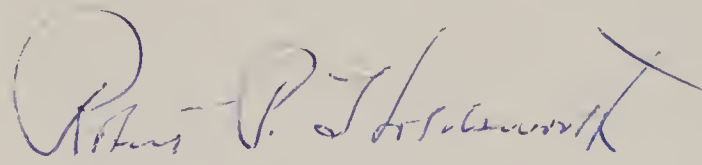
which appears to commit the Department to take some action regarding the property. It was the Commissioner's belief that the Department might lease the buildings, which are in good condition, for group use and suggested that (1) the Department should get its own appraisals on the property, (2) proceed to look around for a suitable organization to operate and maintain the property, and (3) then allocate the necessary money to purchase the area. Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to proceed with the above course of action.

The Commissioner then expressed his concern that there is currently no clear-cut responsibility for historic sites at the state level, pointing out as an example, that approximately 80% of all vacation travel people come to Massachusetts because of its historic interest. He recommended that a citizens advisory committee

be established either by the Governor or by the Department to examine the Commonwealth's program in this field. The Board was of the opinion that this would be a very commendable project and gave its approval to the Commissioner to investigate the possibility of setting up such a committee.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for October 10, 1961 as a field trip in southeastern Massachusetts.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held October 10, 1961 at 2:20 p.m. in the Lord Fox Inn, Foxboro. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller and Potter. 527

In the absence of Chairman Fulham from the first part of the meeting, Professor Holdsworth assumed the chair and called the meeting of the Board of Natural Resources to order.

Chairman Holdsworth complimented the Department on the morning field trip to the Bristol-Blake State Reservation and on the development work viewed at this site.

Commissioner Foster asked Mr. Frederick Bowers to place before the Board matters involving land acquisition, and Mr. Bowers proceeded to outline the proposed acquisition of the Knights of Columbus property in Hawley and Plainfield. He explained that the purchase of land and buildings would enable the Department to complete its ownership of Hallockville Pond for the development of public recreation facilities, and Mr. Arnold E. Howard stated that he fully concurred in the high priority of this acquisition. By motion of Mr. Potter, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to accept the offer of the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus Boys Camp Corporation, dated August 9, 1961, to sell to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a tract of land in Hawley and Plainfield (supposed to contain 100 acres) with improvements thereon, for the sum of \$31,000.

Mr. Bowers then presented the Department's plans for acquiring the Baliunas property in Spencer, pointing out that the land and house in question constituted an inholding long sought by the Department for the protection of the Howe Pond recreation area. After short discussion, it was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Potter, and

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to accept the offer of Romualdas Baliunas, dated September 25, 1961, to sell to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 5 acres of land in Spencer, with improvements thereon, for the sum of \$11,000.

The matter of a recent gift of the Intemann family in Mount Washington was next placed before the Board, and Commission Foster pointed out that the land in question had been accepted by him previously on behalf of the Commonwealth but a formal vote of the Board

was now required to accompany the final deed, which was earlier found to be defective.

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

VOTED - to accept the offer of Cornelia V. Intemann, dated September 19, 1960 to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by gift, approximately 29 acres of land in Mount Washington, said land to be conveyed under the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 132 of the General Laws.

Mr. Bowers then outlined a proposed exchange of land at Whitehall Reservoir in Hopkinton. He told the Board that the exchange had been authorized by Chapter 500, Acts of 1961, and that the transaction at hand was in conformity with this special act of the legislature. Mr. Yasi pointed out that the legislation had been introduced by the Department, and Mr. Howard stated that the exchange would be advantageous to the Commonwealth by providing sufficient space for a modest recreation area and boat launching ramp at this popular lake. It was accordingly moved by Mr. Potter, seconded by Mr. Miller, and

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute a deed conveying to Wendell V. Rice and Muriel Rice 11,901.32 square feet of State Park land in Hopkinton in exchange for an adjacent parcel of land containing 11,908.13 square feet, as authorized by Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1961.

Commissioner Foster then brought to the Board's attention the availability of approximately 600 acres on the westerly shore of Walker Pond in Sturbridge. He explained that the property had been placed in the hands of industrial real estate developers, but that inaction to date had persuaded the heirs to regain the property and offer a portion of the tract to the Commonwealth as the site of a state park. The Commissioner reminded the Board that the area has been included in the original Edwards, Kelcey & Beck survey and that by location alone it represented one of the finest acquisitions offered to the state.

The Commissioner asked for the Board's preliminary approval in order to safeguard the Commonwealth's interest in the property, stating that no concrete steps would be taken until title examinations and appraisals had been obtained and until the Department's present conviction that the asking price of \$30,000 was more than reasonable had been definitely confirmed by independent appraisals.

The Board expressed its keen interest in the acquisition, commenting that land within reach of a turnpike interchange could not be expected to remain available for any length of time. It also regarded favorably the 100 acre pond bounded by the proposed acquisition. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Potter, and VOTED -to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to proceed with the purchase of approximately 600 acres of land at Walker Pond, Sturbridge, for the sum of \$30,000.

Commissioner Foster then asked Director Kenney to discuss the matter of a license to the Western Union Co. for the establishment of satellite tracking stations on Borden Mt. (Savoy State Forest) and Mt. Grace (Mt. Grace State Forest) for national defense purposes. He reported that the company was agreeable to executing a twenty-five year lease for a consideration of \$1000. at each location. In order to install these stations, the company would construct and maintain access roads and power lines, both of which would be available to the Department's fire towers at these locations. It was his recommendation that the Board authorize such action by the Department but commented that the matter of consideration should be reviewed in the light of possible use of these facilities for commercial purposes. Following considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr. Potter, seconded by Mr. Miller, and VOTED - that the Commissioner be authorized to execute a twenty-five year lease with the Western Union Co. for the installation of satellite tracking stations for national defense purposes on Borden Mt. (Savoy) and Mr. Grace (Warwick) for a consideration of \$1000. per location, provided that the consideration paid should be adjusted to a level satisfactory to the Commonwealth in the event of any commercial usage of these installations.

Mr. Arnold E. Howard was then asked to review proposed regulations relative to hunting in state parks. He stated that the parks listed were closed principally by the original deed of gift and represented no change in policy from previous year. With the exception of a change in wording of the Peregrine White State Park to Ames Nowell State Park, and the deletion of Chicopee Memorial State Park, the list of state parks closed to hunting was approved by the Board as submitted.

Commissioner Foster then instructed Mr. Bowers to outline the proposed acquisition of the Decas property in East Taunton as a new state park. The Commissioner mentioned his recent conference in Washington which established that this acquisition might represent the first aided by the federal government under its new program of grants for the purchase of open space, and that such assistance might amount to 30% of the total cost of the land.

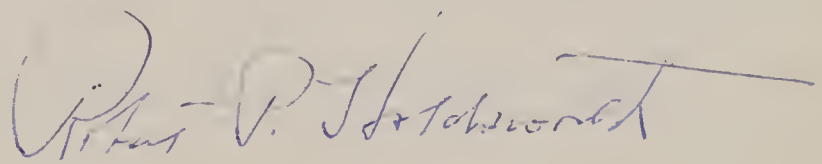
Chairman Holdsworth suggested that the Board withhold its comments prior to an inspection of the property in the field, and the meeting was thereupon adjourned until approximately 4:00 p.m.

Upon completion of a tour of the property, Chairman Fulham called the meeting to order and requested comments relative to the acquisition recommended. He pointed out that this would constitute the largest project undertaken by the Department to date both in economic and physical extent and mentioned that the difference in asking and appraised values would most likely require a taking of the land by the Commonwealth.

Commissioner Foster stated that the rapid development of surrounding territory and the prime nature of the land for park purposes made it imperative that the Board determine promptly the advisability of acquiring the Decas property. He commented that negotiations for a satisfactory price had been inconclusive to date and doubted whether the owner would be willing to substantially reduce his asking price to appraisal levels. After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Holdsworth, seconded by Mr. Miller, and
VOTED - to give Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster authority to proceed with negotiations with Mr. Decas.

Commissioner Foster assured the Board that the authorization would greatly assist the Department in negotiating with the property owner and in completing arrangements with the federal government for an open space grant.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.



Secretary

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

Chairman Fulham opened the meeting by welcoming the new member Mr. William O. Sweet, of Attleboro, to the Board and expressed the hope that he would find the experience most rewarding.

The minutes of the September 12, 1961 and October 10, 1961 meetings were approved.

Before presenting the rules and regulations relative to the sanitary standards of shellfish plants and the scallop industry for approval by the Board, Commissioner Foster asked Mr. Frederick C. Wilbour, Jr. to present pertinent background information.

Mr. Wilbour pointed to the big market for sea scallops in Florida and stated that the trouble began in 1960, when the public health authorities in Florida refused shipments because there was no certification on the scallops from Massachusetts. Similarly, last fall, he said that the U. S. Public Health authorities in New York notified the bay scallop dealers at Nantucket and the Vineyard that further shipments would have to be certified or they would be seized. He reported that he had then been asked by the dealers to certify their shipments but was unable to do so under the law. This resulted in the industry initiating legislation which was passed and which now makes the certification of scallops mandatory. He then stated that the major change in the regulations is the stamping of the bags with a vegetable dye to mark the source of origin and said that the Seafood Producers Association of New Bedford and union officials of New Bedford are in accord with this regulation as are many of the shippers.

Mr. Wilbour reported that, while the industry as a whole has been highly progressive, one of the biggest problems in the sea scallop industry is the handling of scallops on the decks of the boats, which is often conducted under unsanitary conditions. He further said that the bay scallop involves a different method of procedure in that the bay scallop under the law must be brought ashore in the shell.

He reported that the main problem with the bay scallop industry is that the individuals who go scalloping are not fishermen to begin with - they are in the bay scallop industry for a short period of time, 30 days to three or four months, and they come from all walks of life, using all types of boats with the resultant problem of the scallops not being handled under sanitary conditions in the boats, as well as on the shore. He then stated that the rules and regulations have been written as loosely as possible in order to get the industry initially into line so it can see the benefits of the sanitary regulations.

Commissioner Foster then stated that the Department has held public hearings on the proposed rules and regulations and they have also been approved by the Public Health Council. He said that great credit should be given Director Wilbour for the manner in which he handled the hearings.

Following discussion, the Board members signed the regulations relative to permits and certificates issued by the Division of Marine Fisheries and to the sanitary conditions of scallop operations in establishments, or boats where bay scallops are caught, stored, processed or packed.

In informing the Board of the rules and regulations for the sanitary control of the shellfish industry, Mr. Wilbour said that the Department

works in cooperation with the U. S. Public Health Service which coordinates the effort throughout the country. He said that when a man produces shellfish and shucks them for interstate trade, certain sanitary standards have to be met. In order to have these standards similar throughout the states, the U. S. Public Health Service has conducted workshops and has come up with a set of uniform shellfish standards for the country as a whole.

Director Wilbour said there are 350 shellfish dealers in Massachusetts, and a year ago the U. S. Public Health Service made a survey of the shellfish shucking plants in the state and found that conditions in about eight plants were quite deplorable. As the result of this finding, the Division of Marine Fisheries asked the dealers to come in to show cause why their permits should not be terminated. Following a meeting, the situation was corrected in about ten days and since that time there has been little trouble with dealers at the present time in regard to cleanliness of the plants. He further stated that these plants are now inspected monthly.

Commissioner Foster stated that with these rules and regulations the Department has now assumed the primary responsibility for plant inspection and all of our employees concerned with this type of work have been trained to inspection techniques. Director Wilbour added that now there is one sanitary standard for both interstate and intrastate shipment of shellfish.

The Board members then signed the rules and regulations relative to permits and certificates issued by the Division of Marine Fisheries for the sanitary control of the shellfish industry. Commissioner Foster stated that these rules and regulations will be filed with the Secretary of State.

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Raymond J. Kenney to participate in the meeting for presentation and discussion of the proposed changes in the rules and regulations governing the use of state forests, parks, and

reservations. Mr. Kenney stated that the Department must hold a public hearing on the new rules and regulations in December following the approval of the Board of the proposed changes. He then outlined the proposed changes as follows -

1. Elimination of reservations for camp sites.
2. Raise camping fees from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day for all camp sites across the state.
3. Maximum camping period of two weeks on all areas with the provision that if the area is not more than 75% filled the supervisor can grant an extension for one week at a time.
4. Day-use facilities - the former charge for parking on Sundays and holidays has been \$1.00 - this is to be changed to a flat rate of \$1.00 for every day in the week.
5. Season passes to be changed from \$8 to \$10.
6. Walk-in tickets to be changed from 15¢ per person to 25¢ per person.
7. Recommendation that the rental charge on the 200 private cottages at Myles Standish State Forest be set at \$84 per year.
8. Rental fee for the ski lodge at Pittsfield State Park to be raised from \$15 to \$20.
9. Bus fees to be raised from \$4.00 to \$8.00 - bus fees for non-profit organizations, week days only, \$4.00.

Commissioner Foster then stated that he had a meeting with the Executive Director of the New England Family Campers Association (20,000 members) which was greatly interested in working with the Department on camping regulations and approved of the proposal for unreserved camp sites. He further stated that the Executive Director said his organization would be interested in helping to further the Department's parks expansion program and also in seeing that the Department has adequate staffing for its recreation areas.

Following the discussion of the proposed changes in the rules and

regulations, the Commissioner then said if the proposed changes were agreeable to the Board, the Department would proceed with the public hearing with the formal vote of approval by the Board to follow at a later date. The Board then gave its approval to the proposed changes in the rules and regulations for the public hearing.

The Commissioner then brought before the Board the matter of a transfer of land at Cochituate State Park to the Department of Public Works. He said that on October 17 he had received a letter from the Commissioner of Public Works who pointed out that the land his Department is renting in Framingham for a maintenance headquarters building is to be used for an industrial development and thus it is necessary that his Department look for a new site. He said that a piece of land at Cochituate State Park had been found desirable for their headquarters building and requested a transfer of this property to the Department of Public Works. The Commissioner stated that he was informed that the Department of Public Works would construct drainage facilities, erect a chain link fence, and construct an access road so the balance of the road could be used by this Department. He then said that investigations had been made in the office and in the field and for the foreseeable future this property appears to have no value from a recreation point of view. The Commissioner said that he would not want to transfer the property outright to the Department of Public Works and suggested that some sort of a permit arrangement might be feasible. He recommended that the request be approved on a permit basis until the land is needed for park purposes. Following discussion, the Board authorized Commissioner Foster to negotiate with the Department of Public Works for a permit arrangement if the act originally transferring the reservoir to the Department offers no legal

obstacles.

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Frederick Bowers to participate in the meeting to describe the Walker Pond property in Sturbridge which is under consideration for acquisition. Mr. Bowers said that the property consists of about 657 acres and is located near the Sturbridge interchange of the Massachusetts Turnpike. He said that the property is owned by the Wells family of Southbridge and in the 1957 Public Outdoor Recreation Report this property was included as one of prime importance for acquisition. The Commissioner said that at the time of this report the Wells family were negotiating for the sale of the property as an industrial park but that he had met recently with the lawyer for the Wells family and found they were no longer interested in selling the land for industrial purposes. Tentative arrangements have been negotiated for about 657 acres of undeveloped land around Walker Pond at a price of \$30,000, which compares most favorably to an appraised value of \$63,700. As of interest to the Board, the Commissioner mentioned that the Wells family is public spirited in regard to state parks having made available a large tract of land to the state of Connecticut for state park purposes. The Commissioner recommended that the Board approve of this acquisition and following discussion the Board -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to accept an offer of the Quinebaug Forestry Company to sell to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND (\$30,000) DOLLARS a tract of land with buildings thereon, in Sturbridge estimated to contain 657 acres. Authorization is also given to add to the consideration stated any amount required as reimbursement for the payment of the 1962 real estate tax if such payment is required.

Mr. Bowers then presented the offer of Harold A. Ryan to sell a 79 acre tract of land with buildings in Colrain and Heath for \$6,200

and following discussion the Board -

VOTED - to accept the offer of Harold A. Ryan, dated November 17, 1961, to sell to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the sum of SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (\$6,200) DOLLARS, a 79 acre tract of land, with buildings thereon, situated in Colrain and Heath.

Commissioner Foster in commenting on the Esther Decas property in East Taunton, which the Board inspected at its meeting on October 10, 1961, said that he had a meeting with the Decas family in his office and that an agreement had been arrived at to purchase 646.88 acres of land and water for \$155,000 from Esther Decas, the price being within the appraised valuations of \$162,500 and \$158,060.

The Commissioner then said that he had explored with officials of the Housing and Home Finance Agency in Washington the possibility of securing an open-space grant under Title VII of the Housing Act of 1961. He further stated that there was some urgency on the acquisition of this property as the Department's agreement to purchase expires the middle of December. The Commissioner then recommended to the Board that it approve of the acquisition of the property regardless of the federal grant and authorize him also to enter an application for an open-space grant with the Housing and Home Finance Agency. The Board following discussion then -

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to proceed with negotiations for the acquisition of the Esther Decas property in East Taunton consisting of 646.88 acres of land and water for \$155,000.

and the Board also-

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources an application for an open space grant under Title VII of the Housing Act of 1961 for the acquisition of the Esther Decas property in East Taunton, Massachusetts.

Professor Robert P. Holdsworth then said that he had been contacted

by John Hay, President of the Cape Cod Junior Museum of Natural History, Brewster, relative to an interpretive program at Nickerson State Park and asked the Commissioner what the Department could offer for such a program at Nickerson State Park. Commissioner Foster suggested that the natural facilities at Nickerson State Park could be made available, that an audience of 2000-3000 people per day would be present, and that perhaps modest facilities could be supplied to assist in the program. He added that the Department could not compensate the Junior Museum financially for this interpretive service.

Commissioner Foster then said he thought a motion should be made to send a letter to Mr. Richard Borden, former Board member, commending him for his long and faithful interest in the affairs of the Department and with the unanimous approval of the Board it was -

VOTED - that the Commissioner inform Mr. Richard Borden by letter of the Board's commendation of his length of service and valuable contributions to the Department.

In discussing the next Board meeting, Commissioner Foster said that he had contacted Charles L. McLaughlin, Director of the Division of Fisheries and Game, in regard to a joint meeting of the Boards at the December meeting and said that this was agreeable to Director McLaughlin. He then asked the Board members if this met with their approval and it was decided that such a meeting should be held in December with the regular meeting of the Board also being held the same day.

