

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held January 27, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane, Lund and Rhodes.

The minutes of the meeting of December 31, 1968 were approved without correction.

By unanimous action, Mr. Thomas A. Fulham and Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr., were re-elected Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Natural Resources.

Commissioner Brownell then briefed the Board on personnel changes within the Department. He said that Miss Ware had accepted a position in the Governor's office; John King, who was Chief of the Bureau of Recreation, had been appointed Associate Commissioner, Division of Waterways, Department of Public Works; Neil Foley, now in the Division of Conservation Services in charge of wetlands will soon replace Harold Greene as Assistant to the Commissioner in charge of Fiscal Affairs; and Gilbert Bliss, now a Regional Forest & Park Supervisor, will be the Chief of the Bureau of Recreation. Mr. Crane requested that a new organization chart be prepared for the members of the Board. Commissioner Brownell replied that this would be done.

The Commissioner then brought to the Board's attention his recommendation for the Director of Conservation Services, Mr. George R. Sprague, who now holds the position of Assistant Attorney General. He gave a brief summary of Mr. Sprague's qualifications and background and stated that after careful consideration of the five applicants he felt Mr. Sprague was well qualified.

Following discussion of the appointment of Mr. Sprague, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Fulham, it was -

VOTED - to approve the recommendation of the Commissioner that Mr. George R. Sprague, Sherborn, Massachusetts, be appointed as Director of the Division of Conservation Services.

Commissioner Brownell then asked Gilbert Bliss and George Sprague to attend the meeting and the Board congratulated them on their new appointments.



Commissioner Brownell reported briefly on 1969 legislation affecting the Department. He presented a listing of the 1969 legislation to the members of the Board. He stated that five percent of the bills filed this year in some way affect the Department. The coterminous bill (House 146) had been heard, he said, but possibly will not be acted upon at this legislative session due to the pending proposal for reorganization. The following bills were cited.

House 137 - Extending authority to the Department of Natural Resources to receive BOR funds.

Commissioner Brownell remarked that no additional funds were involved.

House 139 - Recodification of marine fisheries law.

House 173 - Weed control.  
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Mr. Lund asked if such weed control applied to ponds. Commissioner Brownell replied in the affirmative and stated that weed control was presently handled by the Department of Public Health and these bills were requesting only site selection and priorities be placed under the authority of the Water Resources Commission of the Department of Natural Resources.

House 368 - \$5 million Department of Natural Resources bond issue for recreational facilities.

Mr. Lund asked that in view of the general attitude on bond issues, what chance would the bill have for passage. Commissioner Brownell replied that he thought it had a good chance at passage.

House 404 - Director of the Division of Fish & Game appointed by the Board of Natural Resources.

Commissioner Brownell said that the bill had been withdrawn.

House 551 - Acquisition of South Cape Beach, Mashpee.

Commissioner Brownell said that the Department was in favor of the bill and recommendations have been submitted to the legislature requesting authority to acquire South Cape Beach.

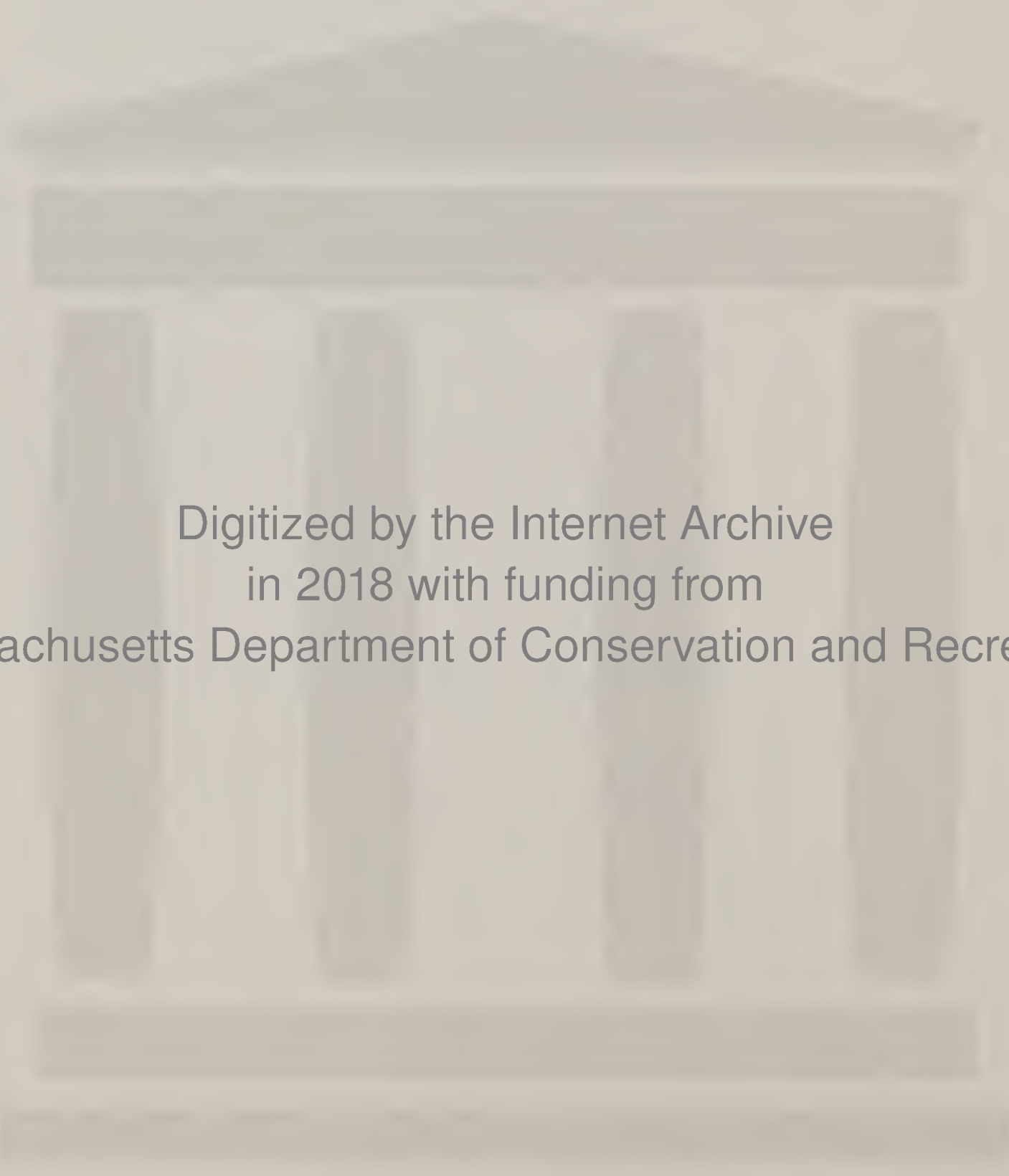
House 959 - Metropolitan District Commission and Department of Natural Resources to acquire certain lands adjacent to Neponset River for conservation and recreation.

House 1341 - Compensation in lieu of taxes to be based on f.m.v. taxation.

Commissioner Brownell said that this bill would give the Department of Corporation and Taxation authority to establish a taxable valuation and we in turn would reimburse the communities at the "fair market value" of the land.

House 2280 - Acquisition of Duxbury Beach, Duxbury.

Commissioner Brownell said that the Department was opposed to the acquisition at the present time. Considerable discussion followed relative to this bill.



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House 2785 - Department of Natural Resources to regulate and license public bathing beaches.

Commissioner Brownell said that this bill would transfer the authority to regulate public bathing beaches from the Department of Public Health to the Department of Natural Resources.

House 2781 - Identification and marking of buoys, pots, etc.

Commissioner Brownell said that the bill would establish a new system of marking and uniform procedure which would benefit the lobstermen. He stated that the Department was in favor of the bill.

House 3041 - Authorize river district commissions.

Commissioner Brownell stated that this bill would create so-called baby river basins commissions for the Connecticut, Charles and Neponset Rivers.

Senate 728 - Transferring great ponds to the Department of Natural Resources.

Commissioner Brownell said that this bill could pass this year.

Senate 729 - Inland wetlands eminent domain approval by Governor's Council to be eliminated.

Senate 758 - Department of Natural Resources to construct trails for horseback riding, hiking and snowmobiling on certain lands of the Commonwealth.

Senate 759 - Increasing the authority of the Water Resources Commission.

Commissioner Brownell then presented the self-help conservation projects. He said that the town of Barnstable had submitted two self-help applications which are a part of their overall acquisition program on the Mid-Cape Highway. He outlined the acreage and cost of each project as follows: Barnstable #24, 13.17 acres costing \$2,042.50; and Barnstable #25, 5 acres costing \$1,250.00. He added that no appraisals were necessary since the cost per project was below \$5,000.00.

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

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

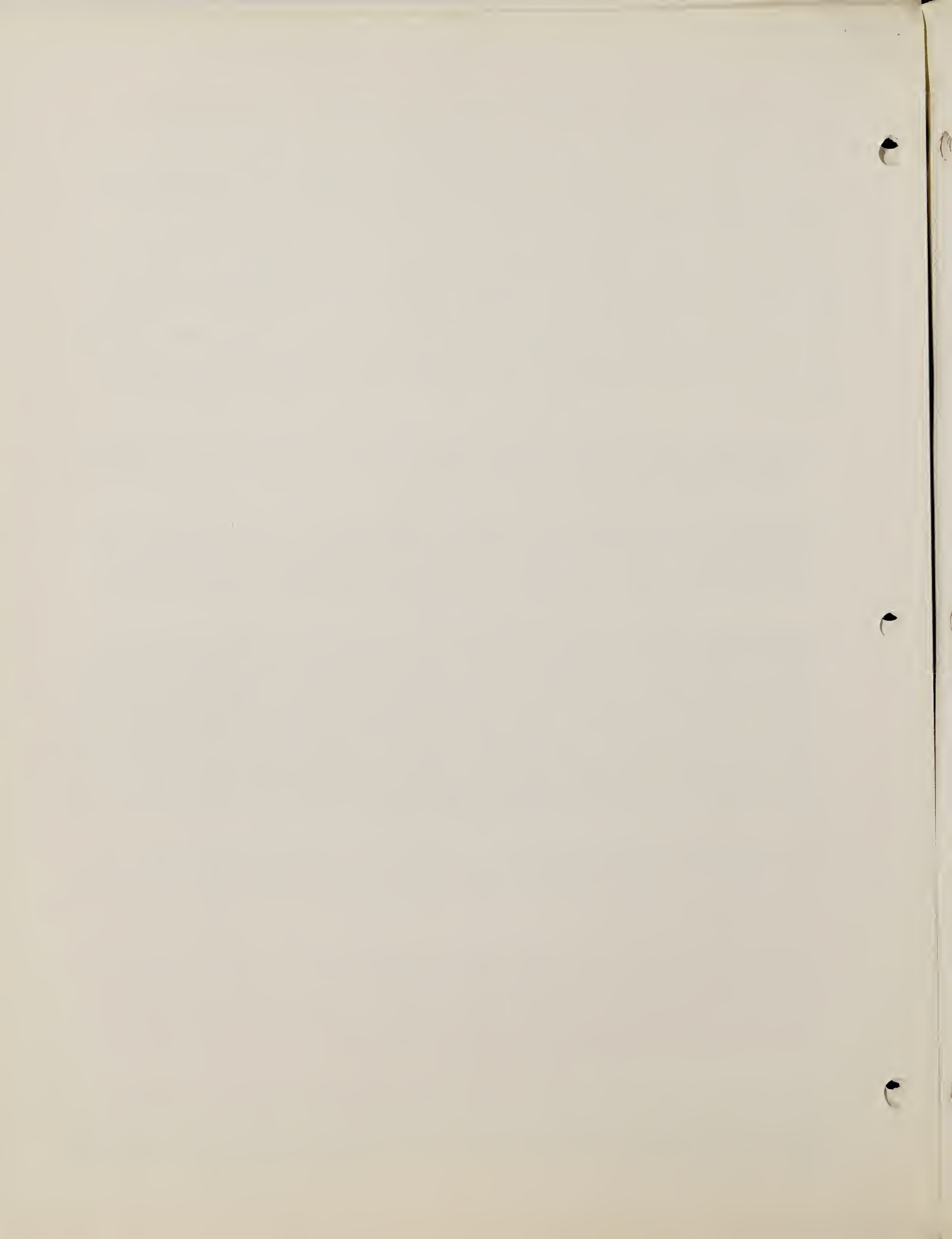
<u>Town</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Town Cost</u>	<u>State Reimbursement</u>
Barnstable #24	13.17	\$2,042.50	\$1,521.25
Barnstable #25	5	\$1,250.00	\$ 625.00

Commissioner Brownell asked Director Gullion and Mr. Correia to attend the meeting to present land matters.