The Commissioner then discussed with the Board its prior insistence that a definite chain of command be exercised in the conduct of Departmental affairs, and Chairman Fulham confirmed the fact that this was still the policy of the Board. The Commissioner stated that Department personnel had,

on the whole, been most cooperative in abiding by this policy, but that the time had come once again to remind all executive personnel at the bureau and division level that these procedures should be followed. The Board was unanimous in its feeling that the Commissioner should transmit this restatement of policy to Department personnel by any effective means at his disposal.

The Commissioner then commented on the activities of the Department since the last meeting stating that the Special Commission on Pesticides has been reactivated and will probably file legislation again relative to the use of chemical pesticides in Massachusetts. He said that the Special Legislative Commission on Youth Conservation Camps is looking into the possibility of reviving the CCC camps, based in part on the move in Congress to set up a Youth Conservation Corps, and may recommend that some kind of additional work crews be located on state forests and parks to supplement the work being done by forest prison crews. He reported that the Holyoke Range study is almost complete and the Department will probably be authorized to acquire some 10,000 acres of the Holyoke Range under legislation filed by the area legislators. The Commissioner said that the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission has held additional meetings and will file supplemental recommendations with the Governor for possible inclusion in his annual message.

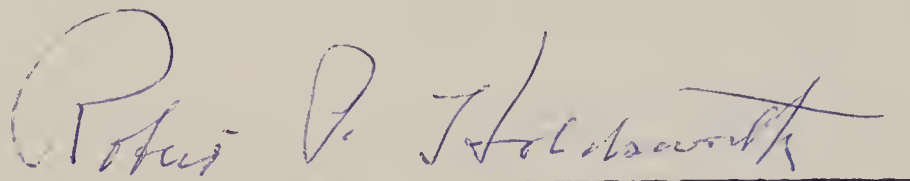
Among other subjects, he reported that a meeting of sportsmens groups has been held to explore the acquisition of public access points; that he and Director Wilbour and Dr. Matthiessen attended the annual meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission in New York in October;

and that the booklet "Fifty Years A Forester" by Harold O. Cook, Chief Forester of the Department, has been published (copy given to each Board member).

He stated that the Cape Cod National Seashore has set up a land acquisition office in Eastham and has acquired over 1,000 acres of land to date. Following discussion with the Governor's office on the lands that the state owns in the Cape Cod National Seashore area, it will probably be recommended in the Governor's message that these lands be turned over to the federal government prior to July 1, 1962 so that the federal government can operate the facilities for the 1962 recreation season. He also said that he had been nominated by the Governor as one of the state's representatives on the Cape Cod Advisory Commission.

In commenting on the conservation commission movement, the Commissioner said that there are now in excess of 110 official commissions throughout the state and that the Department has just completed a very successful workshop for such commissions in Essex County where at least fifteen commissions of the 19 commissions in the county were represented. He said that the Department will probably hold workshops in other counties.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held December 18, 1961 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Sweet and Potter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner Foster then informed the Board that he would like to review the highlights of the fiscal 1963 budget requests instituted by the Department and distributed to each Board member a memorandum on this subject which he had personally discussed with the Governor's Chief Secretary and the Commissioner of Administration and Finance. He commented upon the summary of appropriations for the most recent five year period stating that although total appropriations had risen due to salary increases, the Department had actually suffered a 25% reduction in operating funds since 1958.

Messrs. Henry G. McCarthy and Harold J. Greene were then asked by the Commissioner to participate in the meeting for further discussion of the 1963 budget requests.

Commissioner Foster then explained the Department's 1963 budget requests as follows -

Administration

1. Six members of the Department now receive a higher rate of compensation than the Commissioner. The question of statutory salaries is now under study by the Commission on Administration and Finance and the Joint Ways and Means Committee and legislative action will be required to correct the present situation.

2. Staff personnel have been requested to help handle the work entailed by the growing conservation commission program. It is expected that 200 commissions will be in existence following the spring Town Meetings. He stated that conservation services requested by the

commissioner will continue to be supplied by existing field personnel.

3. Due to a country-wide directive from the Federal Communications Commission, the Department will have to convert all short wave radio equipment to a new narrow band frequency by 1963. This will take the Department about a year to complete at a cost of about \$100,000.

Forest Management

1. The Department did not receive the appropriation necessary to carry out the accelerated forest management program for a full year. It may be necessary to discontinue the project at the end of February since it is doubtful that deficiency appropriations will be received in sufficient time, if at all. Since this has been a most successful program, the Department has requested funds to run this program on a continuing basis.

2. The U. S. Forest Service has indicated that an additional allotment of funds can be received by the Commonwealth if it expands its forestry program to a satisfactory level. The federal funds contributed by the U. S. Forest Service to the Commonwealth would be increased by \$23,000 which would cover the cost of the three additional field forester positions requested.

Forest Fire Control

1. Positions have been requested for an assistant chief fire warden and clerical help to establish a year-round forest-fire prevention program. Much of the Department's forest fire fighting equipment is currently in outdated condition---particularly trucks and observation towers---and the Department has recommended a regular schedule of replacement to take place over a period of years.

Recreation

1. The Department has eleven state forests, parks or reservations where there are no year-round personnel, even though the total valuation of land, timber, and developed facilities at each of these sites exceeds \$100,000. A minimum of one year-round supervisor and one helper has been requested for such areas.

2. Due to shortages in the seasonal employment accounts of the Bureau of Recreation it was necessary to close state parks two weeks early and it may be necessary to open them two weeks late in the spring. This course of action will have to be followed unless deficiency funds are provided and an adequate appropriations is resumed in 1962-63.

3. It is being requested that permanent planning personnel be added to the staff as all of the Department's planners are now on a consultant basis paid through bond issue funds. This would include an assistant chief of recreation in charge of planning and development work. Massachusetts is one of the few states which does not have a permanent planning position on its staff.

4. A request has been made for a position of maintenance engineer in order to keep the Department's facilities in satisfactory condition.

5. In relation to the bond issues of \$1 million dollars received each year for the past four years, this money is needed to continue modernizing our facilities, adding to our present holdings and expanding facilities on areas in public ownership. However, the Department has thus far been unable to undertake any major projects to satisfy the recreation demands of metropolitan regions outside the Boston area, and appropriate capital outlay funds are therefore being requested.

Law Enforcement

1. The effectiveness of this Division is at an historic low due to chronic shortages in appropriations and adequate appropriations are being requested for automotive equipment, uniforms and travel.

2. In relation to coastal patrol boats, one boat was turned back to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service leaving the Division with two boats which must patrol 2,100 miles of coastline without proper navigational equipment.

3. Coastal wardens and conservation officers are now on a 40 hour, 5 day, eight hour week with no appropriation for overtime, and remedial action is being requested either for the payment of overtime or for a compensatory increase in pay.

4. The Department has never received appropriations for course materials or other program costs for the gun safety courses conducted by the Division of Law Enforcement since 1954. Legislation will be introduced for a modest enrollment fee with the hope that the revenue received can be appropriated for use in improving this worthwhile program.

Marine Fisheries

Two years ago, lobstermen voluntarily submitted legislation doubling their license fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 with the understanding that the added funds would support an expanded lobster research program. Unfortunately, this money went into the General Fund without being re-appropriated, and a request has been made for the correction of this inequitable situation.

Water Resources

1. Necessary funds for studies and adequate engineering staffing have been requested which will enable the Division to undertake state and federal programs with which it is charged by law.

General

The Commissioner stated that he is requesting that a good many positions be upgraded, particularly the regional, senior, and regular forest and park supervisors. He also reported that two regional headquarters have been requested in the budget - one to be in conjunction with the new Natural Resources Building at the University of Massachusetts, and the other located in southeastern Massachusetts.

Mr. Harold J. Greene then reviewed the 1963 budget requests to explain the increases over the 1962 budget requests as follows -

1. \$60,000 increase in administration account for two communications dispatchers, regional planning studies, and equipment.
2. \$27,000 increase in the Director's office of the Division of Forests and Parks for one additional Regional Forest and Park Supervisor, upgrading of three other Regional Forest and Park Supervisors, and new vehicles.
3. \$54,000 increase in prevention of forest fires account to cover two new positions, and bring seasonal employees back to full strength.
4. \$28,000 increase in fire patrol account to place six seasonal employees on a year-round basis, and new equipment.
5. \$61,000 increase in development of state forests account to cover new position of Assistant Chief Forester, upgrading of all forest and park positions, and equipment.

Mr. Henry G. McCarthy then commented on the increase in the 1963 budget requests as follows -

1. \$98,000 increase in insect pest control account for two new tree removal crews in connection with the Dutch elm disease program; continuation of the blister rust control program; aerial surveys, and equipment.

2. \$310,000 increase in recreation account to include 76 new permanent positions, of which 18 are now carried on a temporary basis and 30 or 40 carried on a seasonal basis; staffing of the new prison camp at Warwick, and two new construction crews.

3. \$75,000 increase in the law enforcement account for vehicles; equipment for the officers; navigational and communications equipment, and the upgrading of enforcement personnel two grades as compensation for unlimited hours of work.

4. \$30,000 in marine fisheries for four new positions.

In commenting on bond issue estimates for acquisition and development, the Commissioner made the following report -

Development at Hopkinton	\$1,600,000
Abington State Park - development	200,000
Rutland - development, first phase	400,000
Walker Pond, Sturbridge, acquisition	100,000
Chicopee Memorial State Park - development	300,000
Decas property, East Taunton, acquisition	200,000
Merrimack River area - acquisition	300,000

Commissioner Foster then asked for comments and suggestions from the Board and following discussion the Board was of the opinion that the requests as outlined for the 1963 budget were well advised and necessary for the successful continuance of the functions and programs of the Department.

It was then stated by the Commissioner that there are two pieces of departmental legislation this year -

1. establishment of a fee of \$1.00 for persons enrolling in the gun safety course of the Division of Law Enforcement, with proceeds from this fee to be turned back into the program (estimated at \$3,000).
2. eight hour, five day week for all enforcement officers with a request for a two step increase in pay to compensate for overtime. A request for overtime payment has also been submitted in the event the legislature does not approve of the upgrading in lieu of overtime.

In reporting on the marine fisheries program, the Commissioner stating that this program will probably be a major proposal in the Governor's annual message. In connection with this program he stated that a Marine Resources Conference will be held in Gardner Auditorium, State House, on January 3, 1962 sponsored by the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission. This Conference will be a day-long meeting with an outstanding group of speakers. He further stated that announcements of this program have been made state-wide and a large attendance is expected.

In commenting on various land acquisition matters, the Commissioner said that the final papers on the Walker Pond property should be completed by the end of the week; the request for an open-space grant from the federal government (Housing and Home Finance Agency) has not been acted upon as yet and an extension of time has been requested by that agency until the first of the year.

The Commissioner brought up the request for a transfer of land at Cochituate State Park to the Department of Public Works for a maintenance headquarters, which was discussed at the previous meeting of the Board. Approval was given for use on a permit basis provided that there would be no conflict with the legislation turning over the area in question

to the Department. The Commissioner reported that the legislation was quite specific as to what uses could be made of the property and therefore it did not seem possible to grant the request of the Department of Public Works.

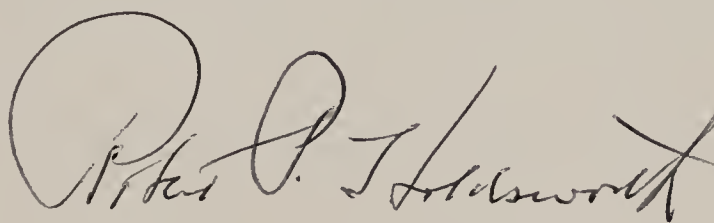
Chairman Fulham then brought up the matter of the election of a Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Natural Resources and it was unanimously -

VOTED - that Thomas A. Fulham be re-elected Chairman of the Board
of Natural Resources

and also unanimously -

VOTED - that Robert P. Holdsworth be re-elected Secretary of the
Board of Natural Resources.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. and the Board went to the Parker House for the 12:30 p.m. luncheon meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Division of Fisheries and Game.



Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on January 23, 1962 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Miller.

In relation to the Decas property, East Taunton, for which the Department is seeking an open-space grant from the Housing and Home Finance Agency, Commissioner Foster stated that a telegram and letter had been received from this Agency stating that the Department's application for the Decas property had been given tentative approval with the following three conditions -

1. That evidence be submitted on their Form B - Resolution of Applicant Authorizing Filing of Applicant for Grant To Acquire Open Space Land - showing that the Board of Natural Resources has formally adopted the resolution authorizing the Commissioner to file such application,
2. That a copy of Section 8, Chapter 495 of the Acts of 1961, be furnished along with evidence that the requirements thereof have been met, and
3. That evidence be furnished that the Department is legally capable of contracting with the federal government for the purpose of receiving the grant to assist in acquiring open-space land and is capable of retaining such land for the designated uses, without any qualification whatsoever.

The Commissioner, in commenting on condition three, said that the Department will be unable to certify without qualification that the property will be retained as permanent open-space since it is always subject to the higher authority of the General Court. It was his recommendation that the Housing and Home Finance Agency send legal counsel here to talk with the office of the Attorney General and the Department in order to work out the only obstacle remaining. He then recommended that the Board approve and sign a new application in order that the Department may proceed with the purchase of the property. Following discussion the application was signed by Robert P. Holdsworth after it was -

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to complete and file an application as supplied by the Housing and Home Finance Agency for an open-space grant for the purchase of the Esther Decas property in East Taunton.

The Commissioner then said that since the Board had given its approval of the application for an open-space grant for the Decas property, and the seller is agreeable to the price, it was his recommendation that the Board now approve the purchase of the Decas property. The Commissioner said that the Department must make full payment for the property before receiving reimbursement from the federal government, and it was his feeling also that the Department should pay the 1962 real estate taxes since negotiations were not completed in 1961. Following discussion it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 646.88 acres of land in Taunton from Esther Decas for a consideration of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND (155,000) DOLLARS and to add to said consideration any amount required as reimbursement for the payment of the 1962 real estate taxes. Being the same premises described in deed of George Papageorge to Esther Decas dated December 2, 1960, recorded with the Bristol North District Registry of Deeds in Book 1376, Page 261.

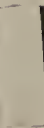
In connection with the request of the Western Union Telegraph Company for authorization to install two microwave units for satellite tracking on the Mount Grace and Savoy Mountain State Forests, Commissioner Foster asked Director Raymond J. Kenney to attend the meeting to participate in the discussion of this project. The Commissioner said that several months ago the Board voted that he be authorized to



negotiate with the Western Union Telegraph Company and he said it is now felt that successful negotiations have been completed. Mr. Kenney stated that he has had many conferences with the lawyers representing the Western Union Telegraph Company and the agreement worked out is acceptable to the Office of the Attorney General for these two installations. He also said that a formal public hearing had been held by the Department of Public Utilities relative to the public necessity of the project with conclusions in the affirmative. He further stated that the permit for installation would be for a period of twenty-five years with an annual payment of one hundred dollars for each site. He said there will be a small building erected for the equipment which will be below the Department's fire tower line of sight. Following discussion it was -

VOTED - to grant permission to the Western Union Telegraph Company to establish and maintain microwave relay stations on the Mount Grace State Forest in Warwick and the Savoy Mountain State Forest in Savoy, - the said permits to run for a period of twenty-five years with an annual payment of one hundred dollars for each site.

The Commissioner then gave to the Board a summary of forest fire statistics for calendar year 1961 and also comparable figures for the past four years. He then asked Director Kenney to comment on the report, who stated that an average of 3,700 fires are recorded each year but the acreage burned has been held to a respectable level. He said that the question of damage and cost to extinguish fires is almost impossible to determine since the Department must consider 351 different communities. Where a city or town has a permanent fire department, it

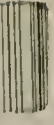


does not cost the community anything to put out fires, and damage is therefore underestimated. He mentioned that children and debris burners are responsible for most fires and that the Department operates on the premise that any fire in the vicinity of woodland which is uncontrolled is a potential forest fire. In replying to the Commissioner's question as to what parts of the Department's program do not shape up well, Mr. Kenney stated that fire prevention is its weakest point and said that a request has been made in the 1963 budget for an expanded fire prevention program. The Board then thanked Mr. Kenney for his presentation.

Commissioner Foster then asked Messrs. Henry G. McCarthy and Robert L. Yasi to attend the meeting in order to review some of the current legislation affecting the Department.

Mr. Yasi then gave the highlights of the following bills -

1. S.1 - Marine fisheries legislation - this is the Governor's proposal and no hearing date has been established as yet - copies of the bill and outline of the legislation given to Board members.
2. S. 379 - S. 380 - identical bills - petition for development of recreation facilities on the Mount Tom State Reservation - the Department feels that this project should be undertaken by the Reservation Commission itself.
3. S. 381 - petition to authorize the Department to acquire land in the vicinity of the Holyoke Range in the towns of Hadley, South Hadley, Amherst and Granby - this is the area which has been under study by the Department this past summer - the area surrounds Skinner State Park.
4. S. 382 - petition to authorize the Department to lease the ski tow on Mount Grace in the town of Warwick - this bill, if passed, will authorize the Department to lease the area and enter into negotiations with private parties, following bid procedures, for the development of ski facilities utilizing private capital.
5. S. 551 and S. 552 - studies of shellfish and coastal wetlands which were part of the marine fisheries program but filed as separate bills.



6. H. 304 - petition for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the advisability of the Department constructing a skating rink at Lake Cochituate.
7. H. 981 - petition that the Department convey certain land to the city of Marlborough to be used as a rehabilitation area for retarded children - Commissioner Foster stated that there is a substantial following for this bill and that when a similar bill was offered last year the Department agreed to work out an arrangement for a permit.
8. H. 1347 - petition for the Department to make a study of the advisability of preserving the wetlands of the Neponset River valley - the Commissioner stated that this is one of the last remaining tracts of unspoiled marsh in the metropolitan area and is under considerable pressure for commercial and highway purposes.
9. H. 1633 - petition by Lester Bowls for an investigation by a special commission of a transfer by the Department of a portion of Ames Nowell Park to the town of Abington - Mr. Bowls was a member of a syndicate who wanted to purchase the land from Mr. Nowell originally for a commercial development.
10. H. 1637 - petition that the Division of Fisheries and Game be authorized to issue permits for commercial shooting preserves - Commissioner Foster said that this bill has been proposed for the past three years and should be adopted.
11. H. 2686 - (Committee on Harbors and Public Lands) - petition that the Division of Waterways be directed to construct a marina, parking area, and boat landing in the town of Provincetown and providing that the Commonwealth shall not acquiesce in federal acquisition of certain lands at Long Point in said town. The Commissioner said that 57 acres would be reserved for a harbor of refuge before the Province Lands were transferred to the National Seashore.

Mr. Yasi said that there are about 25 bills on hunting on Sundays and holidays which will probably be heard at one time.

12. S. 505 - (Committee on Water Supply) - petition to authorize the Water Resources Commission to construct eight reservoirs and other works for flood control and other purposes in the watershed of the Quaboag River - similar to the SuAsCo program, this bill has been heard and is now in Senate Ways and Means - the Department has a particular interest in this bill because some reservoirs can be adapted for recreation purposes.

It was stated by Mr. Yasi that three petitions have been filed by Representatives Zabriskie relating to the pollution of the Merrimack

River. He further stated that money is being requested to update a previous study for pollution control. The Commissioner added that the federal government can step in and order abatement to commence if the state does not assume its own responsibilities.

The Commissioner said that the report of the Special Commission on Youth Conservation Camps had been filed on January 15, 1962 in accordance with Chapter 75 of the Resolves of 1961 and that J. Harrie Hogan, Carnegie Foundation student intern, who is studying governmental procedures in this Department for one year, had turned in an outstanding piece of work as staff assistant to the Special Commission. Commissioner Foster then introduced Mr. Hogan to the Board members and asked him to comment on the highlights of the study.

Mr. Hogan then summarized the report as follows -

He said the Commission was set up to study two problems - one the education of non-delinquent youths in the conservation of natural resources, and second, the rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents through the use of camp projects. In this connection, Mr. Hogan said the Commission first visited the Stephen L. French Youth Forestry Camp at Nickerson State Park which is operated in cooperation with the Youth Service Board. He said there are 25 youths between the ages of sixteen and seventeen who, under supervision, maintain picnic grounds, clear new sites and do forest improvement work. Due to the work performed, and its value in rehabilitation, it was the recommendation of the Commission that this camp be expanded to handle 60 youths.

Mr. Hogan said that the Commission at its second meeting visited the Monroe Forest prison camp where similar work is being done as at the Stephen L. French Camp, although it is not a youth camp. The Special

Commission also inspected work done by the former CCC camps and was greatly impressed by the caliber and quantity of projects undertaken during the 30's.

Mr. Hogan also stated that a survey had been made of the other states and the Provinces of Canada with respect to youth programs. It was found that only a few had active programs at the present time but there was great interest, particularly in the Canadian Provinces, in projects of this sort.

In discussing possible legislation that might come from Congress, he said that a Youth Conservation Corps, similar to the old CCC, was brought out of committee last year and reported favorably in the Senate, and a similar proposal is before Congress this year.

The recommendations of the Special Commission were then outlined by Mr. Hogan as follows -

1. Increase capital outlay in the Division of Youth Service in order to expand the existing Youth Forestry Camp.
2. Request the General Court to memorialize Congress to pass legislation establishing a Youth Conservation Corps.
3. Continue the Special Commission on Youth Conservation Camps for another year in order that it might study further the following -
 - a) summer forest camp programs designed primarily for the non-delinquent youth and those youths interested in forestry;
 - b) Massachusetts youth conservation camps resembling in structure and procedure the former CCC programs, and;
 - c) day labor conservation units designed to employ youths in necessary conservation projects.

In being questioned by the Board about the Carnegie Foundation program, Mr. Hogan said that the Foundation had allotted \$150,000 to Massachusetts to finance fifteen interns in a two year program - the

first year being spent working in a governmental agency studying governmental procedures, and the second year being spent in graduate work.

Commissioner Foster said that the Department considered itself most fortunate in being able to work with Mr. Hogan, and the Board thanked him for his fine report on Youth Conservation Camps.

For the information of the Board, the Commissioner stated that he has had meetings with the Dean of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts relative to the establishment of a Natural Resources Institute at the University. With an Institute of this type, it is believed that the University and the Department could cooperate more closely on research and education projects, thereby bringing about a coordination of efforts at the state level and within the University for the natural resource field as a whole. Professor Holdsworth said that when he was at the University there was very little information about the University and the various Departments within the University available to state agencies and said he thought this Institute would provide an invaluable opportunity for many effective projects.

In speaking of personnel, the Commissioner said that Mr. Edward W. Mahan, First Assistant to the Commissioner, and also Acting Commissioner, will retire on January 31, 1962. He further stated that since this position carries professional forestry duties, he will seek a public relations forester as a replacement. In recognition of the many contributions made and distinguished tradition of public service, he said he would like to have Harold O. Cook, Chief Forester, fill the position of First Assistant to the Commissioner until such time as the position is filled permanently and the Board concurred in this recommendation.

The Commissioner then stated that there will be no Acting Commissioner upon the retirement of Mr. Mahan and recommended that Henry G. McCarthy, Department Secretary, be designated as Acting Commissioner. The Board indicated its approval of this recommendation and - VOTED - that Henry G. McCarthy, Department Secretary, be designated as Acting Commissioner upon the retirement of Edward W. Mahan on January 31, 1962, in the event of any incapacity or absence of the Commissioner from office.

The Commissioner reported that Director Kenney, with his approval, had administratively placed one of the Department's engineering consultants, Eduoard Dubé, in charge of all planning and development work proceeding under the bond issue. He will function as an assistant chief to Mr. Arnold E. Howard to handle all the routine work involved in this program, and all consultants have been moved to one floor in order to expedite planning and development projects.

The Commissioner then told the Board that the dam at Clarksburg State Forest had suddenly given way last week and 50 acre Mausert's Pond had been entirely drained. Since the Department has no permanent personnel at this area, it did not know of the incident until informed by outside sources. He said that engineers are now at the area to get the facts and see what can be done in the way of restoration.

The Commissioner reported that two civil suits had been brought against employees of the Department during the past year resulting in a judgment against one forest and park supervisor due to alleged negligence in his official duties. He said that a bill has been filed with the legislature to pay the judgment on behalf of the supervisor, but a serious question has now been raised as to whether personnel are


responsible for their actions when working for the Commonwealth.

The Commissioner said that the Department was attempting to do a better job of public relations and, as a first step, had invited the city editor of the Berkshire Eagle to explain to all our field personnel assembled at Pittsfield State Forest just what news is and what portions of their work might have news value. The Commissioner thanked Mr. Miller for his courtesy in having Mr. Giddings speak to the field personnel. The Commissioner said that more meetings of this sort would be held and he would personally meet with the editorial staff of all daily papers throughout the state during the coming month.

Commissioner Foster reported that he had been notified by the Secretary of the Interior that he had been named Chairman of the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for Tuesday, February 13, 1962, at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert P. Hubbard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held February 13, 1962 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Sweet and Miller.

The minutes of the meetings of December 18, 1961 and January 23, 1962 were approved.

The Commissioner then stated that he would like to review current legislation with the Board and asked Mr. Henry G. McCarthy to attend the meeting to briefly outline all pertinent matters.

Mr. McCarthy said that the pesticide bill submitted by the Special Commission on Pesticides was heard last week before the Committee on Public Health. He reported that the Arborists Association had submitted a custom applicator's bill drafted after model legislation supposedly being used by about twenty other states. He also stated that the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation supported the major principles of the Pesticide Commission's bill, but did take some exceptions which were minor in nature.

He then mentioned that H. 2067, petition of Local #84 of the Massachusetts State Council AFL-CIO making it mandatory that the Commonwealth supply \$100 a year for uniforms for the officers of the Division of Law Enforcement, and supported by the Department, had been heard.

He also said hearings had been held on S. 154, before the Committee on State Administration, relative to the transfer of the Division of Waterways from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Natural Resources, and on S. 466 for legislation to empower the Governor to appoint heads of executive departments and agencies and from time to time to designate the chairman of boards, commissions, committees and other agencies. Commissioner Foster said that the Department took no position on either bill.

Mr. McCarthy then stated that S.1, pertaining to the Governor's marine resources program, will be heard on February 28 at 1:30 p.m. in Gardner Auditorium.

In reporting on the Department's bill (H.69) relative to the hours and duties of law enforcement officers of the Division of Law Enforcement, Mr. McCarthy said that this bill has not yet been heard. He said the bill seeks a basic five day, eight hour week, with unlimited overtime but is contingent upon an upgrading of two grades to compensate for such overtime. He further said that although at the present time there is no money specifically allocated for overtime for the law enforcement officers, it has been necessary in certain cases to pay overtime with money appropriated for other purposes. Upon question by Mr. Sweet, Mr. McCarthy said that at the present time there are 22 marine officers and 28 inland officers in the Division of Law Enforcement.

The Commissioner said that under the Governor's 1963 budget recommendations the upgrading of these officers was not approved and he said he would have another meeting with the Commissioner of Administration and Finance in an effort to obtain this upgrading.

The Commissioner also stated that separate legislation has been filed for an upgrading on behalf of the marine segment of law enforcement only, and this does not have the Department's support.

In reviewing the Governor's 1963 budget recommendations, the Commissioner asked Mr. Harold J. Greene to participate in the meeting to outline some of the recommendations. Mr. Greene stated that the Department's operating expenses will remain about the same as last year, but personnel-wise the Department is a little better off in comparison to last year, although further reductions can be expected by the Ways and Means Committee.

He said that -

1. One clerical position to handle conservation commission work was allowed.
2. New position of Regional Forest and Park Supervisor was approved, which will bring the total to four, but upgrading of these positions was not approved.
3. In the forest fire account the seasonal positions remain the same as last year.
4. County fire patrol - no funds for staffing from April 1 to June 30.
5. Forestry account remains about the same, but three positions of conservation helpers were recommended to be made permanent.
6. Service Foresters remain the same- recommendation for a new Service Forester in Hampshire County was not approved.
7. Insect Pest Control remains the same as last year - two new removal crews were not approved - blister rust control program was not approved.
8. Recommendation for four replacement fire towers was not approved - funds for fire equipment were not approved.
9. Accelerated timber management program request was approved.
10. Watershed forester not approved.
11. Under the federal-state cooperative forest management program three positions of forester were approved - funds are supplied by the U.S. Forest Service on a partial reimbursement basis.
12. Division of Law Enforcement account remains approximately the same as last year - coastal officers were allowed eleven new vehicles - inland officers three new vehicles; \$5,100 was requested for uniforms for coastal officers and \$750. was approved; \$6,800 was requested for uniforms for inland officers and \$1,000 was approved; no money for upgrading of officers or equipment was granted - no funds were granted for material and supplies for the gun safety courses.
13. Marine Fisheries account - one new position of marine biologist for the lobster program was approved - otherwise the account remains the same as last year - the requests for the Newburyport shellfish plant were approved as submitted.
14. The Department has not had the complete breakdown on the parks account as yet, but two new Engineering positions were recommended; a permanent Forest and Park Supervisor and three

skilled helpers were approved for the Warwick Forest Prison Camp, and three temporary positions at the Brimfield saw mill were made permanent.

15. Upgrading of Forest and Park Supervisor to Senior Forest and Park Supervisor was approved for Myles Standish State Forest.

Mr. Sweet asked if the Department had requested eight cylinder or six cylinder cars for the law enforcement officers, and the Commissioner replied that the requests were for six cylinder cars for reasons of economy.

It was the consensus of the Board that continued efforts should be made by the Department to remedy the remaining budgetary shortages.

The Commissioner then brought to the attention of the Board the preliminary application of the town of Bedford, under the self-help conservation program (Chapter 517, Acts of 1960), for the purchase of 38.2 acres of land formerly owned by the U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital. He said that this tract can be purchased for \$9,925. towards which the Commonwealth is being asked to contribute 50% of the cost. He stated that the area had been investigated and reviewed by the Committee on Lands which stated that the area meets specifications of the self-help program and would be an asset to Bedford's future in that it will provide a valuable wooded area with recreation possibilities, and preserve an unspoiled area in the middle of a rapidly expanding section of the town. The Commissioner then said that if this preliminary approval is given, the Bedford Conservation Commission will bring the matter before its coming Town Meeting for approval of the acquisition. Following discussion, the Board -

VOTED - to approve the preliminary application of the Bedford Conservation Commission, under Chapter 517, Acts of 1960, to acquire 38.2 acres of land in Bedford from the U.S. Veterans Administra-

tion Hospital of Bedford for \$9,925, and to give tentative approval to a reimbursement not to exceed 50% of the purchase price.

The Board then discussed the procedure followed in the acquisition of land, and Mr. Sweet asked the Commissioner to outline present land acquisition policies. Commissioner Foster stated that when property comes to the Department's attention a preliminary examination is made and these reports are then discussed with him by Mr. Frederick Bowers. If the property appears to be of value to the Department's forest and park system, then Mr. Frederick Bowers and the Committee on Lands are asked to consider the area further to see what facilities can be installed and what uses can be made of the area. Field reports are made by regional personnel and are reviewed by the Committee on Lands. If the Committee's report is favorable, the Department then asks that another appraiser be assigned. After the appraisal has been received, it is reviewed by the Committee on Lands and a recommendation is made to the Commissioner for acquisition. The Commissioner then reviews the recommendation and, if given his approval, it comes before the Board for official action. Following the Board's vote of approval, the necessary deeds are prepared and the matter is then forwarded to the Governor's Council for approval of payment. The Council reviews the proposed acquisition, the vote of the Board, and the appraisals and, if approved, a confirming letter is sent to the Department.

The Commissioner stated that the Department has a policy of never settling with anyone for more than the appraised value of the property with the exception of a case where an additional year's

taxes may be involved. He also said that if the initial appraisal seems too high, other appraisals are obtained and it is not uncommon for two or three appraisals to be involved in a key piece of property.

These policies and procedures were then discussed by the Board, and it was the feeling that no changes were necessary at the present time.

Commissioner Foster said that although the Board had previously voted that names of new forests and parks should be historical connotations, there are several areas which might be considered as exceptions. He said he had recently received a memorandum from Mr. Raymond J. Kenney recommending that the Colrain State Forest be designated the Harold O. Cook State Forest in recognition of the contribution Mr. Cook has made to the Department and the Commonwealth over the years. Mr. Kenney was then asked to attend the meeting and stated that the Colrain State Forest dates back to 1908---almost the beginning of Mr. Cook's service with the Department. He said that Mr. Cook personally planted much of the present spruce forest and since that time the original area has been extended to about 1,500 acres. He further stated that this is a good forest stand in that it shows what can be done under good forest management and that the area will probably never be used extensively for recreation.

Mr. Fulham said he thought this would be a fitting gesture and also felt that a suitable tablet should be erected by the Department at the forest. Following discussion the Board unanimously -

VOTED - that the name of the Colrain State Forest be changed to the

Harold O. Cook State Forest in honor of the long and valuable service of Harold O. Cook, Chief Forester of the Massachusetts

Department of Natural Resources, that a suitable tablet be erected within the forest to commemorate this event, and that Mr. Cook be so notified of this action by the Board.

Commissioner Foster then brought up the naming of the newly acquired property at Walker Pond, Sturbridge, stating that since the owners, the Wells family had made the property available to the Commonwealth he thought that consideration should be given to this designation. Following discussion it was -

VOTED - that the Walker Pond area in Sturbridge be named the Wells State Park and that all future posters, signs and communications involving this area bear such designation.

Another area which should come under consideration, the Commissioner said, is the Decas property in East Taunton, which he felt should be named immediately after the property is acquired. The Board, following discussion of several suggested names, said it would consider the matter further.

The 3,000 acre Cohasset Annex of the U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot has now been officially declared surplus property, the Commissioner stated, and has been turned over to the General Services Administration. Under disposal procedures, the federal agencies are given first refusal of the property and only the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has expressed exploratory interest in the area for migratory waterfowl. He said that if a federal agency does not want the property, it is then offered to the state, counties and municipalities. Since many of the communities in the area of the Depot, through their conservation commissions, have expressed an interest in the property, the Department volunteered the services of one of its recreation planners to make a

study as to what would be its best future use. Mr. Egbert Hans, recreation planner assigned to this project, attended meetings of the various conservation commissions in order to resolve all the different interests. The Commissioner said he had personally visited the area with the Directors and field personnel, and further stated that one portion of the Annex has a great many buildings and railroad sidings, but about 500 acres here will be reserved by the Navy for defense purposes and will be fenced in. Although the towns favor some type of state action, the Commissioner said, there is no outstanding recreation value in the area and should the property be acquired for this purpose it will cost the Commonwealth 50% of the appraised value. If acquired for wildlife conservation, there would be no cost for acquisition.

The Commissioner then said that the consensus of the Department is that this should be a public reservation by virtue of its size and location close to metropolitan Boston, but since it is marginal from a recreation point of view, it should be applied for from the aspect of wildlife conservation. He said the Division of Fisheries and Game should be the primary applicant for the area and further ~~and further~~ stated that the Director of Fisheries and Game is considerably interested in the property. The Commissioner said that he had met with officials of the General Service Administration in Boston to try to find out what the appraisal figures and future procedures would be.

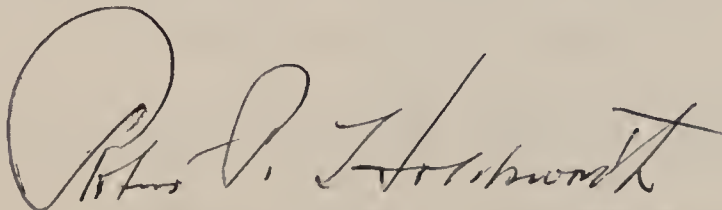
Although the Commissioner said a decision does not have to be made on this property at the present time, he would like to have guidance from the Board as to what would be the best procedure to follow regarding this surplus property. Following discussion, Mr. Fulham expressed the consensus of the Board that the Division of Fisheries and

Game would be the logical agency to acquire the area, and if the property was acquired by this Division the Department could in all probability cooperate in the provision of modest recreation facilities.