Director Gullion presented a proposal for action by the Department of Natural Resources relative to the Northfield Pump Storage Project on the Connecticut River. He stated that this was the Department's recommendation for cooperative development of recreation facilities north of Turner's Falls in cooperation with the Northeast Utilities Services Company. Under the Federal Power Commission permit for this project, Northeast Utilities Services Company will expend \$1.35 million for acquisition and development in cooperation with the Department. He then discussed the seven projects for development of recreation facilities.

1. Barton Cove - in the town of Gill, Massachusetts next to and south of Route 2 containing approximately 350 acres of land. The recreational facility would be a unique camping area with widely spaced sites.
2. French King Bridge Roadside Rest Area - in the town of Gill, Massachusetts on the west side of the Connecticut River and north side of Route 2, containing approximately 15 acres in itself but part of planned ownership from Route 2 to Grassy Hill area. Facilities would include parking area, comfort station, and trail to overlook Connecticut River.
3. French King Bridge to Grassy Hill Area - in the town of Gill, Massachusetts, bounded on the south of Route 2, on the east by Connecticut River, Grassy Hill Area on the north, and various private lands on the west, containing approximately 800 acres of land - 350 acres of this is owned by the New England Power Company; 30 acres owned by Turner's Falls Power & Electric Company; and 20 acres by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company. The south end would be for hiking trails and scenic overlooks, and the central flat next to the Connecticut River would be for playfields, swimming, hiking and fishing with a surrounding camping area in the background. Trails and service roads would connect this area with the French King Bridge, Route 2, and the Grassy Hill Area.
4. Four Mile Brook Recreational Area - in the town of Northfield, Massachusetts, on the east side of the Connecticut River between the river and Route 63, containing a 50 acre development with swimming pond, boat docking facilities, picnicking and fishing.
5. Northfield Mountain Recreation Area and Trail System - located in the town of Northfield, including approximately 1000 acres of land belonging to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company on which would be the 300 acre pump storage reservoir. Adjoining to the east and north are the Erving, Northfield and Mt. Grace Forests comprising some 30,000 acres available for all types of trails, camping, picnicking, fishing and hunting.
6. Grassy Hill Area - in the town of Gill, Massachusetts, between the village of Gill and the Connecticut River containing approximately 450 acres of land and 130 acres of water. Camping would be the principal use although a boat marina and docking facilities would be incorporated. Swimming, fishing and picnicking would be provided.



7. Munns Ferry - in the town of Northfield, Massachusetts, a 3 acre boat camping site has already been developed by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company and they are ready to turn the area over to the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Rhodes asked Director Gullion if there would be some type of zoning of private land. Director Gullion replied that the Board of Selectmen were very much in favor of the proposals for development and he felt that arrangements could possibly be made to insure protection of the river banks.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Fulham, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -  
VOTED - to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to enter into agreement with Northeast Utilities Services Company for the design, development and operation of recreation facilities; and to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to institute appraisals for the purpose of acquisition of portions of Barton Cove, French King Bridge to Grassy Hill Area, and the Grassy Hill Area in the town of Gill, Massachusetts.

Director Gullion then presented the proposal to exchange 0.5 acres of the Otis Reservoir Property owned by the Commonwealth for 4.0 acres of property owned by Mrs. Ida Hall adjacent to Big Pond, Otis, Massachusetts. He said that Department personnel had estimated the 0.5 acres of land to be valued at \$500.00, and the 4.0 acres of land was valued at \$1,000.00. He felt that the proposal was mutually beneficial. He stated that the purpose of the exchange was to give Mrs. Ida Hall ownership of property upon which she constructed buildings in the past with the approval of the Farmington River Power Company; and the land which would become the property of the Commonwealth would give us adequate land in the area to construct a water control structure for Big Pond. In addition, it would provide adequate land for a boat access to Big Pond, he said.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Fulham, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -  
VOTED - to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to exchange 0.5 acres of Commonwealth land on Route 23, East Otis, for 4.0 acres of land located on Twenty Five Mile River, East Otis owned by Mrs. Ida Hall of East Otis, Massachusetts.



Director Gullion then presented the two proposals of the Boston Edison Company.

1. To construct a power line from their new atomic energy plant through the Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth, Massachusetts. The line would be 8400 feet in length and 300 feet in width which could be equivalent to 49.7 acres of land, he said.
2. Permission to widen the existing right-of-way through the Ames Nowell State Park, Abington, Massachusetts. He said that this would require an additional 150 feet of right-of-way through the Ames Nowell State Park extending a distance of approximately 5400 feet which is equivalent to approximately 17 acres of land. He stated that all vegetation would be retained under 15 feet in height except at tower locations, and that all towers would be 100 feet to 130 feet in height.

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

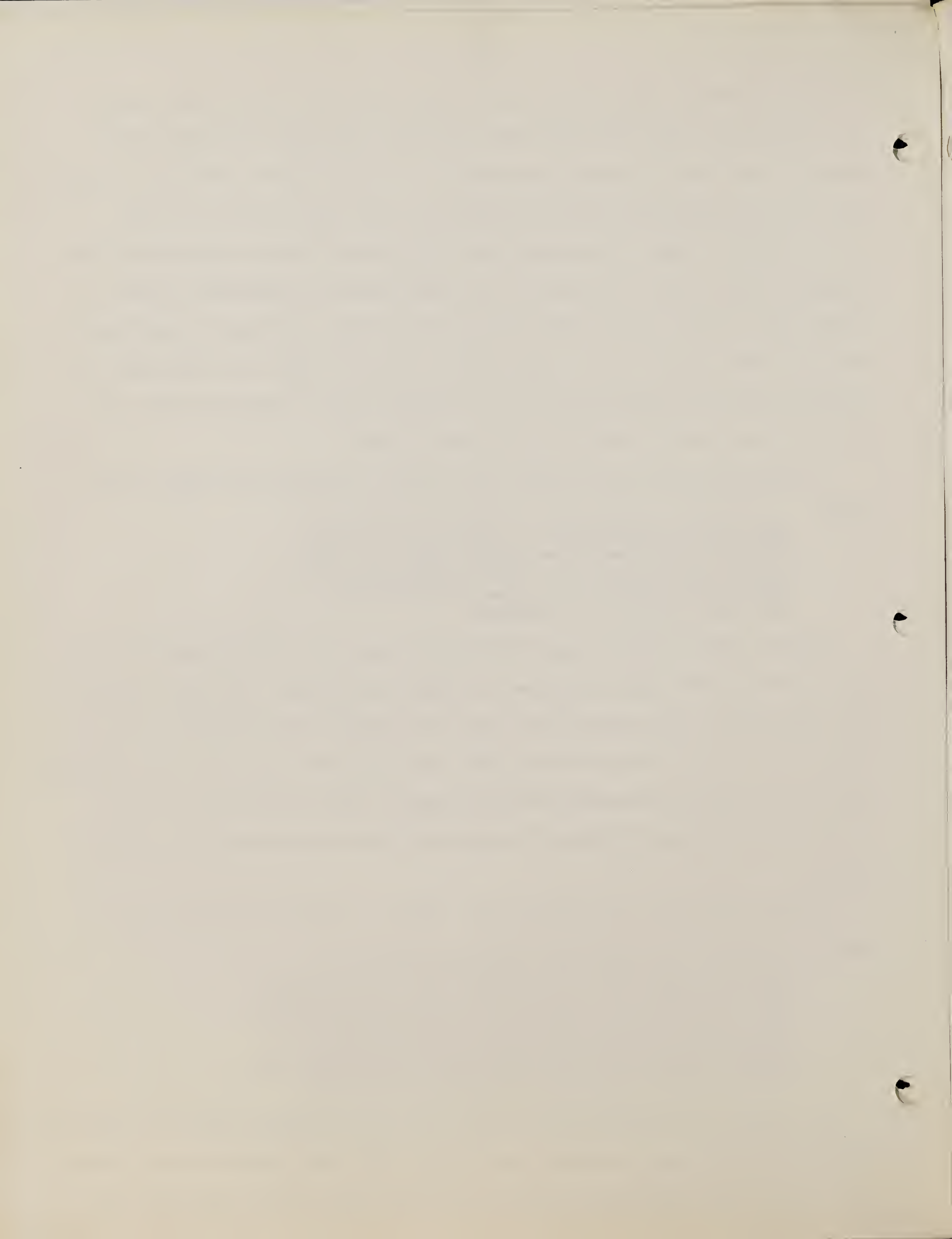
VOTED - to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to negotiate for the purchase of a 300 foot wide right-of-way by the Boston Edison Company across the Myles Standish State Forest in the town of Plymouth; and a 150 foot wide right-of-way across the Ames Nowell State Park in the town of Abington.

Director Gullion then discussed the proposed acquisition and development of a day use facility at Red Bridge in the towns of Ludlow and Wilbraham. This was a proposal of a legislation study commission last year and reaffirmed the Department's interest in the area as early as May, 1967, he said. He stated that it was part of an impoundment owned by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company, and we proposed to construct swimming and picnicking facilities in cooperation with Western Massachusetts Electric Company.

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

VOTED - to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to negotiate a long term lease with the Western Massachusetts Electric Company for the Red Bridge area of the Chicopee River in the towns of Ludlow and Wilbraham, Massachusetts; and to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to proceed with appraisals of additional lands necessary to develop a day-use area associated with the Red Bridge area in the towns of Ludlow and Wilbraham, Massachusetts.

Mr. Correia then informed the Board that the town of Brimfield wished to reconstruct Hollow Road in the town of Brimfield under Chapter 90. The reconstruction will demand that certain Department land be taken and additional land would be needed for slope



easements, he stated. Director Gullion added that the Department was concerned that provisions be made to stabilize the bankings against slippage, erosion and scars. Mr. Fulham suggested that this be incorporated into the transfer of title.

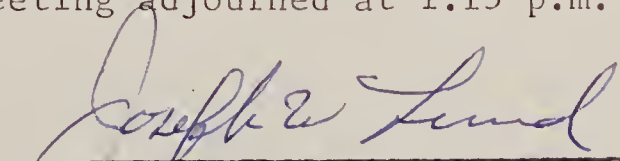
Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

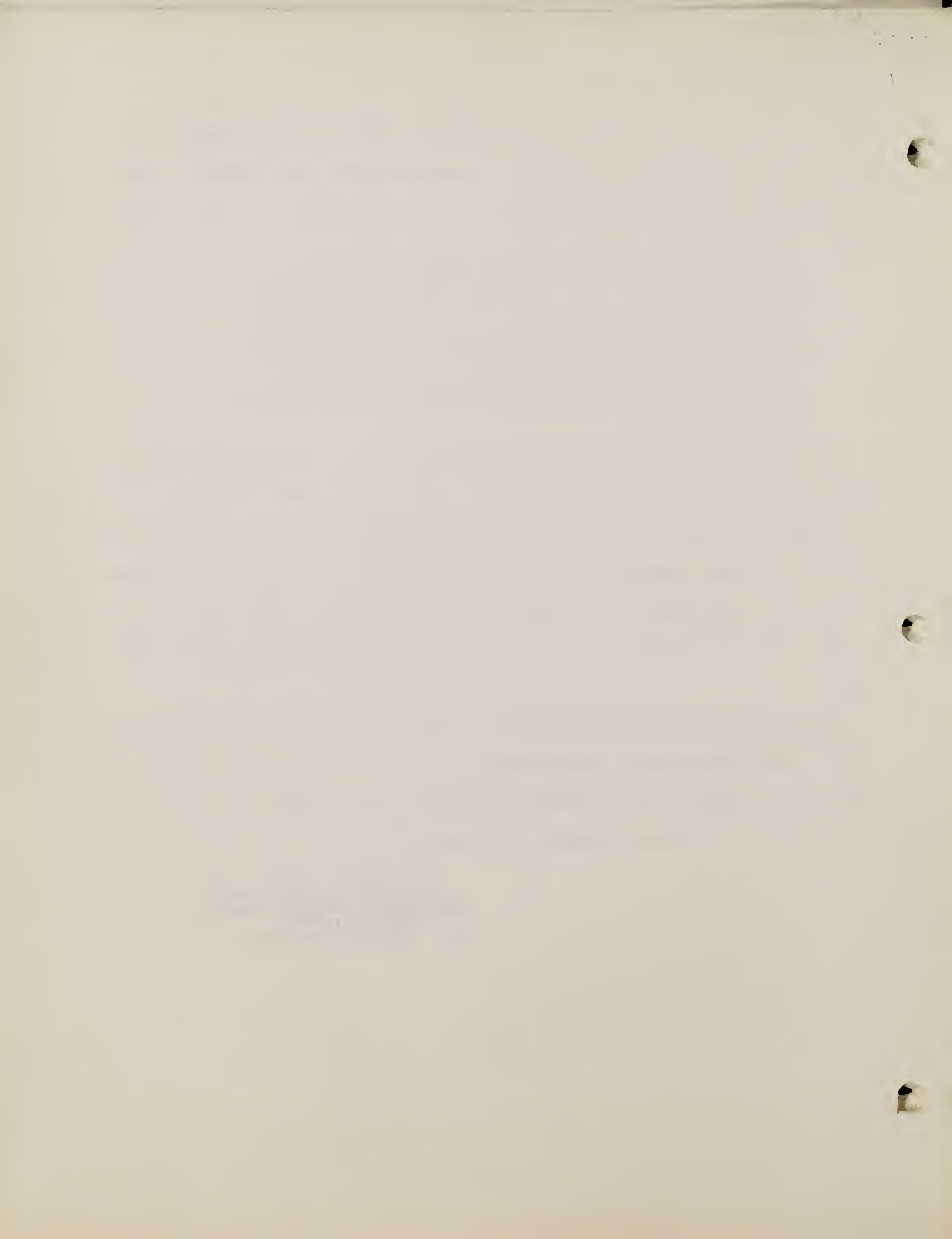
VOTED - to approve the conveyance to the town of Brimfield by the Commissioner of Natural Resources, acting pursuant to Section 44A, Chapter 30 of the General Laws, of two strips of land containing 1,950 square feet and 19,700 square feet, respectively, together with five easement locations for the construction, alteration and maintenance of slopes, of land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts bordering the north-westerly side of Hollow Road, Brimfield, Massachusetts, subject to conditions imposed and approved by the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

Mr. Correia then brought before the Board a proposal to acquire part of the Hampden Ponds area in the town of Westfield. After considerable discussion, it was recommended that the Department continue discussions with the landowners involved as the Board felt the asking price of the project appeared to exceed the actual value of the property in question. Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that further discussions would be held with the landowners in an attempt to arrive at a more equitable value.

The date for the next meeting was set for February 27, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, with a joint luncheon meeting with the Fish and Game Board following the Board of Natural Resources meeting.

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

  
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Joseph W. Lund  
Secretary pro tem



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held February 27, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Lund and Rhodes.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Joseph W. Lund was elected Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the January 27, 1969 meeting were presented for approval and Mr. Rhodes submitted the following correction to be made in the minutes.

On page 2, House 551, second line, delete the words to acquire South Cape Beach, and add to consider acquisition of South Cape Beach as long as it is in accordance with the overall plan of Cape Cod.

Mr. Lund submitted the following correction -

On page 7, paragraph 2, last line, delete the words at a more equitable value, and add at an acquisition price.

Following approval of the corrections, as submitted, the minutes of the January 27, 1969 meeting were approved.

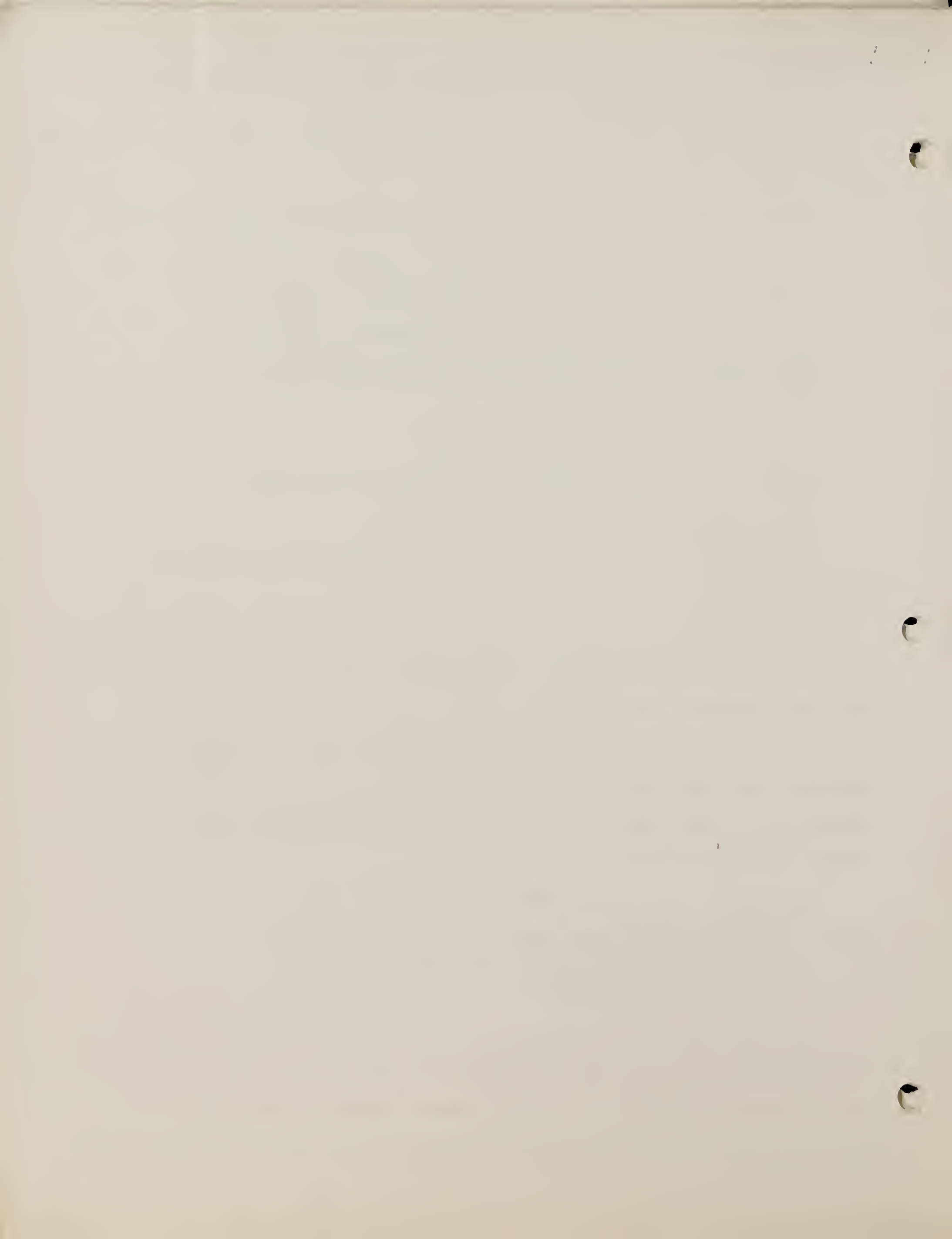
Mr. Lund brought up the question of the cost of a lease from Western Massachusetts Electric Company for the Red Bridge area in Ludlow. Commissioner Brownell stated that the lease arrangements would be for one dollar a year.

Commissioner Brownell then reminded the Board that since Mr. Zabriskie was no longer with the Department, he was without an acting commissioner. He recommended the designation of Deputy Commissioner Stephen F. Ells as Acting Commissioner in the absence of the Commissioner from the office.

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

VOTED - that Deputy Commissioner Stephen F. Ells be designated as Acting Commissioner in the event of any incapacity or absence of the Commissioner from office as provided for in General Laws Chapter 21.

Commissioner Brownell then briefly summarized the tour he will be taking March 3 through March 8 to observe missile sites located in Ohio, Colorado, Texas and New Mexico. Others included on the tour, he said, are General Ambrose, a representative from Governor Sargent's office, and several selectmen from the towns of Lynnfield, Reading and Andover.



In commenting on legislation affecting the Department, the Commissioner said the two major bills, at the present time, are the South Cape Beach and Appalachian Trail bills.

The Commissioner informed the Board that a hearing was held recently on the Conservation Easement bill. He stated that he did not know what the outcome would be on the bill. He felt it had a good chance of passage.

He then informed the Board that legislation for pools and rinks received favorable consideration from the Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture. The total legislative package amounted to \$25 million, he said. The Commissioner added that it should be the responsibility of the Department to select the location of new pools and rinks. The Board concurred.

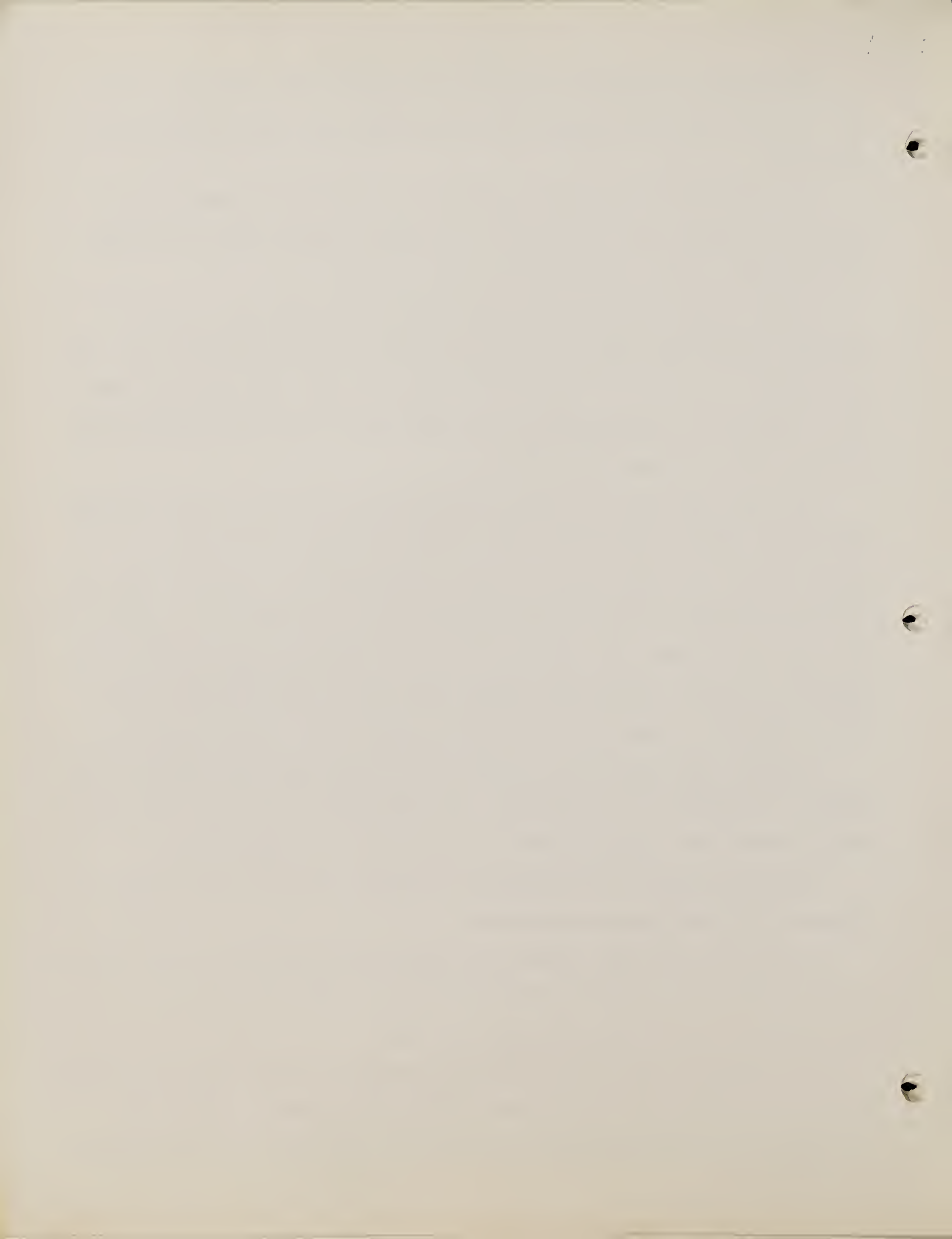
Mr. Fulham asked where the Department stood with respect to the 1969-1970 budget. Commissioner Brownell stated that he had received the budget recommendations and the budget had been cut, especially with respect to new positions. A position of director for the new Division of Mineral Resources was approved. A position for an attorney was also approved, he added. Mr. Fulham asked what the salary rate would be for the new position of director. Commissioner Brownell said that the starting salary would be close to \$18,000. He added that the salary is equivalent to a Grade 27 position.