Another metropolitan type area has come to the Department's attention recently, the Commissioner said, and although no decision is required at this meeting, he said he would like to briefly describe the possibilities. He reported that nearly 1,000 acres of property on Moose Hill, Sharon, owned by the Kendall family, was brought to his attention by counsel for the family to ascertain what the Commonwealth's interest might be. The property contains woodland, wetland, a modern farm, and will abut Interstate Route 95 on the east side. It borders a wildlife sanctuary now owned by the Massachusetts Audubon Society. He further stated that since the property could come to the Commonwealth as a gift, the Department is having several people make a study of the area so that some idea can be obtained as to what uses could be made of the property. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the Department should be interested and receptive to all such possibilities lying within easy reach of the metropolitan area.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for March 13, 1962 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



Secretary

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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on March 13, 1962 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Commissioner said that he would like to discuss with the Board the rapid build-up of the gypsy moth in Massachusetts, and asked Director Raymond J. Kenney and Chief Moth Superintendent Charles S. Hood to attend the meeting to apprise the Board of the present situation and the proposed steps which will be taken to control this insect pest.

The Commissioner then asked Mr. Kenney to review the Department's statutory responsibility in this regard, who stated that the liability of cities and towns is established by the Commissioner under the law on the basis of the assessed valuation of the city or town. He pointed out the many cases of hardship to the smaller towns where the assessed valuation is low and there are many acres of wooded land. He then stated that the Department informs the cities and towns how much the law states they should spend for insect pest control and it is then up to the municipalities to appropriate the funds and to control the insect pest within their limits. However, he said, should a city or town expend over the amount equal to its financial responsibility in suppressing public nuisances, then the Department may assist the municipality in an amount not to exceed 50% of the expenditures made by the city or town in excess of its financial responsibility, which may consist of financial payment, supplies, equipment, or services.

Mr. Charles S. Hood then explained to the Board that the gypsy moth is a periodic pest which generally rises and falls in cycles of seven years, but for some reason almost ten years have elapsed since the last infestation has occurred. He said that at the present time

there are signs that the pest is ready to defoliate and create a general public nuisance in a number of areas totalling approximately 50,000 acres. He then showed the Board members maps of Bernardston and Quabbin Reservoir where outbreaks have occurred previously and where infestation is now beginning to be found, stating that the gypsy moth builds up very quickly on susceptible areas. He further stated that aerial surveys have been made of the area with the cooperation of the federal government and ground inspections have also been made by Department personnel to determine the areas in need of treatment. In order to combat this pest, Mr. Hood said that the spraying of 50,000 acres is planned for this spring as it is felt that if these areas are taken care of before the peak of the cycle is reached there will be many thousands of acres less that will need spraying in the future. Mr. Hood then emphasized that this will be a control operation, not complete eradication, but that when the total cycle is over the number of acres which had been infested will be substantially decreased.

Commissioner Foster then said that the Department did not request funds for this gypsy moth spraying project in its regular budget, as it has done in the past, since actual surveys are not made until fall and the Department did not wish to request money until it was determined by accurate defoliation surveys just what amounts would be required. He also stated that owing to the seriousness of this situation, the Department feels that this proposed project should be financed as well as supervised by the Commonwealth notwithstanding the features of existing law. The Commissioner then asked the Board if it concurred in this conclusion, and after complete discussion

a motion was made and the Board -

VOTED - that in light of the rapid build-up of gypsy moth populations as determined by recent surveys, it concludes that the most effective control operation would be through the use of state facilities in conjunction and in cooperation with municipalities, and that the Commissioner be directed to bring forcefully to the attention of the Budget Commissioner and appropriate committees of the legislature that \$50,000 spent now would forestall sizable expenditures and public inconvenience in the future.

Commissioner Foster said that the Department still has some agreements for land acquisition which have not been finalized and since the Board by previous action had voted to approve an increase in compensation for additional payment of taxes for certain specific cases he thought it might be appropriate if the Board approved a blanket type of vote to cover acquisitions authorized but not completed in 1961 where payment of taxes should be added to the compensation. He further stated that he would report to the Board any action taken under such a vote and following discussion it was -

VOTED - that Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster be authorized to add to the consideration which the Department of Natural Resources agreed to pay for various parcels of land during the year of 1961, any amount which the Collector of Taxes of the town in which the land is situated is willing to accept as a deposit for payment of the 1962 real estate tax.

The Board was then informed by the Commissioner that he had received a letter from Mrs. Esther Decas regarding the naming of the property in East Taunton in memory of her son who was killed in World War II and

indicating further that should this matter receive favorable consideration she would reduce the price of the property by \$5,000. Following discussion, the Board felt that although it was sympathetic to her request, the Department could institute an appropriate memorial in her son's name without adjustment of consideration paid or agreement to a specific name and instructed the Commissioner to write Mrs. Decas to that effect.

Another matter brought up in Mrs. Decas' letter, the Commissioner said, was reimbursement for the payment of interest due on her property in East Taunton. He said that the Department will probably not pass papers on this property until around the first of April and due to governmental procedures, payment will most likely not be made for several months thereafter. Mr. Fulham said that he thought this was a rather unusual and extraordinary request since the consideration of the property had already been agreed upon, and following discussion the Commissioner was instructed to write Mrs. Decas stating that it was the consensus of the Board that any changes in consideration would be difficult to accomplish at this late date but that the Department would try to expedite the financial transaction in order that the matter would prove of less inconvenience to the property owner.

Relative to the Cape Cod regional planning study, the Commissioner said that for many years the Department of Commerce has been empowered to conduct state-wide planning but no funds have been provided to undertake such studies. The U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency, however, has indicated that federal funds are now available to assist in an overall planning study to the extent of two dollars for every

one available at the state or local levels. Attention has centered on Cape Cod as the initial project, because the establishment of the National Seashore Park makes it imperative that proper planning and zoning be adopted by the region as a whole. The Barnstable County Commissioners have asked for a regional planning study of Cape Cod and have offered the sum of \$25,000 towards such a project. The Commissioner said that the Department was approached by the Department of Commerce to see if it would like to participate in such a study from the aspect of natural resource development and use, and he said that tentative assurances had been given in the affirmative. The Commissioner said he was informed by the Department of Commerce last week that \$68,000 would be available in federal money for this project, and that the Department is tentatively underwritten into the program to the extent of \$30,000, of which \$20,000 would be contributed by the federal government. The Commissioner said he would recommend that the Department allocate \$10,000 from its recreation bond issues for the proposed project because of the need to study the impact of the Seashore on present and future state park properties. He stated that the following items would be covered in the study:

- 1. Forest Resources \$5,000 (federal funds)

The past and existing forests and forest products industries of the area will be evaluated and the possibilities for future forest-based and forest products industries will be determined.

- 2. Outdoor Recreation \$10,000 (state funds)

Existing and potential outdoor recreation areas will be evaluated by major type of recreation area to determine their possible future uses in the recreation industry of this area.

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3. Marine Resources

\$15,000 (federal funds)

A study will be made of the history of the use of marine resources and also of their existing and future economic potential to the Cape Cod area.

He further stated that the Department can elect to put up services of existing personnel in lieu of financial contribution.

The Commissioner then recommended to the Board that it authorize him to proceed to implement the Department's part of this regional planning proposal to the extent of \$10,000, in funds or services, and to authorize him to execute a contract for its participation in the project. Following discussion, the Board indicated its interest in the project and -

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to set aside \$10,000, in funds or services, from the bond issue, for the Department's part in a Cape Cod Regional Planning project and to submit a contract at the next Board meeting for final approval.

Relative to the functions and responsibilities of the Division of Law Enforcement, the Commissioner said that during the month two events took place which related directly to the affairs of this Division and asked Director Howard S. Willard and Chiefs Gaylord L. Pike and Maurice P. Shaw to attend the meeting for discussion of the subjects.

The Commissioner said that a special investigation was conducted by the Marlboro Fish and Game Association on various alleged deficiencies in the set-up of the Division of Law Enforcement. He said that the report was prepared without consultation with the Department and was sent to all news outlets and members of the legislature before being received in the Department.

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The other communication relative to the Division of Law Enforcement was received by the Commissioner of Administration and Finance from the Regional Sanitary Engineer of the U. S. Public Health Service stating that since it believed the Department's marine enforcement patrols to be only 40% adequate, the federal government was considering suspension of Massachusetts from the approved list for interstate shipment of shellfish. The Commissioner further stated that this communication was an outgrowth of the severe hepatitis outbreak last summer which was traced in some instances to the consumption of illegally harvested shellfish from contaminated areas.

The Commissioner then said he would like to discuss first with the Board some of the recommendations of the Special Report of the Marlboro Fish and Game Association which he said was also endorsed by Local #84, AFL-CIO.

On the question of radio communications, he said that the Department is trying out a combined dispatching service for all but peak seasons in order to operate more efficiently and spread the cost of radio communications between two Divisions.

As far as telephone services are concerned, the state no longer compensates employees for the base telephone charge and he said he is of the opinion that the state will never return to the previous system. Mr. Willard and Mr. Pike stated that the officers do not like being out of contact with the public as they feel it greatly reduces the efficiency of their work. The Commissioner stated that to try to alleviate this and other situations, the Department is attempting to provide an increase in compensation to the officers which would more than cover the reimbursement lost.

Relative to an educational program, the Commissioner said that he has asked the Division of Law Enforcement to prepare an in-service training program for the inland officers this spring as a follow-up to the very satisfactory in-service training program for marine officers held last spring. Mr. Willard stated that when he became Director officers who had more than five years of service left with the Division were sent to the State Police Academy to take as much of its course as would benefit their work, but none have been sent there since that time. However, he said that he had requested that ten of his men go through the first session of the State Police Academy in 1962 for a six weeks' course but was informed by the State Police that they could not be accommodated at this time. He further stated that he has received information from many other states regarding their courses in law enforcement which can probably be adapted by the Division and become the nucleus of a regular in-service training program.

On the matter of relieving all officers of park patrol, Mr. Willard said that assignments are customarily restricted to weekends and holidays with the exception of Myles Standish State Forest where a patrol is kept at all times when the park is open for public protection. He also said that if the men were in uniform it would be much easier to control undesirable elements in park areas.

Relative to the physical and geographic make-up of the officers' districts, Mr. Willard said that the Division is in the process of studying local ordinances on discharge of firearms and other matters in relation to possible changes in districts. He further stated that with the increase in the use of salt water for recreation

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purposes it may be necessary to put more officers along the shoreline.

Commissioner Foster then asked Chief Pike for his comments. Mr. Pike stated that he thought his officers were adversely affected by the retroactive pay given to the marine officers which they did not receive and reported further that his operating accounts have been reduced about two and a half times since 1949 even though costs of gasoline, tires, and other equipment have risen.

With reference to confiscated guns, Mr. Willard said that he had found only two guns unaccounted for at the Stow Headquarters and he now has Mr. Pike investigating the matter. He also said that these confiscated guns are declared surplus and, upon instruction of the Purchasing Bureau, are turned over to the State Police for replacement equipment. It was his feeling that these guns should be traded for gun safety course materials or disposed of at public sale, the proceeds of which would be credited to the Fish and Game Fund.

Relative to the overtime situation, Mr. Willard said that payment for overtime has been equally divided where there has been a need for it and where the necessary funds were available.

Regarding relations with the Division of Fisheries and Game, Mr. Willard stated that he felt there was no serious gap between the Divisions and that relations were on the whole cordial.

Following discussion, Mr. Fulham asked the Commissioner if he felt this Special Report of the Marlboro Fish and Game Association required an answer and the Commissioner said it was his opinion that we should be advised of its contents and explore the recommendations further.

The Commissioner then brought to the attention of the Board the communication of the U. S. Public Health Service relative to patrol activities of marine law enforcement officers and asked Chief Shaw to comment on this subject. Mr. Shaw said he had sent a detailed memorandum to the Director and Commissioner outlining what steps should be taken to remedy this situation but basically not much improvement can be made in the patrol of contaminated areas without additional funds and equipment. He further stated that he did not know what the economic impact would be if the interstate shipment of shellfish was suspended. In commenting upon the Public Health Service's statement that marine enforcement was only about 40% adequate, he felt that the 40% pointed toward patrol rather than the overall picture. Mr. Willard noted that our efforts seem to be comparable, if not superior, to most states even though the extent of patrols does not apparently meet federal requirements.

In further commenting on the functions and responsibilities of the Division of Law Enforcement, Commissioner Foster said he thought the Division should know that Mr. Fulham had personally met with the Governor on several matters directly affecting the Division and that remedial measures were being pursued as effectively as possible.

Mr. Willard then said he would like to be instructed as to how personnel should handle instances of criticism levelled against his Division, and the Commissioner said the procedure to follow would be to acknowledge the interest in its affairs and state that such recommendations would be given every consideration. Mr. Fulham felt that Mr. Willard should not make any detailed public statements

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The Commissioner then said the Department is actively preparing recommendations for improvements in the Division's operations and would submit them to the Board in the near future. He suggested that the Board empower him to put together a small advisory group of people in the law enforcement field to assist in this project. The Board felt that this was a very commendable suggestion and -

VOTED - that the Commissioner be empowered to set up an outside advisory group in the law enforcement field to review present operations and prepare recommendations for improvements in the Division of Law Enforcement.

With reference to the status of present legislation, the Commissioner asked Messrs. Robert L. Yasi and Henry G. McCarthy to attend the meeting.

Mr. Yasi said that the marine fisheries legislation is still in Committee. He reported that the Governor has agreed to appoint a special commission to investigate the lobster fishery, an area where most of the opposition to Senate 1 is centered.

Mr. Yasi said the Holyoke Range bill is still in Committee. The Commissioner gave the Board members a copy of the Holyoke Range Report which he said was the result of a survey of the entire Range made by the South Hadley Conservation Society, the Department of Natural Resources, and the National Park Service during the past summer. He said the bill was filed with the support of local legislators but a hearing had to be held before the bill was printed or the report available for public distribution. At the present time, because of the amount of uninformed, local opposition, the Commissioner said he is recommending to the

legislative Committee that it report the bill out as no legislation necessary, as the Department will still have the authority to acquire this area under its regular statutes.

Mr. Yasi then commented on the following bills -

- S.552 - Study by the Department of Natural Resources of the coastal wetlands of the Commonwealth - now in Committee and is expected to be reported favorably.
- H.129 - That Chairman of the Water Resources Commission be a member of the Northeastern Resources Commission - this was enacted yesterday and passed to be engrossed and is now in the Senate.
- S.154 - Relative to the transfer of the Division of Waterways to the Department of Natural Resources - in Committee.
- H.3332 - Pesticide Report and bill - the Pesticide Commission's report was accepted with one or two amendments and is now in Senate Ways and Means.
- S. 1 - Relative to transfer of beaches to the Department of Natural Resources - has been received in the Senate and is awaiting a hearing date.

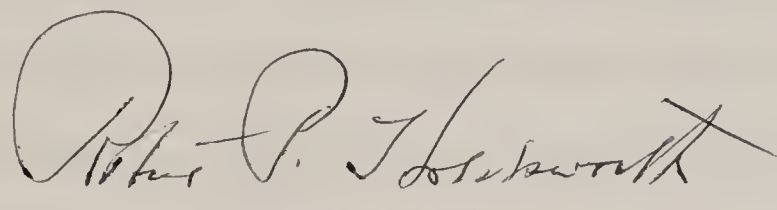
Mr. Henry G. McCarthy commented on S-1 relative to the transfer of beaches to the Department stating that the administrative personnel now connected with the Division of Beaches would present serious problems in comparative pay scales and permanency because, under the proposal, beaches would come under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Recreation. He said the Department is not geared administratively to deal with 300 to 400 seasonal employees nor is it physically able to accommodate more employees in its present office space, and it was his feeling that if the bill is enacted it should not become effective until November 1962 in order that the Department could make the proper future plans.

Mr. Yasi said that all reorganization bills are pending in the Committee on State Administration and while most of them have

been heard, no reports have been made as yet.

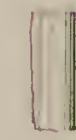
The date for the next Board meeting was set for April 10, 1962 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held April 10, 1962 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth and Potter.

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The minutes of the meeting of March 13, 1962 were approved.

Chairman Fulham reported that he had received a letter from Lester Smith, President of the Massachusetts Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, relative to the functions and responsibilities of the Division of Law Enforcement. In reviewing the letter, he noted the eight recommendations listed, seven of which concern this Department and the Division of Fisheries and Game, and suggested that the Commissioner communicate with the Division of Fisheries and Game to arrange a Joint Board meeting in June. He also directed the Commissioner to investigate each item on the list set forth in the letter from the Massachusetts Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and present a full report at the Joint meeting.

Commissioner Foster then asked Messrs. Robert L. Yasi and Henry G. McCarthy to participate in the meeting to present the status of present legislation.

Mr. Yasi commented as follows:

1. H. 3545 - Marine Fisheries and Public Access Bill - pending in House Ways and Means.
2. S. 381 - Holyoke Range acquisition has been withdrawn - no legislation necessary.
3. S. 382 - To authorize the Department to lease the ski tow on Mount Grace in the town of Warwick - pending in House Ways and Means.
4. H. 3422 (formerly S. 552) authorizing a study of the Coastal Wetlands of the Commonwealth - now in House Ways and Means and is expected to be reported favorably.
5. H. 1134 relative to state reimbursement to cities and towns of fifty percent of the cost incurred by them in combating the Dutch elm disease and the replacement of trees - now pending in House Ways and Means.
6. H. 3600 - report of the Special Commission relative to the establishment of Youth Conservation Camps by the Department. The Commissioner stated that resolves are attached to this report which recommend continuation of the study and support of the proposed federal Youth Conservation Corps.

Mr. Yasi further stated that the Governor has signed the bill which designates the Chairman of the Water Resources Commission as the Massachusetts member of the Northeastern Resources Commission.

He also said that the bill transferring the Division of Beaches to to the Department from the Division of Waterways was reported adversely by Senate Ways and Means and is now in the House. Mr. Henry McCarthy added that the pesticide legislation, Senate 736, was reported favorably by Senate Ways and Means and is now in its third reading.

Commissioner Foster asked Messrs. Raymond J. Kenney and Charles L. Woodman to attend the meeting to review the 1962 forest fire situation. Mr. Kenney said that the southeastern part of the state including the Cape, Plymouth, Bristol and Norfolk counties are now experiencing consistently high winds and, therefore, an early problem of forest fires has developed. He reported that emergency plans had been made to put the fire towers in operation by using personnel from the forests and parks since the towers would not normally be opened until April 1. He stated that the central and western parts of the state are still covered with snow, except for a few valleys, so that there is no problem there at the present time. He then said that the fire reports for the latter part of March indicated a total of 470 fires which burned over 470 acres, and in the first part of April there were 279 fires which burned over 379 acres. He stated that these early fires are fast moving but on the surface only and there is no feeling that we are in a serious fire situation at the present time. Mr. Kenney reported an abundance of water in the Commonwealth's ponds and streams.

Mr. Woodman then commented on the present fire situation stating that an early fire season provides a longer time for the build-up index to rise so that a serious forest fire situation is entirely possible the latter part of April or early May.

Mr. Kenney then stated that emergency plans have been worked out following the 1957 forest fire experience which should preclude a repetition of the difficulties experienced at that time.

The Commissioner then said he would like to present to the Board a progress report of the entire parks expansion program. He asked Mr. Kenney and Mr. Dubé to comment briefly on the material (attached) in the absence of Mr. Howard, and said that decisions on new recreational development projects would be postponed until the next Board meeting.

In reviewing the status of construction work, the Commissioner said there have been minor changes in the amounts of money utilized for individual projects due to normal discrepancies between estimates and actual bid prices. He felt it desirable for the Board to review these changes and to revise its previous votes for allocations.

Following discussion of the areas and development projects to be changed the following votes were made - see attached lists.

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Frederick Bowers to place before the Board various matters involving land acquisition. Mr. Bowers presented for the Board's consideration the taking of 1.45 acres of land at Nickerson State Park, Brewster, for recreation and conservation purposes. He said that the ownership of the property is unknown, that the Selectmen of Brewster have been contacted and have given their approval of the taking, and that the appraised value of the land in 1959 was \$25 to \$30 per acre. Following discussion it was -
VOTED - to authorize Charles H. W. Foster, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to execute an order of taking for recreation and conservation purposes, of a 1.45 acre parcel of land situated on the northwesterly side of the Mid-Cape Highway in the Town of Brewster. Said land is shown on a plan entitled, "Plan of land in Brewster, Mass. to be taken by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources, Scale 1" = 50', April 2, 1962."

In connection with the acquisition of property and buildings of the Children's Summer School, Ipswich, Commissioner Foster said that the owners of the Children's Summer School have now agreed to sell the property and buildings to the Commonwealth for the Department's appraisal figure of \$39,200. He pointed out that the acquisition of this property will secure frontage on Hood's Pond sufficient for the provision of modest day-use facilities.

The Commissioner then said that he has had several meetings with representatives of the Boston Juvenile Court which is much interested in finding a location for a junior youth service camp, and there is a possibility that the buildings and property at the Children's Summer School could be used for such purposes. Following discussion it was -
VOTED - to approve the purchase of a 15.72 acre parcel of land, with buildings thereon, situated in Ipswich, from the Children's Summer School, Inc. for a consideration of \$39,200.

The proposed acquisition of about 48 acres of land in Townsend from William W. Greeley, et als, for a consideration of \$6,000 was then brought to the attention of the Board and

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the Commissioner reviewed the purchase of the Fessenden property along the Squannacook River stating that this proposed acquisition would further help to protect this river and recommended that the property be acquired. Following discussion it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of about 48 acres of land on Blood

Road in Townsend from William W. Greeley, et als, for a consideration of \$6,000.

Mr. Bowers said that the Middlesex County Commissioners has asked for a conveyance of 23,740 square feet of State Forest land in Townsend to Middlesex County for the realignment of Fitchburg Road, a road adjacent to our recreation area, and following discussion it was -

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute a

deed conveying to Middlesex County 23,740 square feet of State Forest land in Townsend deemed necessary for the realignment of Fitchburg Road.

The Commissioner then reported on the activities of the Department stating that the regular spring meeting of fire personnel had been held to plan for the spring fire season, and he further stated that the Forest and Park Supervisors had been brought together in a field meeting at Stow to discuss the opening of the recreation areas. He also reported that Law Enforcement personnel met for one day at Stow to review the implications and ramifications relating to search and seizure. He pointed out that a recent decision of the Supreme Court on this subject affects all law enforcement agencies and a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted the one day session at Stow. Following this meeting, the Commissioner said that a dinner and brief ceremonies were held in honor of two officers of the Division of Law Enforcement who are retiring after serving the Commonwealth for over seventy years.

From an in-service training point of view, the Commissioner said that a five day training session will be held at Bradley Palmer State Park for the newest inland and marine officers of the Division of Law Enforcement and that men will come in from out of state to conduct some of the courses. In-service training will become standard operational procedure once and perhaps twice a year for the Division as a whole.

The Commissioner said that Student Government Day was held April 6 and the Natural Resources Commissioner for the day was Miss Rose Biecheli from South Easton who came to the office and was introduced to the Directors and other personnel.

It was reported by the Commissioner that the University of Massachusetts now has a man on its staff, Dr. Andrew J. W. Scheffey, who will act as liasion in the natural resource field. In this connection the University may propose the establishment of a Natural Resources Institute to coordinate the different functions of the University as well as advise agencies. He said that Dr. Scheffey is particularly interested in the recreation field due to his prior work with the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission and reported that the University has just instituted a two year park management program as a replacement for the Stockbridge forestry program it recently abandoned. He also said that the University recently hired an associate professor to handle the subject of fresh water and marine fisheries which is an indication of the interest of the University in the state's proposed marine program.

In commenting on conservation commissions, the Commissioner said that he had attended a recent meeting of Rhode Island Conservation Commissioners and learned that of the 35 cities and towns in Rhode Island 18 now have official conservation commissions. In Connecticut the conservation commission movement is also moving rapidly, the Commissioner said, and the Governor of Connecticut has employed William H. Whyte, Jr., nationally known expert on recreation and open space, to survey Connecticut and plan a long-range parks expansion program. In this connection, the Commissioner said Mr. Whyte and others from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources are coming to Boston next week to learn more about the Department's program.

The Commissioner informed the Board that a directive has been received from the Commission on Administration and Finance requesting that copies of minutes of all Board meetings be sent to the Commission.

Chairman Fulham then stated that the Board would go into Executive Session to discuss the proposed development of the Bristol-Blake State Reservation and welcomed Richard Borden, President of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, and Allen H. Morgan, Executive Vice President of the Massachusetts Audubon Society to the meeting.

Commissioner Foster then briefly outlined the background of the Bristol-Blake property and said that in the deed of gift it is set forth that the premises shall be used as an arboretum and for wildlife preservation, conservation and related educational purposes, and that if the Commonwealth shall use or permit use of said premises for purposes or in a manner not consistent with those set out, then said premises shall pass to the Massachusetts Audubon Society for its general purposes. The Commissioner said that the Department has been exploring with the Audubon Society the possibility of a cooperative educational center which would utilize structural facilities erected by the Department but which would be operated and maintained by the Audubon Society at no expense to the Commonwealth. He said that joint conferences have been held as to what facilities should be included and detailed plans and specifications are now virtually completed. Mr. Dube then displayed plans of the building which have been estimated to cost \$85,000.

Mr. Allen H. Morgan said that the Society is now proposing that the Bristol family provide it with \$48,000 initially to equip the building and install exhibits and about \$30,000 a year annually to defray operating expenses. He described the program in detail as a year-round facility which will attract the general public and stimulate its interest in the natural resources of Massachusetts through school classes and adult education opportunities.

Mr. Morgan said that the Society was planning a modest admission fee to help defray the costs of operation but it was his feeling that this fee should be subject to the approval of the Department. Commissioner Foster emphasized that the program would be strictly non-profit in nature. Mr. Morgan further stated that the average person visiting this program will not know that the Massachusetts Audubon Society is involved in the program, but he did feel that the generosity of the Bristol family should be made clear.

Mr. Potter asked what a person could do at the Reservation if he did not wish to participate in the activities offered by the Audubon Society and Mr. Morgan replied that there would be trails and picnic areas available.

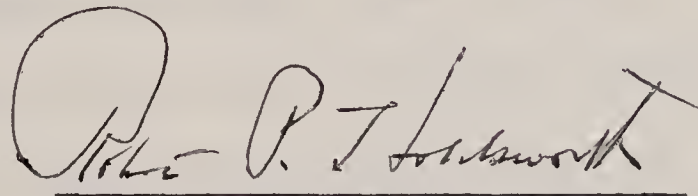
Chairman Fulham asked if there was any precedent for a public agency supplying facilities for a private organization. Commissioner Foster cited the cases of the Trailside Museum of the Metropolitan District Commission in Milton and the Department's own Community Sailing program at Worcester. He felt that since the program was in the public interest, the Commonwealth would be a principal beneficiary and, in addition, would avoid direct program expenses.

Mr. Miller asked if the Department had considered other uses of the proposed building in the event that the program did not succeed. Mr. Kenney replied that his Division was without adequate facilities in Norfolk County and could well utilize the property as a headquarters for fire and forestry services.

Following considerable discussion, a decision was made to complete the plans and specifications for a Visitor Use Center at the Bristol-Blake Reservation but to defer a final determination until such time as the Audubon Society could get its financial arrangements settled with the Bristol family.

The next meeting of the Board was set for May 8, 1962 as a field trip to Worcester County and the Connecticut valley.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.


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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on May 8, 1962 at 11:00 a.m. at the Headquarters Building, Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Potter and Miller.

On motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Fulham, in the absence of Mr. Holdsworth, Richard C. Potter was elected Secretary pro tem of the Board.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges had again requested the use of the facilities at Regatta Point State Park, Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, on May 19, 1962, for the purpose of conducting its championship lightweight and heavyweight rowing regatta. Following discussion the Board -

VOTED - to issue a special permit to the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges for the exclusive use of the facilities at Regatta Point State Park on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester on May 19, 1962, for the express purpose of conducting a championship rowing regatta.

The Board was then informed by the Commissioner that the Department had received two more requests for the use of facilities at Regatta Point, Lake Quinsigamond, for outboard motor hydroplane regattas on June 17, 1962 and August 4-5, 1962. He also pointed out that the Department will be relieved of all liability in the exercise of any permits granted for these races. Following discussion of these events the Board -

VOTED - to issue a special permit to the Marine Outboard Regatta for the exclusive use of all facilities at the Regatta Point area of Quinsigamond State Park in Worcester, except those occupied by Community Boating, Inc. at the boathouse, on Sunday, June 17, 1962, for the express purpose of conducting outboard motor hydroplane races, said races to be handled by the South Shore Outboard Association, an affiliate of the American Power Boat Association.

VOTED - to issue a special permit to the South Shore Outboard Association for the exclusive use of all facilities at the Regatta Point area of Quinsigamond State Park in Worcester, except those occupied by Community Boating, Inc. at the boathouse, on Saturday and Sunday, August 4-5, 1962, for the express purpose of conducting outboard motor hydroplane races, said races to be handled by said Association, an affiliate of the American Power Boat Association.

In connection with the feasibility of limiting the number of future events taking place at Regatta Point, it was suggested by the Commissioner that the Board might like to discuss this matter at some later date with the Lake Quisigamond Commission.

Commissioner Foster then asked Messrs. Raymond J. Kenney and Arnold E. Howard to participate in the meeting and Mr. Howard gave the Board members a copy of a statement of existing expenditures and money available for additional projects as listed below -

RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM 1959--1960--1961

BOND ISSUES

ORIGINAL COMMITMENTS BY BOARD

<u>1959 Bond Issue</u>		
For projects	\$ 550,000	
Contingency Fund	50,000	600,000
<u>1960 Bond Issue</u>		
For projects	525,000	
Contingency Fund	100,000	625,000
<u>1961 Bond Issue</u>		
For projects	500,000	
Contingency Fund	50,000	550,000
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TOTAL AMOUNT -	\$1,775,000	

REVISED PROJECT FUNDS (Board approval 4/10/62)

1959 Bond Issue Projects	\$ 511,200	
1960 Bond Issue Projects	527,300	
1961 Bond Issue Projects	545,000	1,583,500
Balance Available for New Projects	191,500	

Discussion then followed on the recommended new projects as presented by Mr. Howard and it was -

VOTED - to authorize the expenditures from available bond issue funds for the following projects.

1. BILLERICA STATE FOREST
Children's bathhouse

\$1,500

VOTED (Cont.) -

2.	<u>BRADLEY W. PALMER STATE PARK</u>		
	Children's bathhouse		\$ 1,500
3.	<u>CLARKSBURG STATE PARK</u>		
	a) Water supply system	8,000	10,000
	b) Electric power to day-use area	2,000	
4.	<u>CHICOPEE STATE PARK</u>		
	Service building and garage		41,000
5.	<u>DIGHTON ROCK STATE PARK</u>		
	Road surfacing		3,000
6.	<u>FREETOWN STATE FOREST</u>		
	Children's bathhouse		1,500
7.	<u>LEOMINSTER STATE FOREST</u>		
	Electric power to Crow Hill Pond area		2,000
8.	<u>WILLARD BROOK STATE FOREST</u>		
	Road surfacing - Pearl Hill camping area		<u>9,000</u>
		<u>TOTAL</u>	- \$69,500

Mr. Howard then explained to the Board the necessity of pipe lines and road surfacing at the Shawme-Crowell State Forest camping area, and following discussion it was -

VOTED - to authorize as an additional project the expenditure of \$16,000 for the installation of water pipe lines and road surfacing at the Shawme-Crowell State Forest camping area.

Commissioner Foster brought to the attention of the Board a proposed contract with the Massachusetts Department of Commerce for a Cape Cod regional planning survey and asked Mr. Harold J. Greene to review in detail the proposed project. The Commissioner pointed out that federal funds are available for this survey and recommended that the Board authorize the expenditure of \$10,000 by the Department in conjunction with the \$20,000 in federal funds. He then stated that this action would enable the Department to secure sufficient consultant services to complete a study of the region's recreation, forest and marine resources within a year's time. Following discussion it was -

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Department of Commerce for a Cape Cod regional planning survey and to expend \$10,000 of state funds and \$20,000 of federal funds for such purposes.

The Board was then informed by the Commissioner that since the Decas property consists of many interior parcels of land, the boundary lines of which are uncertain, and, as the titles are encumbered by rights of way, easements and other conditions which hinder plans for the development of a suitable and adequate recreation area, it has now been deemed necessary and advisable to acquire the land by eminent domain. The Commissioner stated that the Mayor and City Council of Taunton will be apprised by letter of this determination if the Board gives its approval and, under the law, have thirty days in which to disapprove the taking. Following discussion it was then -

VOTED - to approve the taking of 722.35 acres of land situated in the vicinity of Kings Pond and Big Bearhole Pond in Taunton as partly shown on a plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND IN EAST TAUNTON, MASS., Scale 1 inch = 100 feet, January 30, 1945, Lawrence C. House, Surveyor, National Fireworks, Inc., West Hanover, Mass.," which is supposed to be owned by Esther Decas, City of Taunton, Stiles & Hart Brick Company, George Everett Williams, Everett L. King and Ora Stevens, William R. Park and Fannie P. Hodges, Peter a Deniz, Jr., Preston H. Richmond and Maurice K. Richmond, and to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute an order of taking of said land.

The Commissioner said that a meeting had been held with the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Becket relative to the taking of the Tamarac land and adjacent property in conjunction with the recreational development of Bulkley-Dunton Reservoir and at that time he had been advised that a majority of the Selectmen would approve this taking. In the light of some five years of prior negotiation, he

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strongly urged that proceedings start immediately and pointed out that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen would like to have the necessary papers in his office within ten days. Following discussion of the urgency of this acquisition, it was -

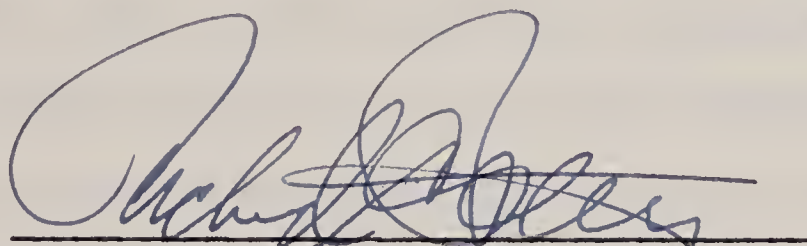
VOTED - that the Board of Natural Resources approves the taking of

approximately 1800 acres in the town of Becket for conservation and recreation purposes and authorizes the Chairman to act on its behalf in the interim in order that the proposed land acquisition may be expedited.

Mr. Miller then brought up the matter of the operation of a ski facility by private interests at East Mountain in Great Barrington. The Commissioner stated that he had already met with the parties concerned and felt that there was much to be desired in such an arrangement. He agreed to keep Mr. Miller and the Chairman informed of any significant developments occurring prior to the next meeting.

It was agreed that the June meeting would be held jointly with the Fisheries and Game Board at a time and place arranged by the Commissioner and Mr. McLaughlin.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. to attend ceremonies at the Forestry Camp honoring former Commissioner Arthur T. Lyman.



Secretary pro tem

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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on June 26, 1962 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Sweet, Potter and Miller.

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The minutes of the meeting of May 8, 1962 were approved.

On motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sweet, in the absence of Mr. Holdsworth, Richard C. Potter was elected Secretary pro tem of the Board.

Commissioner Foster asked Robert L. Yasi to participate in the meeting to present the status of present legislation and he commented as follows:

- H. 3545 - Marine Fisheries and Public access bill - passed in House and sent to Senate.
- S. 382 - To authorize the Department to lease the ski town on Mount Grace in the town of Warwick - passed in Senate and sent to House for third reading.
- H. 1838 - To regulate the removal, filling or dredging of meadows, banks or marshes and to protect shellfish in such areas - passed in House and sent to Senate - pending in third.
- H. 1637 - Director of Fisheries and Game be authorized to issue permits for commercial shooting preserves - passed in Senate and sent to House - pending in third.
- H. 3544 - Department of Natural Resources to assist in tree replacement - passed in House - in Senate Ways and Means.

He further stated that the following bills had been enacted.

Quaboag - construct reservoirs - Chapter 571, Acts of 1962.

Pesticide Board - Chapter 521, Acts of 1962

Historic Sites Commission - Chapter 115, Resolves of 1962. This act sets up a committee of nine members to study historic sites and make a report by March 15, 1963.

Mr. Yasi then mentioned that the Governor had, on June 25, filed a Special Message to transfer the Province Lands and Pilgrim Spring State Park to the federal government as part of the Cape Cod National Seashore and that he had also filed on the same date a Special Message to continue the parks expansion program through a \$1 million bond issue.