Mr. Rhodes asked Commissioner Brownell if he had any information relative to the proposal to reorganize state departments. The Commissioner stated that within the next sixty to ninety days, legislation will be filed relative to reorganization.

Commissioner Brownell then reviewed for the Board, the status of the ski facility proposal on the Mount Greylock Reservation.

He stated that when Mount Greylock was transferred by legislation to the Department, it provided that the Commissioner of Natural Resources could, if he felt it was in the best interests of the Commonwealth, lease this area.

He informed the Board that Mr. DeLisio of Springfield had made application to lease the area over a year ago. A second draft of the proposed lease was submitted to Mr. DeLisio, but the Department had not received an answer from him. The Commissioner



said a letter was sent to Mr. DeLisio recently, requesting that he state his position by March 1, 1969 or the Department would consider his application terminated. He noted that the Berkshire County Planning Commission has developed a proposal for the area which would create a major recreational complex on public, as well as private land.

Following a great deal of discussion, the Board recommended that the Department await a reply from Mr. DeLisio before considering the next course of action.

For the information of the Board, Commissioner Brownell reported on the City of Pittsfield project costing \$148,000 with federal reimbursement amounting to \$74,000. He said the City of Pittsfield will acquire a 148 acre farm, including buildings, in the Southeastern portion of the City bordering on Goodrich Pond. It has been recommended, he said, that since the City of Pittsfield has completely adhered to federal and state requirements of the Federal Land and Water Conservation Act, this application be forwarded to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for fund approval.

Commissioner Brownell added that the proposal for this project was accomplished with the cooperation of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council. Mr. Lund stated that Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr. is a member of the Council. The Commissioner assured the Board that Mr. Crane had not participated in the decisions connected with the Pittsfield project.

Mr. Fulham asked that it be noted in the minutes of this meeting of the Board that Mr. Crane did not participate in the deliberations of the Pittsfield project. It was agreed.

In commenting on the Town of Lenox project utilizing the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund for an acquisition project costing \$40,000 with federal reimbursement amounting to \$20,000, Commissioner Brownell said the Lenox Conservation Commission will acquire 250 acres of abandoned farm land bordering on the Housatonic River. He said the area contains considerable wetland as well as upland and open fields, and the potential for hunting and fishing is tremendous. He added that since the Town of Lenox has completely adhered to federal and state requirements of the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, it has been recommended that this application be



forwarded to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for fund approval.

In commenting on the Town of Shrewsbury project utilizing the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund for an acquisition project costing \$53,000 with federal reimbursement amounting to \$26,500, the Commissioner said the Town of Shrewsbury, in cooperation with the Public Access Board, will acquire the 15 acre Oak Island in Flint Pond. He said the Public Access Board will purchase 6.6 acres for \$22,000 and the Town will acquire the remainder. He added that since the Town of Shrewsbury has completely adhered to federal and state requirements of the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, it has been recommended that this application be forwarded to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for fund approval.

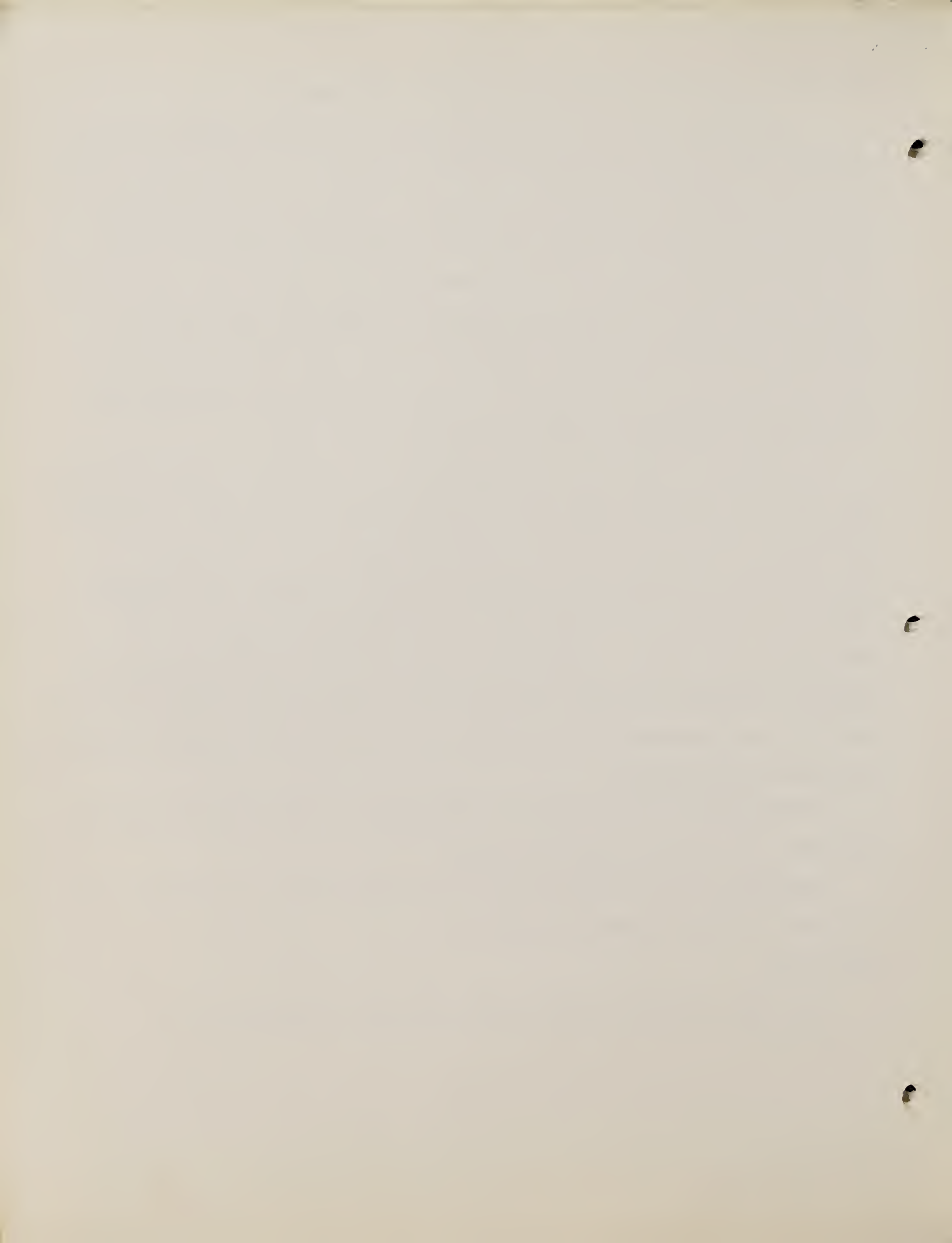
In presenting the Town of Milton project utilizing the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund for a development project costing \$68,963 with federal reimbursement amounting to \$34,481.50, the Commissioner said the redevelopment of Kelley Field will include major earthwork, installation of drainage and sprinkling systems, construction of a running track, and redevelopment of the baseball and multi-purpose ball fields. He added that in view of the fact the Town of Milton had adhered to the federal and state requirements of the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, it was recommended that the application be forwarded to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for fund approval.

Following discussion, the Board gave their approval to have the four applications forwarded to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Commissioner Brownell then presented the self-help projects. He outlined briefly the project, acreage and purpose, as follows:

Westfield #1

Acquisition of 7 acres costing \$17,700 - the land is being acquired to protect the Buckmaster Pond watershed and to provide a trail system and greenbelt.



Shrewsbury #3

Acquisition of 9.5 acres costing \$53,000 - 7 acres of this acquisition is being purchased by the Public Access Board to provide public access to Flint Pond. The Town of Shrewsbury will acquire the remainder of the area to develop swimming, fishing, and picnicking facilities. Shrewsbury has made application for B.O.R. reimbursement.

Athol #5

Acquisition of 112.5 acres costing \$2,837 - recreational facilities such as hunting, fishing, nature studies, horseback riding, and camping will be developed.

Pittsfield #1

Acquisition of 148 acres costing \$148,000 - area known as Brattlebrook Farm would be developed as a recreational park with such facilities as tennis and basketball courts, softball diamonds, and football-soccer fields. Pittsfield has made application for B.O.R. reimbursement.

Lunenburg Projects

- #23 - 28 acres costing \$1,420, land adjacent to Town Forest and 35 acres of open space land already acquired by the Conservation Commission.
- #24 - 7 acres costing \$350, land is in the center of the Mulpus Swamp Reservation which is already owned by the Conservation Commission.
- #25 - 5 acres costing \$250, land adjacent to town owned conservation land.
- #26 - 17 acres costing \$1,275, this parcel of land is proposed in the town's open space plan.