Commissioner Foster then asked Mr. Bruce Gullion to attend the meeting to present a progress report on the Cape Cod Regional Planning Study. Mr. Gullion stated that a field headquarters has been established at the service building in Nickerson State Park and a base map has been put together at the headquarters where data gathered can be centralized and study personnel can develop a current picture of problems in the preservation, management, acquisition and development of the Cape's natural resources. He stated that field studies in the fields of marine fisheries and outdoor recreation are already well

under way and in making an inventory of fresh water ponds, it was found that there are 165 ponds under 10 acres in size, many of them still essentially unspoiled. In commenting further on the study, Mr. Gullion said a review will be made of all available forestry material including the vegetative cover map of Barnstable County completed in 1956. He observed that planning is already too late for many portions of the Cape, and in line with the urgency of the situation it is planned to submit immediate action projects in the resource field as the possibilities come to light.

Messrs. Raymond J. Kenney, Charles S. Hood and John Andersen were then asked by the Commissioner to participate in the meeting to comment upon the Department's recent gypsy moth spray program. Mr. Kenney observed that the spray program occurred too late to prevent the spread of the gypsy moth and noted that the stripping was very severe in southern Berkshire County. He also said that it is estimated that about 250,000 acres in western Massachusetts will have to be sprayed next year and pointed out that another insect - the cankerworm - was causing problems particularly in the Weymouth-Braintree area.

Mr. Hood then said that although his personnel encountered weather and other difficulties the job was finally accomplished on schedule and he felt that the areas treated should be free from defoliation next year. He further stated that there were only two instances of reported damage during the entire spray operation, one instance of fish kill at Granville Reservoir and the other at a private fish pond in Granville.

Mr. Andersen then showed the Board maps of the areas which had been sprayed, pointing out the individual fish ponds, orchards, apiaries, etc. which had to be avoided.

The Commissioner then said that in fairness to the insect pest control personnel, the decision to undertake the project had occurred at the last moment stating that in unprecedented action the legislature had authorized the use of \$60,000 from recreation bond issue funds for the project. He assured the Board that he had already discussed the filing of a special message by the Governor next year to prevent a repetition of this year's situation.

Mr. Bowers then attended the Board meeting to present to the Board various land acquisition matters and following discussion it was -

VOTED - to approve a proposal to convey to Richard B. Parks of Gardiner,

Maine, a 10 acre parcel of state forest land situated northwest

VOTED - (cont.)

of South Meadow Road in Plymouth in exchange for all the right, title, and interest, of said Richard B. Parks in the 18th and 19th Shares of the 3rd Great Lot of Plymouth Commons in Plymouth, containing 187 acres, and to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute any legal instrument required for the purpose.

VOTED - to authorize Charles H. W. Foster, Commissioner of Natural Resources, to execute an order of taking, for recreation and conservation purposes, of a 4.63 acre parcel of land situated on the westerly side of Bay View Avenue in Berkley. Said land is shown on a plan entitled, "PLAN OF LAND LOCATED IN BERKLEY, MASS. OWNED BY SAM ADAMS, SCALE 1" = 100', Oct. 18, 1961, A. L. Campbell Co., ENGINEERS, TAUNTON, MASS.", recorded with the Bristol County North District Registry of Deeds in PLAN BOOK 83, Page 26.

VOTED - to approve the purchase of about 39.9 acres of land in Taunton from Walter A. Greene for a consideration of \$7,000.

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 53,000 square feet of land (with buildings) in Lincoln from Bob Bernson for a consideration of \$10,000.

The Commissioner then asked Director Howard S. Willard to attend the meeting for a discussion of the coastal wetland study being undertaken by the Department. The Commissioner pointed out that the Department had decided to proceed with the study despite the lack of money and limited time available because it felt that the pressure on tidal marshlands warranted prompt action by the Commonwealth.

Director Willard stated that twenty of his inland and marine officers were conducting a survey and inventory of coastal wetlands in conjunction with their regular duties, and the results would be reviewed by wetland specialists from several agencies for incorporation in a program to be submitted to the 1963 legislature.

Commissioner Foster then brought before the Board the difficulties experienced by the Division of Law Enforcement, citing inadequacies in appropriations received over the past five years to the extent that in fiscal 1962 the Division was required to operate on less funds than it received in 1958. He said that a detailed review of the Division's

policies and programs had been completed by Director Willard but that both he and Director Willard felt that the services of a competent outside expert should be obtained to review these recommendations prior to any changes at the Divisional level.

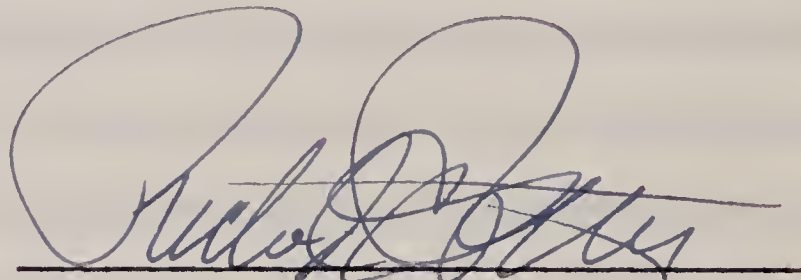
Commissioner Foster recommended that the Department engage the services of Professor Robert Sheehan, Chairman of the Department of Law Enforcement and Security at Northeastern University, to conduct an examination of the Commonwealth's conservation law enforcement responsibilities with particular reference to the Division of Law Enforcement. He discussed with the Board Professor Sheehan's qualifications and outlined the scope of the study contemplated.

Mr. Sweet asked Director Willard whether he felt the study would be of value, and the latter replied that in his judgment the evaluation by Professor Sheehan, and various outside experts he planned to bring in, would be of great assistance to the Division.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sweet, and VOTED - that the Commissioner be directed to engage the services of

Professor Robert Sheehan of Northeastern University for a survey of conservation law enforcement.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. to be resumed at 2:30 p.m. as a Joint Board meeting with the Board of Fisheries and Game at the office of Mr. Roger Williams, Chairman, Board of Fisheries and Game, in Natick, Massachusetts.



Secretary pro tem

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME

Joint Meeting of Fish and Game Board and Natural Resources Board, June 26,
1962 at Natick, Mass. Convened at 2:00 P.M.

Present: Fish and Game Board: Members Williams, Gerry, Mikelk; ~~Director
McLaughlin, Supt. Kennedy.~~

Natural Resources Board: Members Potter, Sweet, Fulham, Miller,
~~Commissioner Foster, Director Willard,
Mr Healy.~~

1. A resolution commending the House on passage of House Bill #3545 was adopted by both Boards, for transmission to the House.
2. Commissioner Foster reported on the 5-man pesticide board, acting under Chapter 521. Acts of 1962, and requested that matters coming before it for laboratory investigation be referred to the Division's laboratory at Westboro. Director McLaughlin and Commissioner Foster agreed, on suggestion by Williams, to coordinate such action.
3. Director McLaughlin and Commissioner Foster agreed, on request by the joint boards, to prepare a report for the next joint board meeting on the possibilities for joint meetings encompassing the supervisors in law enforcement and supervisory personnel in Fisheries and Game, to resolve problems of liason between the two Divisions. This report would include inter-department relations and possibilities for extended training.
4. Fulham reported on the coastal wetlands survey, to be completed under Chapter 75 Resolves of 1962 by mid-July. The joint boards agreed that the survey would be coordinated with the Division of Fisheries and Game and the wetlands committee.
5. Commissioner Foster outlined Division of Law Enforcement budgetary problems. The joint boards agreed that Directors McLaughlin and Willard would coordinate budget preparation determine a budgetary "floor" per each officer and give consideration for assigning portion of any new revenue.
6. Williams suggested that a standard of performance for officers be established.
7. Fulham reported that Professor Thomas Sheehan of Northeastern University had been retained to report by December 1, 1962 with a management survey of the Division of Law Enforcement, to include:

- Manpower
- Personnel procedures, recruiting, morals
- Distribution of personnel and equipment
- Records system
- Equipment needs
- Legal basis
- Police methods and prevention
- Budget
- Inter-department relations

8. A question from the floor relative to responsibility for issuance

1. The Commission on the Status of Women was established by Public Law 85-804, 80 Stat. 1247, August 12, 1968.

2. The Commission is composed of 15 members, 10 of whom are appointed by the President and 5 by the Senate.

3. The Commission is authorized to hold hearings, to receive testimony, and to report to the President and the Senate on the status of women in the United States.

4. The Commission is authorized to conduct such investigations and studies as it may deem necessary to carry out its duties.

5. The Commission is authorized to make such recommendations as it may deem appropriate to the President and the Senate.

6. The Commission is authorized to publish such reports and studies as it may deem necessary to carry out its duties.

7. The Commission is authorized to receive such gifts and bequests as it may deem appropriate.

8. The Commission is authorized to employ such personnel as it may deem necessary to carry out its duties.

9. The Commission is authorized to hold such hearings as it may deem necessary to carry out its duties.

10. The Commission is authorized to report to the President and the Senate on or before the end of its term.

- Personnel
- Financial resources, receipts, assets
- Methods of personnel and equipment
- Records system
- Equipment used
- Legal basis
- Public relations and prevention
- Subject
- Inter-Departmental relations

11. A question from the floor relative to responsibility for the above

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of news relative to law enforcement was answered by statement by Director McLaughlin that he would attempt to coordinate this with Director Willard.

9. A question from the floor relative to a recommendation that conservation officers be transferred to the Division of Fisheries and Game was answered by Commissioner Foster to the effect that he was not in favor but undoubtedly it would be discussed in the report of Professor Sheehan.

10. Adjourned.

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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held July 17, 1962 at 1:00 p.m. at the Schine Inn, Chicopee. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller and Potter. 33

The Commissioner brought before the Board the 1962-63 lease governing the shellfish purification plant in Newburyport. He outlined the past history of this project and pointed out that for the first time in recent years the plant had come close to breaking even financially. In response to questions from Board members, he stated that by law any deficits in operation are chargeable proportionately to the cities and towns contributing shellfish to the plant. Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Potter it was-

VOTED - that the 1962-63 lease for the shellfish purification plant at Newburyport be approved.

Mr. Arnold E. Howard, Chief of the Bureau of Recreation, then brought before the Board his recommendations for additional allotments from available bond issue funds. He pointed out that a sudden failure at Mausert's Pond in Clarksburg had threatened the seasonal use of recreation facilities at Clarksburg State Park but prompt action by work crews from the Monroe Forestry Camp had succeeded in providing a temporary dam for the early part of the season. It had been hoped that the Forestry Camp crews would be able to replace the structure as a camp work project but it later developed that the project was of too great scope for the facilities of the camp.

Director Raymond J. Kenney, of the Division of Forests and Parks, commented that this area is one of the most popular recreation spots in our state system and the operation of both the camping and day-use areas would be seriously jeopardized without adequate water.

Mr. Howard then discussed the situation with respect to Long Pond and Whitehall Pond in Rutland, reviewing for the Board's benefit the previous acquisition of this property under lease from the Metropolitan District Commission. He said that a set of engineering plans, presumably drawn by the county engineer, had been found to be inadequate to do the job of reconstruction and it was, therefore, felt necessary to request an additional allotment in order that the structure holding water back in both ponds could be properly restored.

Mr. Potter expressed his pleasure at the work being done at Rutland State Park and assured the Board that this project had elicited tremendous interest from all parts of Worcester County.

After further discussion, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Potter, it was VOTED - to allot from available bond issue funds the following amounts -

1. Reconstruction of Mausert's Pond, Clarksburg State Park - \$20,000
2. Reconstruction of Whitehall Pond dam, Rutland State Park - \$50,000

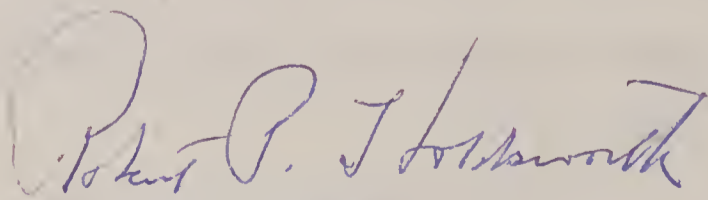
The Commissioner then discussed with the Board the activities to be examined in the field during the afternoon and expressed his regrets at being unable to take part in the morning tour of Chicopee Memorial State Park. He said that in the interest of displaying to the Board a balanced picture of the Department's activities a meeting had been arranged with representatives of the Westfield Flood Control and Conservation Commissions and the U. S. Soil Conservation Service to go over plans for the multiple-use reservoir on Arms Brook, tributary to the Westfield River.

The Commissioner explained that this was one of the eighteen reservoirs to be constructed by the Department's Division of Water Resources and he felt that the Board would like to see how these projects are being constructed and, where possible, adapted to recreational as well as flood control usage.

Commissioner Foster reminded the Board that it would undoubtedly receive an application for self-help conservation funds to assist the Westfield Conservation Commission in the Arms Brook project.

Following the completion of the first stop, the Commissioner said that Director Kenney had made arrangements to have the gypsy moth defoliation survey plane available at Barnes Airport in Westfield. He said that any of the Board members would be welcome to examine from the air the results of this season's defoliation as well as the anticipated needs for control operations in the spring of 1963.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held August 14, 1962 at 12:45 p.m. at the Marguery Restaurant, Ipswich. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller and Potter.

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Chairman Fulham opened the meeting by asking for additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 26, 1962 and July 17, 1962 meetings. Upon motion of Mr. Potter, seconded by Mr. Holdsworth, the minutes of these meetings were approved as submitted.

Commissioner Foster then asked to present the proposed land taking at Bulkley-Dunton Reservoir in Becket. He stated that the Department had attempted to acquire this former reservoir for almost five years but, unfortunately, several key sections had not been available due to the unwillingness of owners to dispose of the property. He reported that Department personnel had discussed the matter fully with the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and had been encouraged to submit a letter of intent concerning a taking of the remaining land necessary for the recreation development. This letter had been submitted on May 17, 1962, and at the present time the Becket Selectmen had not indicated their disapproval within the statutory thirty days. Accordingly, the Department proposes to proceed with the land taking and it was felt desirable that the Board confirm its vote of May 8, 1962 in order that the final papers may be processed.

Mr. Miller commented upon the urgent need for swimming facilities in Berkshire County and Director Kenney supported these statements by pointing out that October Mountain State Forest, the largest in our present system, does not contain a single area available for public swimming purposes.

Upon motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Potter, it was -
VOTED - to confirm vote of May 8, 1962, approving the taking of approximately 1800 acres of land in Becket for conservation and recreation purposes and to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to proceed with the taking of said land under the authority of Section 3, Chapter 132A of the General Laws.

The Commissioner then brought before the Board the matter of the Department's self-help conservation program, and asked Mr. Robert L. Yasi to present the project requiring Board approval. Mr. Yasi reported that at least \$50,000 worth of local conservation projects had been accomplished during the past year as a direct result of the matching funds available to city and town conservation commissions. He described the progress being

made by the towns of Lincoln and Concord and the way in which these projects were contributing to the overall community conservation objectives. He stated that the project at Sandy Pond in Lincoln has already received tentative approval from the Board and the Department had been notified that the acquisition had been completed satisfactorily. Final approval by the Board would then mean that the reimbursement due the town could be forwarded from the Treasurer's office.

Chairman Fulham expressed his feelings that the small amount of money contributed by the Commonwealth appeared to be a major factor in encouraging communities to undertake their own responsibilities and he stated his delight with the success to date of the self-help program.

Upon motion by Mr. Holdsworth, seconded by Mr. Miller, it was -
VOTED - to give final approval to the self-help project for acquisition
of lands in Lincoln.

Commissioner Foster then informed the Board that he had been advised informally of the financial crisis facing the community sailing program in Worcester. Although no official letter had yet been received, he expected that Community Boating, Inc., of Boston, the parent organization for the sailing program, would withdraw its financial support at the end of the current season. He stated that every effort would be made by the Department to see that the sailing program was carried on and he reported that during the present season some 138 senior members and 540 junior members were utilizing the Department's facilities at Regatta Point.

The Board then discussed at length the operation of the Worcester program and the possibilities of its becoming a self-supporting venture. It was the consensus of all concerned that the program was unlikely to pay its own way within the next three years and, therefore, some sort of financial assistance would have to be obtained.

Mr. Potter stated that, in his opinion, the Worcester area was not sufficiently convinced of the value of this program to support it financially and he further stated that the present schedule of user fees appeared to be far too low for the benefits received. The Commissioner replied that Community Boating, Inc. had already examined

the present schedule of charges and felt that any substantial increase in the junior memberships would create a financial hardship to youngsters participating in the program.

The Commissioner informed the Board later that he intended to make every effort to arrive at a solution to the problem and was bringing up the subject at this meeting merely as a point of information.

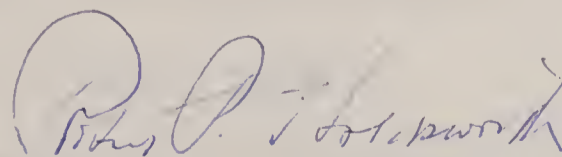
Mr. Potter then stated that the Department should receive shortly an application from the Worcester School Committee for the use of the football field at Lake Park. He reported that there was considerable interest in the Worcester area in the use of these facilities, particularly since the regular athletic field is to be reconditioned during the coming year.

The Commissioner asked Director Kenney to comment on any such arrangement, and Mr. Kenney replied by stating that the Department had an ample precedent in the various rowing and motorboat regattas held at Lake Quinsigamond during the past two years. He felt that some sort of arrangement could be worked out which would be satisfactory to both the school system and the Department and pointed out that it would be to our advantage to have the athletic facilities at Lake Park used more extensively.

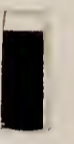
It was the consensus of the Board that every effort should be made to accommodate the Worcester request when it is received.

The Commissioner summarized the examination of coastal marsh areas conducted during the morning and outlined the afternoon stops at the Newburyport purification plant and the Georgetown-Rowley State Forest. He said that Monsieur Anthony Freyens, Commissioner of High Moors, Vervieres, Belgium, would meet the Board towards the end of the day when it examined the work of the student forestry crews and Chairman Fulham indicated the Board's pleasure at having an opportunity to meet so distinguished a visitor in the resource field.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



Secretary



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held September 12, 1962 at 3:00 p.m. on board the "Lulu Mae." Present were Messrs. Holdsworth, Miller and Potter.

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

The Commissioner then brought before the Board a request of the Plymouth County Commissioners for 97,960 square feet of land in Abington to assist in the relocation of Chestnut Street. He pointed out that the land in question was part of the Ames Nowell State Park but was not located in any area critical to the operation of the Department's recreation facilities. He stated that it was customary for the Department to cooperate in such programs and recommended the Board's concurrence with this request. The Board commented that improved access might well prove advantageous in the operation of the state park and upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Holdsworth, it was -

VOTED - to approve the conveyance of 97,960 square feet of State Park land in Abington to the County of Plymouth for the realignment of Chestnut Street and to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute a deed of conveyance.

The Board was then asked to consider an exchange of land involving the Erving Paper Mills in the town of Erving. Commissioner Foster reviewed the history of such a proposal pointing out that the Erving Paper Mills originally was seeking an acre for acre exchange which did not properly reflect the value of the land in question. At the time of the original request, there was some indication that the possible extension of Route 2 with attendant land damages was also involved and the Board, at that time, agreed to go along with an equitable exchange only if the company agreed to forfeit any land damages in the event of a highway extension. The Commissioner said that the present proposal had been drastically modified and is based upon the recommendations of an independent appraiser who felt that an exchange of 10 acres for 85 acres would be fair to both parties. The Commissioner pointed out that the property now owned by the Department subject to transfer would lie south of any new highway extension and there would, therefore, be no possibility of incurring more extensive land damages on the part of the Department of Public Works.

He mentioned the interest of the selectmen of the towns of Erving and Warwick in bringing to a successful conclusion a matter of such long duration and recommended that

the Board give favorable consideration to the proposed land exchange. After considerable discussion upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Potter, it was-

VOTED - to approve a conveyance of 10 acres of State Forest land in Erving to the Erving Paper Mills in exchange for 85 acres of land, also in Erving, and to authorize Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to execute all necessary deeds of conveyance.

The Commissioner then brought before the Board the offer of Joseph Amuso to sell approximately 87 acres of land in Pittsfield near the entrance of Pittsfield State Forest. He reviewed with the Board the perennial difficulties of obtaining a proper access to this state forest and at Mr. Miller's request outlined the difficulties encountered in the past in securing the land necessary to protect the road frontage on Cascade Street. The Commissioner stated that all were now agreed that the Amuso land represented the most logical point of access to the forest and said that this acquisition had been recommended to him by the Department's Lands Committee. It was Mr. Miller's feeling that steps should be taken to improve the presently inadequate access to the Pittsfield State Forest and upon his motion, seconded by Mr. Holdsworth, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 87 acres of land on the west side of Churchill Street in Pittsfield from Joseph and Marjorie Amuso for a consideration of \$8300.

The Commissioner then presented to the Board, for final approval, three applications from the town of Concord under the Department's self-help conservation program. He described Concord No. 3 as a 11 acre acquisition including a 2 acre pond needed for forestry, recreation, and watershed protection purposes. Concord No. 5 involved 21 acres at the junction of the Sudbury and Assabet Rivers containing values in terms of protection of wildlife, prevention of encroachment on the flood plain, and the preservation of historic and recreational values. Concord No. 6 included 6 acres of wetland bounded by Mill Brook which was listed as a local responsibility under the wetlands acquisition act governing the Sudbury and Concord River valleys.

The Commissioner stated that all three projects had received the preliminary approval of the Board and certification had been received from the town Treasurer and the Conservation Commission that the acquisition had been completed satisfactorily. He said that final Board approval was necessary in order that the reimbursement due could be forwarded by the state Treasurer to the town of Concord.

Mr. Potter inquired as to the cost to the Department, and was advised that the total acquisition involved \$7,800, of which the Commonwealth's share would be \$3,900. Following receipt of this information, and upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Holdsworth, it was -

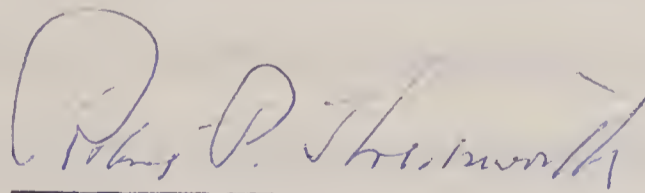
VOTED - to approve the final applications of the town of Concord for projects SH-3, SH-5, and SH-6 under the Department's self-help conservation program.

Commissioner Foster then stated that it was necessary to appoint a new Acting Director of the Division of Forests and Parks to act for Director Kenney in the event of his absence from the office. The late Harold O. Cook had been so designated and approved, and it was Mr. Kenney's recommendation that Chief Forester John H. Lambert continue this function. Upon motion of Mr. Potter, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board -

VOTED - to confirm the designation of Chief Forester John H. Lambert as Acting Director of the Division of Forests and Parks in the event of the Director's absence from the office.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Board of Natural Resources would be a field meeting in Berkshire County October 9 and 10, 1962.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



 Secretary



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held October 9, 1962 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Donald B. Miller, Rossiter Road, Richmond. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller and Potter.

Upon motion of Mr. Holdsworth, seconded by Mr. Potter, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as submitted.

The Board then discussed the designation of a Chairman and Secretary for the 1962 and 1963 period, and upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Potter, it was -

VOTED - to elect Thomas A. Fulham, Chairman, and Robert P. Holdsworth, Secretary for the period August 1, 1962 to August 1, 1963.

The Commissioner then informed the Board that it seemed desirable at this time to review progress made under the parks expansion program, and he asked Mr. Raymond J. Kenney, Director of the Division of Forests and Parks, to present a brief summary covering the status of parks construction work.

Mr. Kenney reported that some 39 contracts had been awarded during the previous year to the amount of \$675,640, and of this amount \$425,478 in payments had been made. He advised the Board that an additional \$113,000 in park development projects were well under way and that at the present time some \$900,000 in construction work had been authorized by the Board.

Discussion then ensued concerning the time lag between authorization and completion of projects, the lack of permanent planning and engineering personnel and the extremely late date for receiving bond issue authorizations. Chairman Fulham directed Commissioner Foster and Director Kenney to thoroughly review present procedures and be prepared to make recommendations to the Board at its November meeting.

The Commissioner then summarized the Department's progress on land acquisition under the parks expansion program, reporting that 2,455 acres

of land were acquired during 1961 at a total cost of \$141,909.; that 2,688 acres had been acquired to date during 1962 at a cost of \$240,806. and that an additional \$328,974 had been allocated for land acquisition projects due to be completed by July 1, 1963.

The Board expressed its pleasure at the degree of progress accomplished on both construction and acquisition, but felt that the present pace was not satisfactory for the present and future needs of the Commonwealth.

The Commissioner then asked Mr. Robert L. Yasi, Executive Assistant, to outline the self-help conservation projects in Sharon, Littleton, and Lincoln to the Board before approval of final reimbursement.

Mr. Yasi stated that these projects had already received preliminary approval and that the respective commissions had notified the Department that the transactions had been properly completed.

Upon motion of Mr. Holdsworth, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board -
VOTED - to give final approval to self-help conservation projects in -
1. Sharon
2. Littleton
3. Lincoln
in order that the Commonwealth's reimbursement could be forwarded to the communities.

The Board then considered the proposed acquisition of the Romualdas Baliunas property in Spencer previously authorized at the October 10, 1961 Board meeting. Commissioner Foster explained that during final negotiations the property had sustained substantial loss by fire and that as a result an adjustment of price would seem to be proper for all parties concerned. Director Kenney reminded the Board of the key location of this property and its importance to the Howe Pond area of Spencer State Forest.

The Commissioner recommended a revised figure of \$10,151.88 in

the light of the fact that the insurance company would pay the owner the difference for losses suffered by fire.

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

VOTED - to rescind vote of October 10, 1961, authorizing Commissioner Charles H. W. Foster to accept offer of Romaldas Baliunas dated September 25, 1961, to sell to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 5 acres of land in Spencer, with improvements thereon, for the sum of \$11,000, and to adopt the following -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 5 acres of land and buildings in Spencer from HARVEY M. GRANT for a consideration of \$10,151.88.

Commissioner Foster then brought before the Board the matter of the Cookson property in New Marlborough originally sought by the Department in 1957. He reported that Mr. Peter Cookson was now willing to convey his back acreage, amounting to slightly over 2,000 acres, to the Commonwealth for the sum of \$80,000 provided that the consideration could be distributed between calendar years 1962 and 1963.

The Commissioner stated that an appraisal had been made and that the land in question, exclusive of timber, was considered worth \$67,915. The Department's District Forester in Berkshire County had made a separate appraisal of the timber and had reported a conservative value of \$94,840.

In the light of the above appraisals, and the fact that the 2,000 acre tract includes two ponds and the further fact that the property in question would tend to connect Sandisfield State Forest and Campbell Falls State Forest, the Commissioner recommended the Board give favorable consideration to this land acquisition.

He then invited Mr. Francis B. Mahoney, Regional Forest and Park Supervisor for Berkshire County, to comment on the negotiations, and Mr. Mahoney gave his opinion that this acquisition would rate as number

one priority for his section of Massachusetts.

After some discussion, upon motion of Mr. Potter, seconded by Miller, it was -

VOTED - that the Commissioner be authorized to proceed with negotiations for the acquisition of the Cookson property in New Marlborough.

As a final order of business, the Board considered the letter of Mr. Robert Mead addressed to the Board of Natural Resources on behalf of cottage owners in Pilgrim Spring State Park.

Mr. Mead recommended that the Department grant to his clients a life tenancy in these properties before the Pilgrim Spring tract was transferred to the federal government as part of the Cape Cod National Seashore. Mr. Yasi informed the Board, in his opinion, the Department did not have such authority, and further stated that the original order of taking allowed cottage owners a period of six months within which to remove the buildings in question. As this had not taken place, it was Mr. Yasi's opinion that the former owners of the cottages no longer had any rights in the structures.

Commissioner Foster told the Board that he had informed the parties concerned that the Department had no intention of removing the structures before transferring the property to the federal government, but did feel that it had an obligation to see that the Pilgrim Spring tract was transferred without encumbrance to the federal government.

Mr. Holdsworth, Mr. Potter and Mr. Miller then stated that each had been approached by members of the Great Beach Association and urged to give favorable consideration to a life tenancy arrangement.

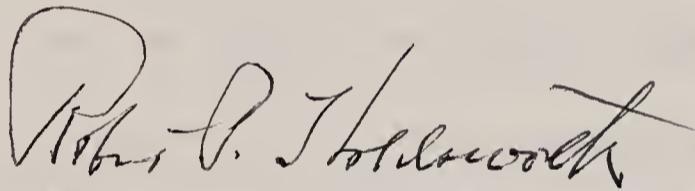
Considerable discussion then ensued during which the Commissioner informed the Board that, acting under advice from an Assistant Attorney General, the Department was planning to notify the former owners by letter

of the termination of the six months period before executing a deed of transfer to the federal government.

Chairman Fulham suggested that in the light of a difference of opinion on the part of the Association and the Department, the logical course of action would be to seek an official opinion from the Attorney General as to the proper course of action to be taken by the Department, and by general agreement among the Board the Commissioner was directed to procure such advice before taking further action with respect to the Pilgrim Spring property.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

The date for the next meeting of the Board was set for November 20, 1962.



Secretary



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held on November 20, 1962 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Holdsworth, Miller, Potter and Sweet.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that a delegation from the Great Beach Cottage Owners Association, with its counsel, were present in the office and had asked to attend the meeting to present their case relative to the continued use of their cottages upon transfer of Pilgrim State Park to the Cape Cod National Seashore. Mr. Fulham stated that since the group was waiting, he thought this should take precedence over other matters on the agenda and the delegation was invited to the Board meeting.

Chairman Fulham first asked Commissioner Foster to review the historical background of the establishment of a state park at Pilgrim Spring in Truro. The Commissioner stated that the Department was authorized by Chapter 523, Acts of 1955, to acquire the land by eminent domain. He then stated that when the land was taken by eminent domain in 1956, the order of taking contained the following language - "structures are not included and all owners have a period of six months to remove them." He said that over a period of years the removal of these structures had not been pressed by the Department because of the lack of development funds, but that this situation of the cottages came to a head with the passage of Chapter 777, Acts of 1962, which authorized and directed the Department to transfer its right, title and interest in Pilgrim Spring State Park to the United States as a contribution by the Commonwealth to the Cape Cod National Seashore Park. A question then arose as to the status of the cottages within Pilgrim Spring State

Park and after consultation with two Assistant Attorneys General, it was decided that before the transfer was accomplished the Department should serve notice on the former owners stating that the six month period for removal of the cottages, which dated back to 1956, had now come to an end. Following receipt of numerous protests, the Board at its October meeting instructed the Commissioner to seek an official opinion from the Attorney General before taking further action with respect to the Pilgrim Spring property. This opinion was requested on October 15, 1962 and an opinion was received from the Attorney General on October 25, 1962, which, in essence, said that since the Department had been directed by Chapter 777, Acts of 1962, to convey forthwith all the right, title and interest of the Commonwealth, it should proceed to do so without consideration of their extent. The Commissioner then stated that a draft instrument had been prepared for review by the federal government and he hoped official transfer could be accomplished by the first of the year.

Mr. Robert L. Meade, of the firm of Hale and Dorr, counsel for the Association, outlined his clients' position and stated that since this position had been vindicated by the Attorney General, he would like to request that the Department grant a permit to his clients for the use of land under and around the cottages, recognizing, however, that such a permit could not constitute a permanent interest due to the pending transfer.

Commissioner Foster reminded the Board that an official opinion had been requested on this question but the Attorney General did not comment preferring to instruct the Department to proceed with the transfer forthwith. He further stated that the Department definitely

has no authority to lease land to other parties and its authority to issue a permit is obviously contingent upon its having jurisdiction over the property.

Mr. Fulham then asked Mr. Meade how the Department could give his clients a permit which would influence the federal government. Mr. Meade replied that such a permit would assist them in benefiting from a provision in the Cape Cod Seashore Act which allows owners to retain and use cottages within the park, and that since a permit is not a right, title or interest in land, it would not be contrary to the Attorney General's directive.

In further discussing the subject of a permit, Mr. Fulham said that it is a policy of the Board not to issue special permits unless required by a special act of the legislature. He said that since the Department is authorized to administer public lands it must administer them for everyone. He further stated that legally and as a matter of policy the Department could not accede to the request for a permit.

Mr. Meade then asked Commissioner Foster for the language of the deed and he replied that he could not give a definite answer at this time as the instrument itself was in Washington for review by federal authorities. He informed Mr. Meade that he could review the instrument when it had been returned to the Department.

Mr. Meade stated that he felt that the question of ownership of the cottages was now clear, but Commissioner Foster replied in the negative stating that, in fact, the Department's position was the reverse but it is now up to the federal government to determine who owns the cottages.

Mr. Meade then asked those from the Association if there was anyone who would care to speak and Mr. Fuller took the floor. He said he thought if a permit were granted now by the Department they would be in a better position to secure a permit later from the federal government. He also said that he thought that the Department and the Board should be more humanitarian in their dealings and from that point of view a permit should be granted.

Mrs. Rae Martin Wells then spoke saying she felt everything was being made available for everyone else in the area except the Association, and they were being discriminated against to the extent that they might have to give up cottages they had occupied for many years.

Mr. Fulham stated that the Board does have an appreciation and understanding of the feelings of the Association but it must follow the mandates of the legislature.

Mr. Nicholas Wells then spoke and said it was the general opinion of the group that it is sympathetic to what the Board is trying to do but he was of the opinion that if the Board could give the group some kind of a transitional permit before it dealt with the federal government, the Association would be in a much better position to present its case.

Mr. Meade then thanked the Board for its consideration in listening to the group and the delegation left.

Commissioner Foster then gave the Board members copies of his Annual Report for fiscal year 1961-62 as well as those of each Division. He commented that this year had been extraordinarily successful and hoped that it was symbolic of a new feeling on the part of the Legislative and Executive branches for the programs of the Department.

In commenting on the written semi-monthly reports by the Directors of the Divisions, he told the Board that he thought a monthly report would be sufficient as he meets with the Directors and Chiefs at least once a month and can thus be directly apprised of the work of each Division. The Board agreed to the policy of submitting monthly rather than semi-monthly reports.

Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Yasi were invited to attend the meeting, and the Commissioner in discussing departmental legislation for 1963, said that the Department is again pursuing the policy of submitting a few bills which are important rather than a substantial number which are desirable but not essential. Mr. Yasi reported on proposed pieces of legislation this year as follows:

1. An act placing the position of Chief of the Bureau of Recreation under Civil Service.

Commissioner Foster said that the Chief of Recreation, who is presently appointed for a five-year term of office, is the only bureau chief in the Department not under Civil Service and recommended that this inequity be corrected.

2. An act defining the word "Shellfish."

The Commissioner stated that this bill would be in the nature of perfecting legislation in that the term "shellfish" is not precisely defined in the law. Mr. Yasi stated that confusion over the term exists particularly in the lobster and crab fisheries.

3. An act increasing the salary of the Commissioner.

Mr. Yasi stated that this act would increase the Commissioner's salary from \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually but, as the bill has been drafted, it would not affect the present incumbent. The Commissioner said it had

been filed in this manner at his own request so that there would be no misunderstanding over its being a personal rather than Departmental matter.

Chairman Fulham and Mr. Sweet then asked about the progress of the survey being made by Professor Sheehan relative to the Division of Law Enforcement. The Commissioner stated that Professor Sheehan now has a full staff working with him, has already interviewed nearly every man in the field, has talked with legislators and union people, and, to date, has done a very thorough and excellent job. He further stated that Professor Sheehan's report is expected to be completed by the end of February.

The Commissioner then asked Mr. Harold J. Greene and Mr. Henry G. McCarthy to attend the meeting to outline the Department's budget requests for fiscal 1964. Before discussing in detail the budget requests, the Commissioner said that a memorandum would be prepared for the Board's information giving the highlights of the Department's budget requests.

He stated that the budget was submitted three weeks ago and that a hearing had been held with the Budget Commissioner last week. He also mentioned that the Department had been assigned a new analyst by the Budget Bureau who had spent considerable time in the field looking over the Department's facilities as well as attending departmental budget meetings.