Barnstable #26

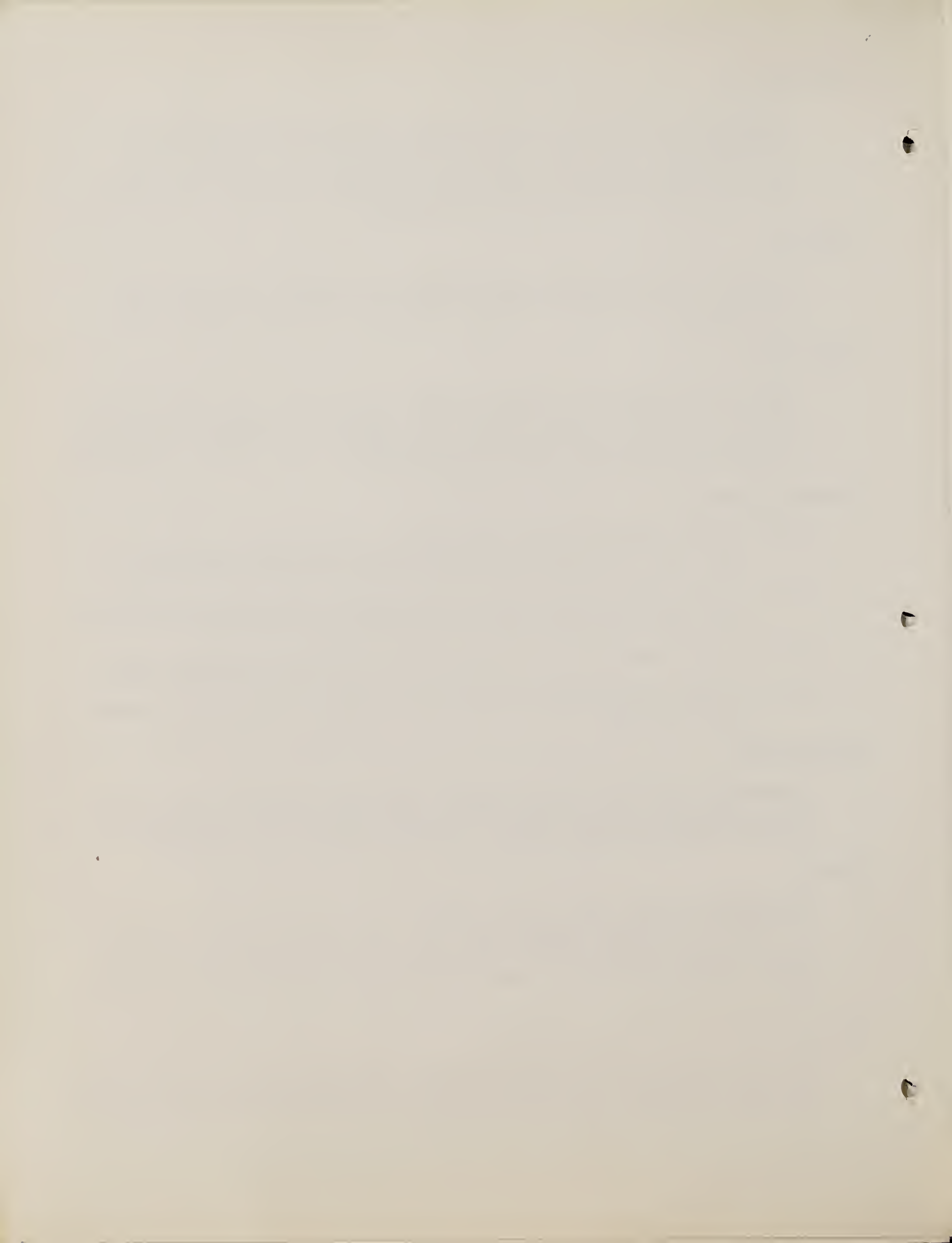
Acquisition of 30 acres costing \$8,958 - this parcel of land is part of the major acquisition project west of the Mid-Cape Highway. Such facilities as hunting, hiking, horseback riding, and nature study will be developed.

Lenox #1

Acquisition of 250.6 acres costing \$40,000 - to provide open space as well as to add to a proposed regional park along the Housatonic River. Activities such as boating, hiking, fishing, and hunting will be immediately available without further development. Lenox has made application for B.O.R. reimbursement.

Swampscott #1

Acquisition of 3.08 acres costing \$100,000 - extremely valuable ocean-front beach property. Swampscott has received approval for \$50,000 reimbursement from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.



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

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

<u>Town</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Town Cost</u>	<u>Est. State Reimbursement</u>
Westwood #1	7	\$ 17,700.00	\$ 8,850.00
Shrewsbury #3	9.5	53,000.00	13,250.00
Athol #5	11.5	2,837.00	1,418.50
Pittsfield #1	148	148,000.00	37,000.00
Lunenburg #23	28	1,420.00	710.00
Lunenburg #24	7	350.00	175.00
Lunenburg #25	5	250.00	125.00
Lunenburg #26	17	1,275.00	637.50
Barnstable #26	30	8,958.00	4,479.00
Lenox #1	250.6	40,000.00	10,000.00
Swampscott #1	3.08	100,000.00	25,000.00

Commissioner Brownell then asked Mr. Correia to attend the meeting to present land matters.

Mr. Correia brought before the Board a proposal to acquire approximately 13 acres of land with buildings in Westfield, Massachusetts, from Kingsley Sandy Beach, Inc. for the sum of \$130,000. He advised the Board that the offer to sell the 13 acres will expire on March 23, 1969.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, it was -  
VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 13 acres of land with buildings in Westfield, Massachusetts, from Kingsley Sandy Beach, Inc. for the sum of \$130,000.

Mr. Correia then presented a proposal to purchase approximately 9 acres of land with buildings in Westfield, Massachusetts, from Lambert Trust for the sum of \$195,000. He stated that this purchase would complement the purchase of the 13 acres from Kingsley Sandy Beach, Inc.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -  
VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 9 acres of land with buildings in Westfield, Massachusetts, from Lambert Trust for the sum of \$195,000.

Mr. Correia then requested the Board to consider the purchase of 581 acres of land in Williamstown, Massachusetts, from Mrs. Sarah G. Tenney for the sum of \$40,000.



Basically, he said, the land is all open space with exceptional scenic value. He stated that the Department would be eligible to make application to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for reimbursement on the basis of purchasing a natural area.

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

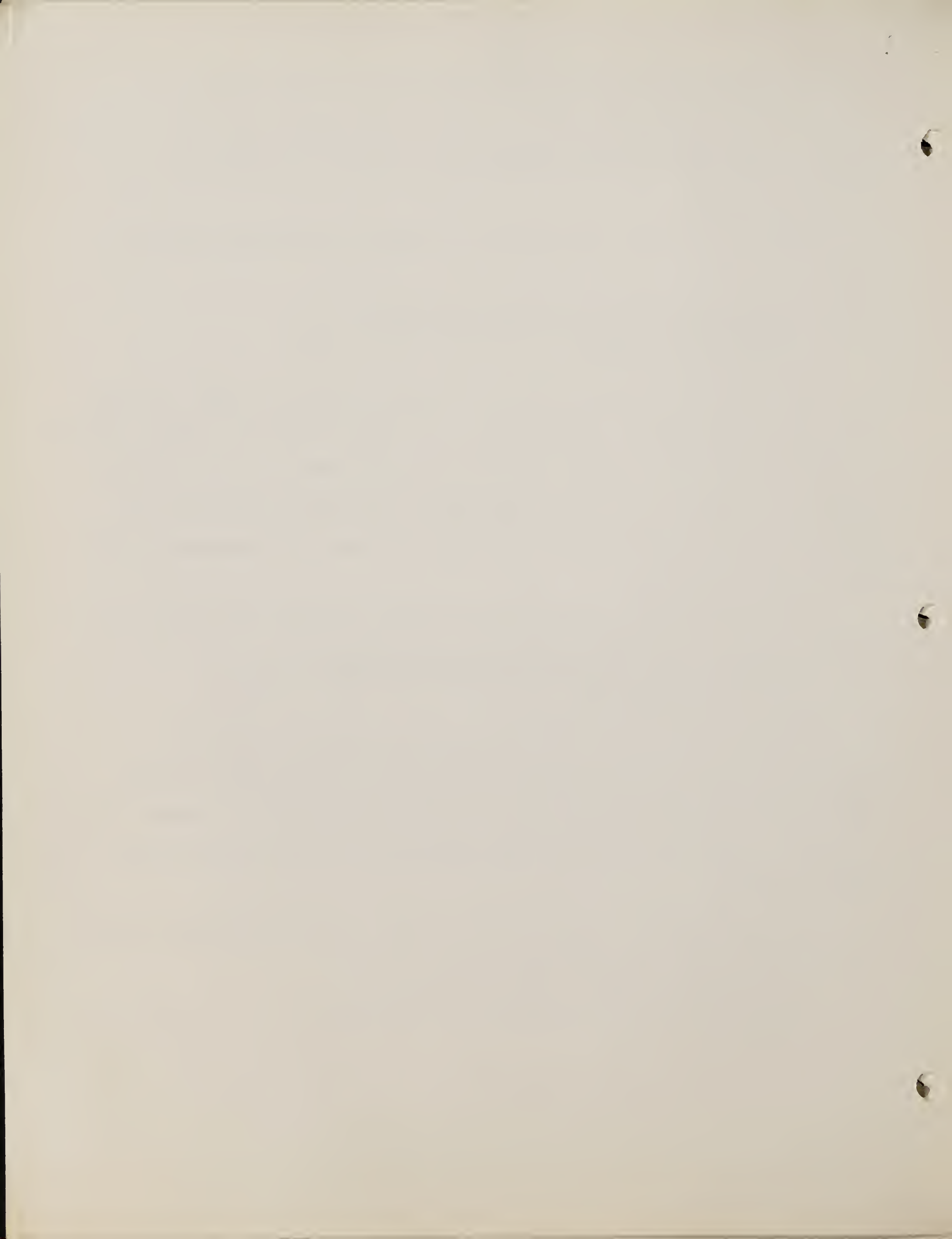
VOTED - to approve the purchase of 581 acres of land in Williamstown, Massachusetts, from Mrs. Sarah G. Tenney for the sum of \$40,000.

Mr. Correia then discussed the DiPietro property located in Ashby. He stated that the property consisted of approximately 19.6 acres, owned by Mr. Joseph C. DiPietro. He said Mr. DiPietro has agreed to sell the land to the Commonwealth at a price of \$35,000. Mr. Correia added that the Department is interested in purchasing the property to protect and enlarge the recreational potential of the Damon Pond in the Willard Brook State Forest.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -  
VOTED - to approve the purchase of 19.6 acres of land with buildings in Ashby, Massachusetts, from Mr. Joseph C. DiPietro for the sum of \$35,000.

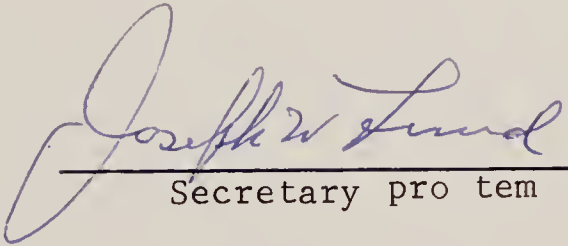
Mr. Correia then asked the Board for approval to accept the offer of Mr. Roy R. Farr of Andover, Massachusetts, to convey to the Department, by gift, 5 parcels of land totaling approximately 2.6 acres along Skug River in Andover. This is part of the Harold Parker State Forest and important to the protection of water quality, he added.

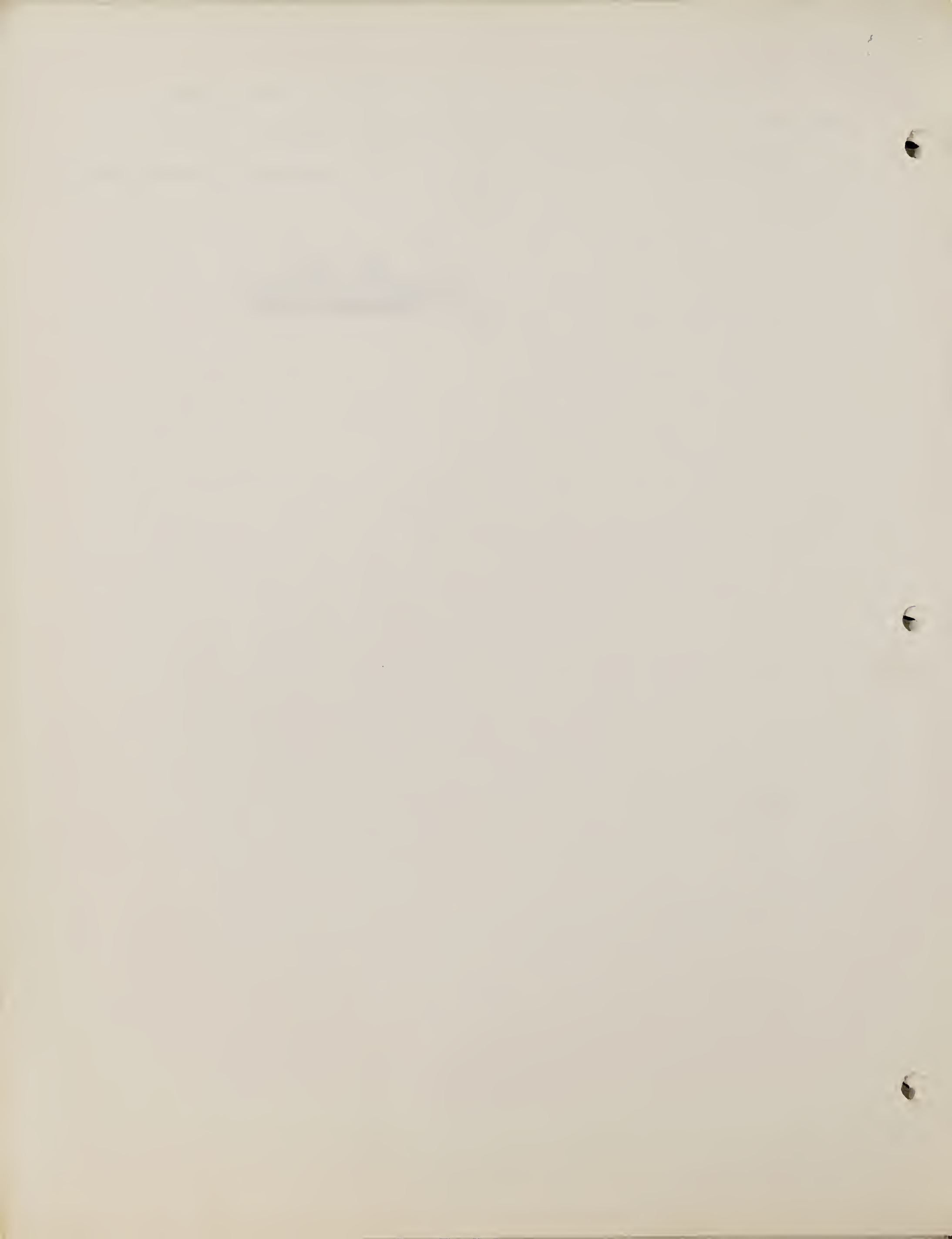
Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, it was -  
VOTED - to accept the offer of Mr. Roy R. Farr of Andover, Massachusetts, to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by gift, 5 parcels of land totaling approximately 2.6 acres of land along the Skug River in Andover.