Mr. Greene summarized the budget requests as follows:

1. Administration - request for an increase in the Commissioner's salary.

2. Fire control - unique approach in seeking a modernization of equipment and manpower on Cape Cod as the first region under a three year improvement program - this will include a pilot project to engage tower personnel on a service contract basis rather than as seasonal employees.
3. County forest fire patrols account - seasonal positions to be made year-round and permanent - replacement vehicles.
4. Forest management account - relatively the same as last year - replacement equipment.
5. Insect pest control - two new tree removal crews to assist cities and towns in removing diseased elm trees. A request for \$300,000 will be made in the deficiency budget for gypsy moth spraying in the spring.
6. Accelerated timber management program - no change in previous budget requests.
7. Federal-state Service Foresters - Commissioner Foster commented that these are the 3 additional foresters which the Department requested and received for Bristol, Worcester, and Middlesex Counties - no vehicles were provided for them, however.
8. Law Enforcement - upgrading in lieu of overtime for all field personnel with the exception of food inspectors - funds requested to put new officers through the State Police Academy - uniforms and equipment replacement - gun safety course materials - purchase of three patrol boats.
9. Parks account - a request for \$100,000 has been made for the construction of parks roads since the Department of Public

Works will no longer perform this function for the Department.

Warwick prison camp: \$12,000 for staffing and \$60,000 for equipment; replacement of outdated equipment at Monroe and Myles.

Standish Camps, \$50,000. The Commissioner stated that \$3,500,000 had been included for acquisition and development of park facilities.

The Commissioner stated that three top level positions in the Bureau of Recreation have been requested - an Assistant Chief of Recreation for planning and development, and two assistant civil engineers for planning and maintenance.

10. Public Access Board - \$200,000 for the acquisition and construction of twenty access points during fiscal 1963. The Commissioner said that at the next meeting to be held in January it may be necessary to request operating funds for routine engineering services.

11. Marine Fisheries - \$8,000 requested to take care of the expenses of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission and for one additional clerical position.

\$166,000 requested in the administrative budget for the present activities of the Division.

\$185,000 requested for a program of estuarine research, which would include one chief marine biologist, 3 marine biologists and 6 assistant fish and game biologists supplemented in the summer by 12 student trainees. Commissioner Foster commented that the present position of Assistant Director and Chief Marine Biologist would be split into two separate positions, those of Assistant Director, and Chief Marine Biologist. The shellfish assistance and Newburyport treatment plant budgets remain the same.

It was then stated by the Commissioner that the total budget now received amounts to approximately \$3 million, and Mr. Sweet asked him if these requests constituted an increase over this year's budget. The Commissioner said that the requests for fiscal 1964 are quite comparable to the requests for fiscal 1963. It was the consensus of the Board that the Department's budget requests for 1963 were reasonable and proper.

Mr. Sweet then asked if any legislation was going to be filed regarding forest fires caused by diesel engines. The Commissioner said that the Massachusetts Forest and Park Association will file legislation for the coming session requiring spark arrestors to be placed on diesel engines, and the Department is also considering further action through the Public Utilities Commission.

Chairman Fulham next asked Mr. Sweet to explain to the Board his proposed reorganization of the Department which he presented to a recent meeting of the Massachusetts Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. Mr. Sweet said his proposal would create a new department which would oversee all phases of natural resources in the Commonwealth as he felt at the present time there are too many different agencies handling natural resources and particularly recreation. He also stated that this new department should be under the control of seven paid board members to be chosen from the various geographical areas of the Commonwealth.

Discussion then followed on Mr. Sweet's proposal, and Mr. Holdsworth was of the opinion that a paid Board might have political implications; Mr. Miller said that a study might be made to consolidate recreation, parks and beaches within one jurisdiction. Mr. Fulham said he thought

that the proposed project was quite comprehensive and would be a monumental task but the intent was good. Commissioner Foster asked Mr. Sweet how such a study would be made and he replied that it would be his suggestion that the Governor appoint a study committee consisting of legislators and private citizens. The Commissioner then asked Mr. Sweet if he thought legislation would be filed on this proposed reorganization and he replied that he thought that the Massachusetts Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs might initiate such legislation.

Commissioner Foster then suggested that perhaps a foundation grant could be obtained to make this study and mentioned the Conservation Foundation as one possibility. He said that he was going to be in New York in a few weeks and would be glad to pursue the matter further if the Board approved of this suggestion. Following discussion, Chairman Fulham directed the Commissioner to explore any and all possibilities of bringing about a case study of Massachusetts in relation to the administration of its recreation responsibilities.

The Commissioner stated that since the Board had formerly voted that it should approve the appointment of all deputy conservation officers, he should report that 34 such officers have been appointed for 1963, which includes one game management agent of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 29 personnel of the Division of Fisheries and Game appointed for the specific purpose of overseeing activities on the public hunting and fishing grounds, and 4 employees of the Cape Cod National Seashore to assist in the enforcement of laws on the Outer Cape. The Board approved the appointment of these officers and stated that, in the future, its policy would be modified to include approval of non-governmental designees only.

Mr. Bowers was then asked to attend the meeting and the Board considered the acquisition of an abandoned railroad right-of-way in Rutland. Mr. Bowers reported that the 13 acres were appraised at \$100, but the owner is asking \$500 an acre, or a total of \$6,500. The Commissioner said that he would recommend a taking of the property because of its proximity to the Department's new recreation facilities at Whitehall Pond, and upon motion of Mr. Fulham, seconded by Mr. Holdsworth, it was -

VOTED - to approve the taking of approximately 13 acres of land in Rutland supposed to be owned by Anna F. and Frank J. Shields.

Mr. Bowers then reported that the Committee on Lands had discussed with the Commissioner the offer of George M. Seeman to sell 20 acres of land and a house situated on the southwesterly side of the Decas property in Taunton. The Commissioner said that the land was essential for the protection of the property already purchased, but a policy question had arisen on the necessity of purchasing the building. Upon inquiry of the Board, Mr. Bowers reported that the asking price is \$29,500 for land and building, and the asking price without the house is \$24,900. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the entire property should be acquired and upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Potter, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 20 acres of land, with buildings, on the northerly side of Turner Street in Taunton, from George M. Seeman, Trustee of the McHenry Investment Trust, for a consideration of \$29,500.

Commissioner Foster stated that it is hoped that the Department can get a 30% federal grant for the purchase of many of the remaining tracts adjacent to the Decas property.

A progress report was then given by the Commissioner on the Cookson property in New Marlborough. He mentioned that Mr. Cookson has requested several minor conditions for this acquisition, which can be granted without difficulty, and that the Department hopes to be able to complete the transaction as outlined at the previous Board meeting by the first of the year.

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

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 2381.92 acres of land in New Marlborough and Sandisfield from Beatrice Straight Cookson for a consideration of \$80,000.

Commissioner Foster said that a Miss Esther Goodale had offered a 6 acre parcel of land in Sudbury to the Department as a gift and in checking the property it was found to be a valuable addition to the Sudbury State Forest. The Commissioner said he would recommend the acceptance of this gift. Upon motion of Mr. Potter, seconded by Mr. Holdsworth, it was -

VOTED - to accept the gift of a 6 acre parcel of land in Sudbury from Miss Esther Goodale with the appreciation of the Commonwealth for her generosity.

In discussing the request of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company for permission to build an addition to its present building at the Foxboro State Forest and secure a site for an installation on the Pittsfield State Forest, the Commissioner asked John H. Lambert, Chief Forester, to attend the meeting. The Commissioner stated that apparently the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. had prematurely let a contract for the building at the Foxboro State Forest as it was anxious to get the foundation in before the ground froze. Mr. Lambert verified that the American Telephone & Telegraph Company had a ten year permit

from the Department for its present installation on the Foxboro State Forest and further reported that its proposed installation on the Pittsfield State Forest was initially placed on top of Berry Hill.

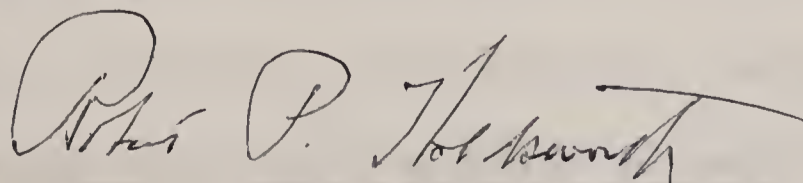
Following discussion of the proposed requests of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, Mr. Fulham said that he thought no action should be taken until such time as the Company presented to the Board a long-range plan for its future expansion. He commented that this Company, as well as others, will probably be requesting more sites within state forests and parks and the Board could not evaluate these individual requests without knowing the extent of future demands.

The Commissioner gave the Board members a copy of suggested revised procedures for the parks construction program and stated that project allocations by the Board would hereafter be required at two stages; first, for surveys and design, and second, when funds are allocated for construction. In addition, Mr. Fulham said he thought that the Board should be notified of any contracts in excess of \$75,000 so that the project could be reviewed before the actual bid was awarded.

Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to the Commissioner's recommendations for procedures to be followed in the case of bond issue construction projects.

The next meeting of the Board was set for December 11, 1962, if possible, as a joint meeting with the Board of Fisheries and Game.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



Secretary

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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held December 11, 1962 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham and Holdsworth.

Commissioner Foster informed the Board that Mr. William S. Brewster, President of the United Shoe Machinery Corporation, who resides in Plymouth, had been appointed to the Board by the Governor to replace Mr. Richard C. Potter whose term expired August 20, 1962.

Chairman Fulham then offered the following resolution in honor of Mr. Richard C. Potter which was approved by unanimous vote.

RESOLVED - that the Board of Natural Resources does hereby tender its sincere thanks to Richard C. Potter for the opportunity to serve with him and for his selfless devotion and interest in the conservation field.

The Commissioner then introduced Professor Robert H. Sheehan, Chairman of the Department of Law Enforcement and Security, Northeastern University, and asked him to present a progress report on his survey of the Division of Law Enforcement.

Professor Sheehan said that, as a generalized report, he had found everyone most cooperative and had not run into any obstacles thus far in obtaining the necessary information. He said he had given everyone in the Division an opportunity to be heard through personal interviews and commented that most of the complaints were minor in nature and, generally speaking, followed the same pattern. He also stated that, in his judgment, the situation was not nearly as bad as it has been pictured.

He further mentioned that he is in the process of interviewing administrative and legislative officials, including the Budget Commissioner, Director of Personnel, and staff members of both Ways and Means Committees.

The Commissioner then asked Professor Sheehan if he would advise the Board as to the people he had working with him and he stated that he has involved a total of six staff assistants among whom are a Professor Tocchio, of Fresno State College, whose particular specialty is records procedures; Professor John Mears, who is in charge of police administration work at Indiana University; Professor Timothy F. Moran, of Northeastern University, who is helping interview Division personnel; John Callahan, formerly with the F.B.I., now with the Massachusetts Department of Education, who is making a study of federal agency relationships and fish inspection services, and Hrand Saxenian, a private management consultant, formerly on the faculty of the Harvard Business School, who is examining the structure of the Division within the Department.

Professor Sheehan then said he interviewed each Director of the Department last week and then, later in the day, had interviewed the Directors and the Commissioner jointly regarding interrelationships and problems of a departmental nature.

Professor Sheehan stated that he is now in the process of sending out two questionnaires, one to each officer in the Division, and the second to other states inquiring as to organizational structures and procedures in the conservation law enforcement field.

In discussing the manner in which the survey results should be handled, the Commissioner said the report will be made to the Commissioner and transmitted to the Board, and any decisions as to its implementations or usage would be determined by the Board. Mr. Fulham said that he thought the recommendations should be made public after the Department and Board has a chance to review the report but no

newspaper publicity or public distribution should be made until this review has been completed.

The Board members thanked Professor Sheehan for his report and complimented him on the manner in which the survey was progressing.

Commissioner Foster then introduced Mr. George W. Mott, Right of Way Agent, and Mr. Hartley of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and also asked Director Raymond J. Kenney to attend the meeting.

At the request of the Chairman, the Commissioner reviewed the requests of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company relative to two microwave relay installations, one at the Foxboro State Forest where an expansion of the existing unit is involved, and the second at the Pittsfield State Forest. He said that it was the Board's feeling, at its previous meeting, that it would like to learn of the Company's long-range plans for expansion before taking action on the Company's requests. In the interim, however, Commissioner Foster said that he had received several telephone calls from Mr. Mott relative to the installation at the Foxboro State Forest where the Company in order to meet prior commitments for service, next spring, would have to get the foundation in before ground freeze-up. The Commissioner then said he had contacted the majority of the Board members by telephone to explain the Telephone Company's position and had received permission from the Board to allow the Company to proceed with the laying of the foundation with the provision that representatives of the Company attend the December Board meeting to discuss the matter in detail.

Director Kenney then said that in 1949 the American Telephone & Telegraph Company was given permission to construct a facility at the

at the Foxboro State Forest which consisted of a 40 foot tower and a building. The financial arrangements called for the payment of \$250 for a ten year period and automatic extension for another ten year period upon payment of another \$250. He further stated that in 1954 the Telephone Company asked for an expansion of its installation, took down the tower which it gave to the Department, and put up another tower and a building approximately 16' x 39'.

Mr. Mott, of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, then said that this installation at the Foxboro State Forest is a key station between Boston and New York, north and west, and therefore a 20 foot addition is needed now and in all probability another 20 foot extension will be requested in 1980.

Mr. Fulham outlined the Department's position that these mountain tops were purchased originally for forestry and recreation purposes, not commercial usage, and, in the light of mounting requests from many private companies for the exclusive use of such areas the Board has found it increasingly difficult to grant permits which would favor one company over another. He also mentioned that the rental money for these sites is of slight compensation and in some instances the Board has preferred to work out an exchange of land, as was the case with the General Electric Company in Pittsfield. Mr. Fulham then asked Mr. Mott if his Company anticipated any further requests of this nature.

Mr. Mott said that the Telephone Company's system at the present time in Massachusetts is composed entirely of radio relay stations, which require mountain tops, and it is the policy of the Company to

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stay away from state property where possible as it wants land that it can control. He said the Company is also requesting an area on Berry Mountain in the Pittsfield State Forest because of the demands for service in the Pittsfield area. In the near future, the Company will construct about 400 miles of underground cable as an alternate system which may necessitate crossing some state lands.

Mr. Hartley pointed out the necessity of keeping away from target areas from a defense aspect and informed the Board that repeater stations for the cable system would be constructed every four miles in underground buildings at least ten miles from any target area. He further stated that most of this cable would be on private property.

Mr. Mott said there will be a need for an additional 250 mile cable from New York to Boston by 1964 and a cable from New York to Providence perhaps by 1965. As these cables are installed, the need for relay stations on mountain tops will drop out of the picture.

Mr. Fulham then asked Mr. Mott if the areas over the cables could be planted and used for forestry or wildlife purposes. Mr. Mott replied in the affirmative, stating the Company makes a practice of consulting State University Agricultural Departments to ascertain what type of materials to use.

The Commissioner then asked if access roads could be constructed within these rights of ways, and Mr. Mott replied that this might be possible as long as the road was not right on top of a cable installation. He further suggested using the rights of way as hiking or bridle trails as in the case in Connecticut.

In response to a question from the Board as to other planned

installations, Mr. Mott said that the only other mountain top the Company is interested in at the present time is Berry Mountain within the Pittsfield State Forest. He said the Company would like to erect a 120 foot tower and a cement block building which would be surrounded by a cyclone fence. The building would be unattended but would be protected by an alarm system connected directly to the control office.

Mr. Kenney commented that the tower and building would probably be a few hundred yards away from the proposed Berry Pond camping area, and Mr. Fulham questioned the attractiveness of a cement block building in such surroundings. Mr. Mott said that the building could be blended into the scenery by painting it any color that would to satisfactory to the Department.

Commissioner Foster suggested to the Board that perhaps an exchange of land could be worked out in lieu of an annual fee, and Mr. Mott indicated that such an arrangement might be possible. The Commissioner also mentioned that the Department expects to have sizable development costs at Berry Pond which could perhaps be considered in the negotiations.

The Commissioner suggested that Mr. Kenney be assigned to work out details with Mr. Mott after the first of the year for the tower location at Berry Mountain, the cross-country cable route and the expanded facility at Foxboro State Forest, and the suggestion was accepted by the Board.

Both Mr. Mott and Mr. Hartley thanked the Board members for their courtesy in letting them present the Telephone Company's requests and stated that they would make a deliberate effort to work closely with the Department in all of these projects in the future.

Commissioner Foster then asked Director Kenney to present to the Board the proposed sale of the power line at Mt. Grace State Forest in Warwick. Director Kenney said that the Department originally constructed a power line at Mt. Grace State Forest to service its fire tower. In the light of the new Western Union Company installation on Mt. Grace, the New England Power Company would be willing to purchase the line from the Commonwealth at a consideration of \$1,900. He further stated that if the New England Power Company becomes the owner, the Department will receive service at metered rates at no minimum charge and with no construction or maintenance costs. Following discussion, the Board gave its approval for the sale of the power line at Mt. Grace State Forest, Warwick, to the New England Power Company for \$1,900.

The Commissioner said he would like to bring to the attention of the Board the establishment of a new private charitable trust for conservation purposes set up by the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company. He said the trust will be known as "The Fund for Preservation of Wildlife and Natural Areas," and will be administered by five unpaid committee members, one of whom will be Donald B. Miller. This conservation foundation can accept gifts of money or land and will assign its resources to existing organizations and agencies in the conservation field rather than undertaking a program of its own.

The Board was then informed by Commissioner Foster that the Department had been approached by outside agricultural interests relative to a transfer of the State Soil Conservation Committee from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources. It was felt by proponents of the transfer that the soil conservation districts functions

are almost exclusively concerned with land usage and therefore the State Soil Conservation Committee and its responsibilities would be more properly located within a land use agency, such as this Department, rather than a regulatory agency such as the Department of Agriculture. In connection with this proposed transfer, the Commissioner gave the Board members a copy of draft legislation prepared by the proponents in consultation with the Department which proposes a new Division of Conservation Services within the Department. In discussing this proposed legislation, the Commissioner said that this new Division would be headed by a Director appointed by the Commissioner with the approval of the Board, and the State Soil Conservation Committee would be established as an advisory committee to the Director, similar to the State Forestry Committee and Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission. The Division, with the advice of the Committee, would furnish financial and technical assistance to both the Soil Conservation Districts and municipal conservation commission programs, thereby preventing duplication of activities at the local level.

The Commissioner mentioned that he thought that the chances for the passage of this legislation were excellent since it had substantial outside support, but recommended that the Department merely record itself unopposed to the proposal, rather than actively supporting its adoption.

Following discussion of this new Division and the transfer of the State Soil Conservation Committee to the Department, the Board agreed that the Department should not seek any new responsibilities but should not oppose any such program which was in keeping with its present administrative structure and scope of interest.

With the date of the next meeting set for Thursday, January 10, 1963, as a joint session with the Board of Fisheries and Game, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Robert P. J. Hulswort

Secretary

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