The date for the next meeting was set for March 27, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

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

  
Secretary pro tem



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held April 2, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Lund and Rhodes.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Joseph W. Lund was elected Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the February 27, 1969 meeting were approved without correction.

Commissioner Brownell briefly commented on legislation. He said that due to the recent snowstorms and death of Dwight D. Eisenhower, legislation, as far as the Department is concerned, is at a standstill. He noted that there are twenty bills pending before the Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture. He added that if no action is taken on these bills before April 23, 1969, the bills will be lost for this year.

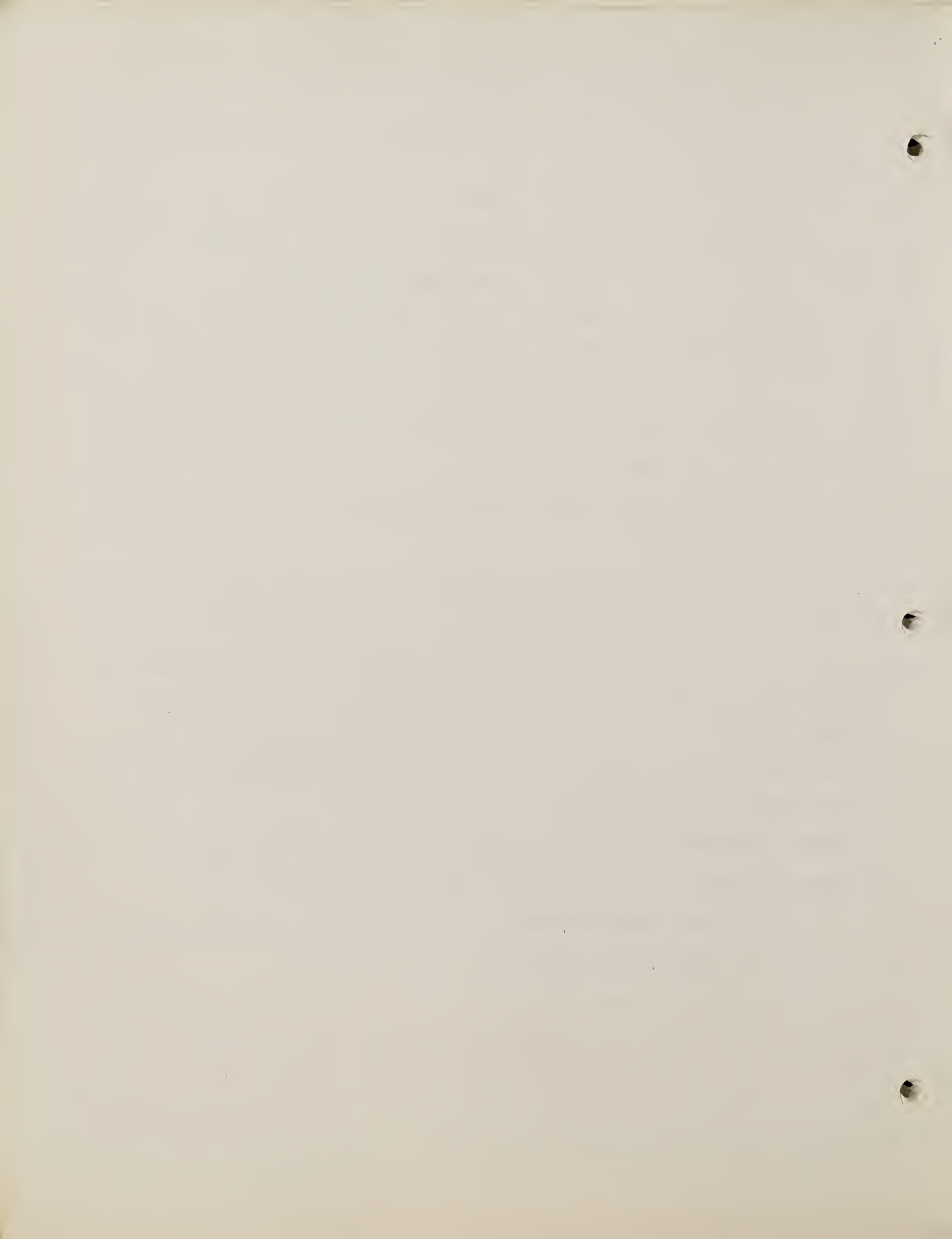
Commissioner Brownell gave the Board members monthly reports of the various divisions of the Department.

The Commissioner asked Director Grice to attend the meeting and explain the haddock fisheries situation.

Director Grice reported that Massachusetts is faced with a very serious disruption of the haddock fishery in waters contiguous to the Commonwealth's shores. The condition, he said, is considered to be the result of over-fishing and disastrous spawning failures over the past five years. All available information suggests that this decline will continue, he added. He further stated that it has been recommended that the Department write a letter to the Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, requesting that Massachusetts be declared a fisheries disaster area. He said that if the request is approved, \$200,000 could be made available this fiscal year for relief purposes. It is proposed, he said, to use the money for refitting vessels for trawling.

Mr. Lund asked if \$200,000 would be a sufficient amount. Chairman Fulham remarked that it would cost approximately \$18,000 to convert each vessel.

Director Grice said that there are about 93 vessels, but not all of them can be converted. He added that if the money is made available, a portion would be used for vessel conversion and a portion would be used for a market promotion program. He further stated that at a meeting held recently in New Bedford, at which Congressman Hastings Keith was present, fear was expressed by the New Bedford fishing industry that the Boston fleet



might switch to yellow tail flounder and thus cause an over-exploitation of that fishery.

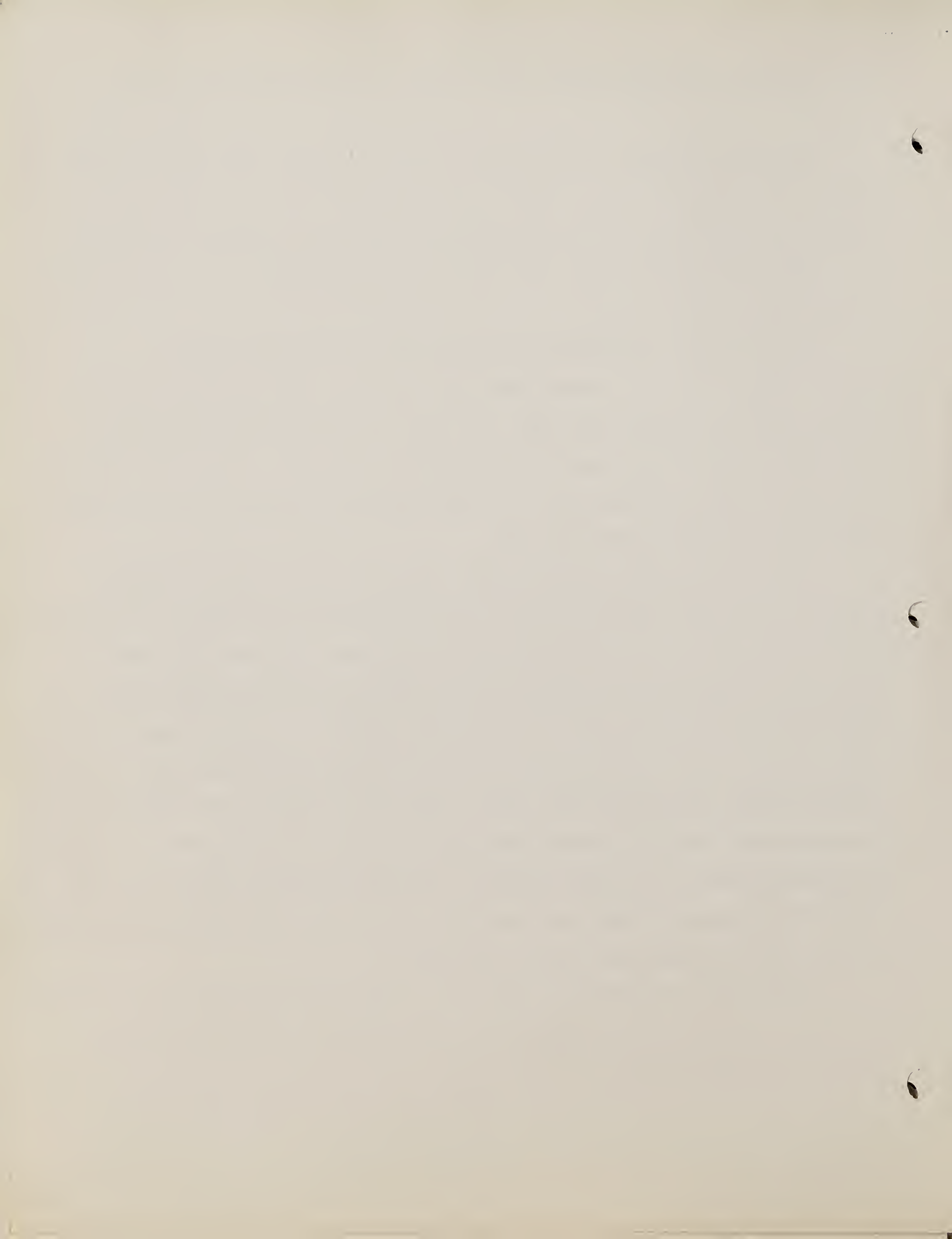
Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to have Commissioner Brownell write a letter to the Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, informing him of the serious problem facing Massachusetts and requesting financial aid.

Commissioner Brownell then asked Director Sprague to attend the meeting to present self-help conservation projects.

In presenting the Williamstown #2 project, 24.5 acres costing \$2,750, Director Sprague stated that negotiations have finally been completed with the Boston & Maine Railroad to purchase this land. He stated that the acquisition included a 5 acre pond which will be managed as a fishing and skating pond. He noted that the land was located within a low income area. The main objective is to preserve some open space within the town of Williamstown, he said.

Director Sprague then presented three applications for the town of Lexington. Project #8, 17.5 acres costing \$36,000, he said, is being acquired primarily for wetland and watershed protection and to prevent further encroachment by housing developments. Project #9, 16.7 acres costing \$66,800, he said, is part of the Vine Brook Watershed. He added that this acquisition will insure a greenbelt adjacent to a densely populated area. Project #10, 6.5 acres costing \$15,600, he said, is being purchased primarily to protect inland wetlands. He added that this parcel of land abuts Lexington's Self-Help project #1. He reported that the town of Lexington has made application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development on all three projects. Commissioner Brownell commented that the Department of Housing and Urban Development was operating on a very limited budget at the present time, and reimbursement did not seem likely.

In presenting the Stoneham's project #3, 2.7 acres costing \$11,000, Director Sprague stated that the area is located right in the center of town and is part of Stoneham's overall master plan proposal.



The Wilbraham #6 project, 169 acres costing \$35,000, Director Sprague said, was mostly a cedar swamp. He stated that acquisition of this parcel will conserve wetlands and preserve recreational values. He added that the town has applied to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for federal reimbursement.

In presenting the Georgetown #1 project, 14.75 acres costing \$11,000, Director Sprague stated that the land is being acquired primarily as part of a greenbelt along the Parker River.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -  
VOTED - that the following self-help conservation projects be approved  
and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement.

<u>Town</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Town Cost</u>	<u>Est. State Reimbursement</u>
Williamstown #2	24.5	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 1,375.00
Lexington #8	17.5	36,000.00	18,000.00
Lexington #9	16.7	66,800.00	33,400.00
Lexington #10	6.5	15,600.00	7,800.00
Stoneham #3	2.7	11,000.00	5,500.00
Wilbraham #6	169	35,000.00	16,500.00
Georgetown #1	14.75	11,000.00	5,500.00

The Commissioner then asked Directors Gullion and Correia to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Brownell gave the Board members copies of the rules and regulations governing state forests and parks for this year. He reported that a public hearing was held March 28, 1969 on the proposed rules and regulations. He pointed out that there are two sets of regulations - one set of regulations governed camping and day use facilities; one set of special regulations pertaining to certain areas under the control of the Department requiring special treatment. Director Brownell said that since the Department has taken over beaches it was felt that there was a need for certain changes to make beach regulations conform to the other regulations governing state forests and parks.

Director Gullion cited the following changes and additions in the rules and regulations governing camping and day use facilities.

1. The time limit (April 15 thru October 15) for use of state parks and forests removed. Areas will be open on a year round basis.
2. \$1.00 parking fee at all areas including beaches.



Director Gullion stated that when beaches were under the control of the Department of Public Works, a 50¢ parking fee was charged on weekdays and a \$1.00 parking fee was charged on weekends. Now, he said, the parking fee will be \$1.00 per car on all days of the week. He added that people using parking facilities at beach areas will have the opportunity to purchase a Season Pass in the amount of \$10.00. Under the Department of Public Works, this opportunity did not exist, he said.

3. Fee schedules with respect to camping facilities set up in three categories.
  - A. Type I campsite - sites with individual sewage and water connections. \$4.00/day
  - B. Type II campsite - sites located in camping areas with improved sanitary facilities. 3.00/day
  - C. Type III campsite - sites located in camping areas presently without flush type sanitary facilities. 2.00/day
4. Groups utilizing camping facilities must be properly supervised by an adult at least 21 years of age who will be responsible for the conduct of the group.
5. Reduction in rates for certain groups utilizing the facilities will no longer be in effect.

Chairman Fulham stated that recreational areas under the control of the Department should be open to all citizens of the Commonwealth at the same rate. He added that if there is to be a reduction for low income groups, social agencies within the community should be requested to pay the fee.

6. Check out time for campers changed from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Rhodes raised the question with respect to sanitary facilities on the areas during the winter months. Director Correia replied that all comfort stations could be utilized during the winter months with the installation of heaters. Use will determine whether year round operations will be instituted, he said.

With respect to special regulations pertaining to certain areas, Director Gullion said that annual land use permits will be issued, upon application, to individual property owners whose ownership directly adjoins the perimeter strip of publicly owned land around Otis Reservoir. The charge would be based on 5¢ per linear foot of frontage on state owned land, plus a fixed rate based on \$100 per acre, he said. He added that the property owner would have exclusive use of the area.



Director Gullion stated that there will be a charge of \$84.00 for cottage sites located at Ashmore Lake, which is in keeping with the charge for cottage sites at the Myles Standish State Forest.

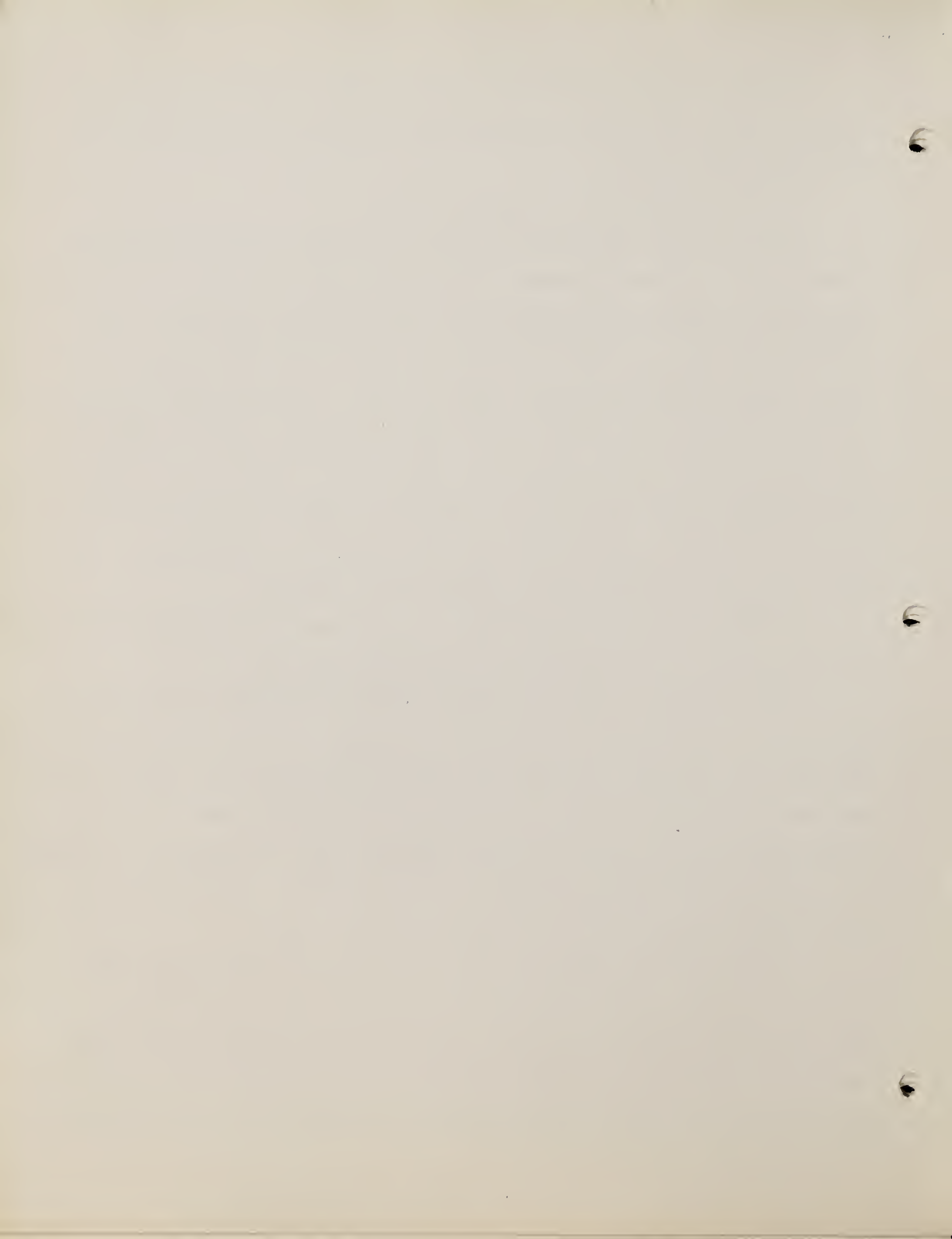
The Board concurred with the proposed changes.

Director Gullion then presented a proposal to purchase approximately 363 acres of land located in northwest Framingham, owned by Mrs. Gardiner H. Fiske. Such facilities as picnicking, camping, trails, tobogganing and skating could be developed, he said. He added that the area is part of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's open space study. He requested the Board give its approval to have an appraisal made of the property in order to determine its value for possible future acquisition. Chairman Fulham asked what the asking price was for the property. Director Gullion replied that a price has not been mentioned, as yet, but he felt it would be reasonable. Mr. Lund asked if the town should be asked to cooperate with a self-help application. Director Gullion said that a cooperative acquisition would create jurisdiction problems.

Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to have an appraisal made of the Fiske property for consideration of purchase by the Department.

Director Gullion presented the Acushnet Cedar Swamp proposal. He said the land was owned by the Acushnet Saw Mill Company. He stated that the area contained approximately 1853 acres and is situated northwest of New Bedford. He added that the proposed acquisition would provide a unique area of cedar swamp, day use, camping, trails and hunting. He asked the Board for its approval to have an appraisal made of the property to determine its value for possible future acquisition. Following discussion, the Board gave its approval for an appraisal to be made of the Acushnet Cedar Swamp.

He then presented a proposal to have an appraisal made of 459 acres of land located in Cummington and Chesterfield, owned by the Nature Conservancy, and others. He said this purchase is proposed as a result of Board action of December 22, 1967 which authorized "a cooperative acquisition program with the Nature Conservancy". It is recommended, he said, that an appraisal be made of the property to determine its value



for possible acquisition. Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to have an appraisal made of the property located in Cummington and Chesterfield.

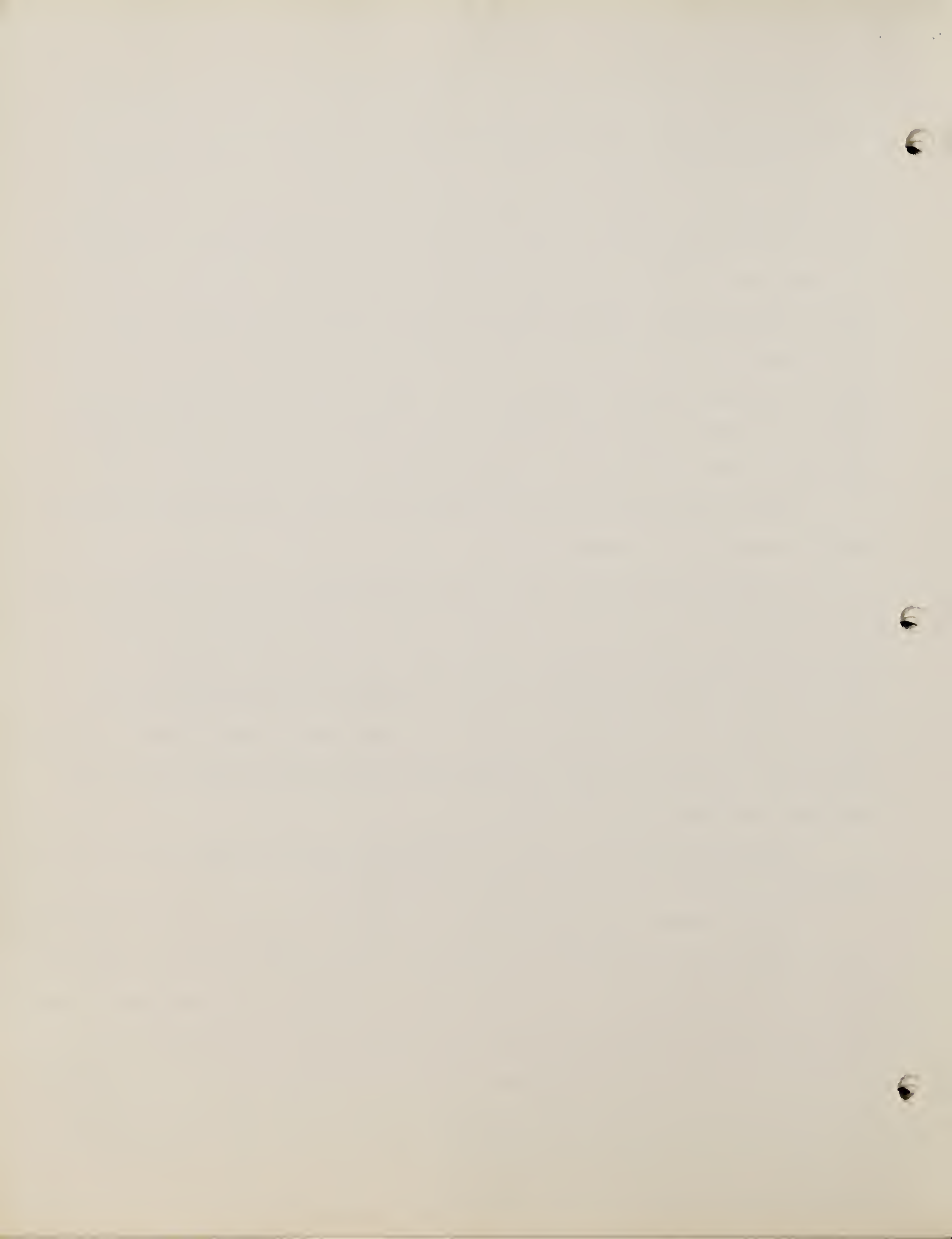
Director Gullion then presented a request for a transfer of land located on Plum Island under the control of the Department of Natural Resources, for an equivalent amount of land in the northeast corner of the Parker River Wildlife Refuge owned by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. He added that the area owned by the Department contained 73.24 acres and is located at the southern tip of Plum Island; the land to be transferred to the Department from the U.S. Department of the Interior contained acreage of equivalent value. The purpose of the transfer, he said, would be to satisfy a mutual use control problem, provide another coastal beach under Department control, and improve the efficiency of management of both units of land.

Following discussion, the Board recommended that the Department proceed with the details of the proposed transfer.

He then presented to the Board a request submitted to the Department by the Dukes County Commissioners to lease approximately 31 acres of land of the Martha's Vineyard State Forest, Edgartown, for avigational purposes. He said that the purpose of the lease is to extend and widen avigational ways in conjunction with existing easements which were granted to the Commission in 1956. He added that the permit would be on an annual basis. Trees would have to be removed, but the resulting meadow land would be beneficial for wildlife food, he said.

Following discussion, the Board recommended approval of an annual permit for avigational purposes on the Martha's Vineyard State Forest.

Director Gullion then asked the Board to consider a proposal to have an appraisal made of approximately 141 acres of land at Horseneck Beach, Westport, for the purpose of acquisition by the Department. He said that this land would give the Department control over that portion of Horseneck Beach area now privately owned. The purpose of the acquisition would be to improve management control over Horseneck Beach and to improve access to Gooseberry Neck, he said. He further stated that the Selectmen of Westport have indicated sincere interest in the project. Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to have an appraisal made of the property at Horseneck Beach.



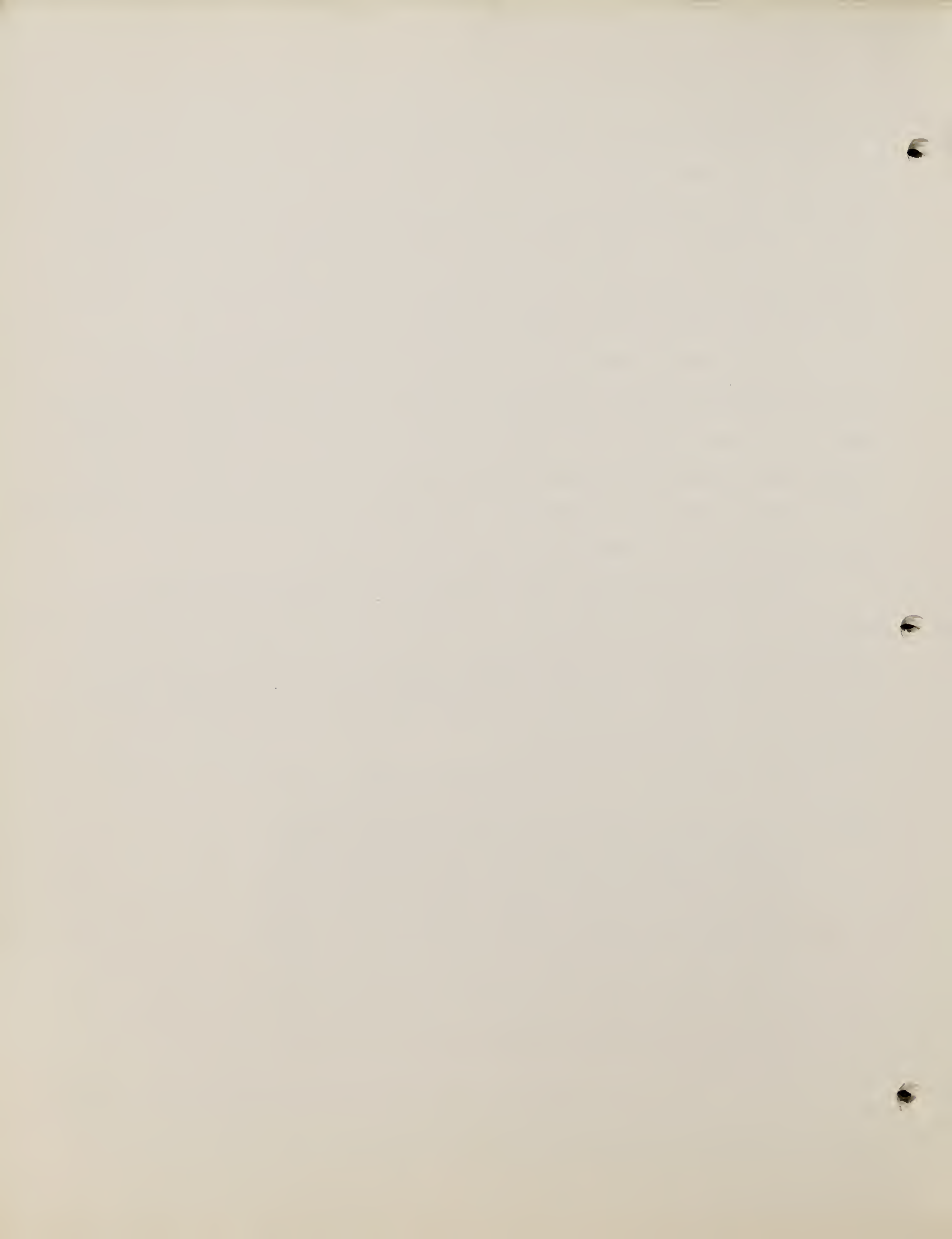
Director Correia then brought before the Board a proposal submitted by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company for easements on property of the Department. As requested by the Board, Western Massachusetts Electric Company has submitted a package proposal for all overhead transmission lines associated with the Northfield Pump Storage Project. In addition, he said, Western Massachusetts Electric Company has requested a flowage easement for purposes of the emergency overflow from the pump storage reservoir and a relocation of a service road over Department property.

Director Correia showed on maps the proposed routes of power transmission - the Northfield-Ludlow line traversing two portions of the Montague section of the Wendell State Forest, for a width of 300 feet and a total of 41.3 acres; the Northfield-Central Vermont line traversing an irregular path of the Northfield State Forest, for a width of 250 feet and a total of 21.12 acres; the Northfield-New York line traversing the Pittsfield State Forest, 250 feet in width and a total of 19.14 acres.

With respect to the power line traversing the Pittsfield State Forest, Director Correia said that prior action was taken by the Board on November 22, 1966 whereby they granted approval to convey the easement. However, he said, the acreage and width was incorrectly stated. He asked that the Board amend its vote of November 22, 1966 to include the corrected acreage and width.

Upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, it was -  
VOTED - to amend vote of November 22, 1966, approving a proposal to convey to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company an easement for the installation of a transmission line in the Pittsfield State Forest by striking out the figure (300) in line four and inserting in place thereof (230); by striking out the figure (200) in line four and inserting in place thereof (14.41); by striking out the figure of (8) in line six and inserting in place thereof (4.73) and by adding the following sentence to line ten "Refer to plan entitled "Easement over land in Lanesborough and Hancock, Massachusetts, surveyed for Western Massachusetts Electric Company, dated December 27, 1968, scale 1"=200' by Gordon E. Ainsworth and Associates, Inc., Deerfield, Massachusetts."

Director Correia then indicated on maps, the area on the Wendell State Forest desired by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company for a new transmission line.



Mr. Lund asked if consideration was given to improve the esthetics of the forest. Director Correia replied that Western Massachusetts Electric Company has made every effort to hide the line from sight of observers. He added that in exchange for this easement, Western Massachusetts Electric Company would convey to the Commonwealth, property of equal value in locations approved by the Department.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -  
VOTED to approve a proposal to convey to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company an easement for the installation of power transmission lines on the Montague section of the Wendell State Forest, said lines being on a 300 foot width strip of land containing approximately 41.3 acres, provided that, in exchange for said easement, the Western Massachusetts Electric Company convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts property of equal value in locations approved by the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

Director Correia then indicated on a map the proposed overhead transmission line easement over the Northfield State Forest. This area will be incorporated into the overall outdoor recreation project being developed jointly between the Department and Northeast Utilities Services Company, he said.

Without further discussion, upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was  
VOTED - to approve a proposal to convey to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company an easement for the installation of power transmission lines on the Northfield State Forest, said lines being on a strip of land, generally being 250 feet in width and containing approximately 21.12 acres, provided that, in exchange for said easement, the Western Massachusetts Electric Company convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts property of equal value in locations approved by the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

The proposal for flowage easements over the so-called Holmes Lake of the Erving State Forest was then discussed by Director Correia.

This flowage right is needed to release waters from the Northfield pump storage reservoir in the event that a malfunction occurs in pumping. The likelihood is minimal, but must be supplied to satisfy Federal Power Commission requirements, he said.

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



VOTED - to approve a proposal to convey to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company an easement for the rights to flow and to construct, maintain and improve waterways, said rights pertaining to approximately two acres of land on the so-called Holmes Lot, of the Farley section of the Erving State Forest.

Director Correia next discussed the request of the Western Massachusetts Electric Company to transfer 20 acres of land owned by them in exchange for 16 acres owned by the Department. The purpose, he said, is to reduce the grades and straighten curves of a service road used in connection with the construction of the Northfield pump storage project.

Chairman Fulham asked if the abandoned section to be transferred to the Department would be rehabilitated by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company. Director Correia stated that they have agreed to grass the transferred property or take any other action necessary to rehabilitate the area.

As there was no further discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - to approve a proposal to convey to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company approximately 16 acres of land in exchange for 20 acres of land to be conveyed to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company, said lands located in the Erving State Forest.

Director Correia then requested the Board's approval to amend the vote of the Board of February 27, 1969 with respect to the purchase of the Tenney property in Williamstown. At the time the proposal was presented to the Board, Director Correia said that he was not aware there were two owners of the property - Mrs. Sarah G. Tenney who owned 368 acres, and Miss Sarah T. Tenney who owned 213 acres.

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

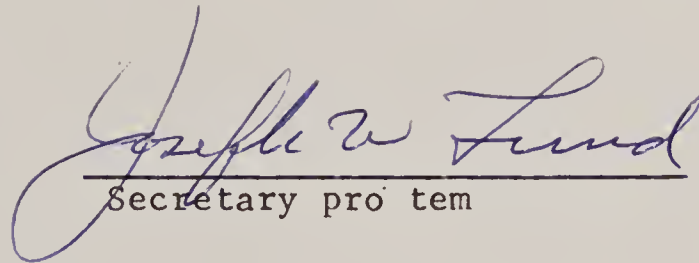
VOTED - to amend vote of February 27, 1969 approving the purchase of 581 acres of land in Williamstown, Massachusetts, from Mrs. Sarah G. Tenney for the sum of \$40,000.00 by striking out the acreage figure of (581) in line one, and inserting in place thereof (368) and by striking out \$40,000.00 from line three and inserting in place thereof \$25,320.00.

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 213 acres of land in Williamstown, Massachusetts, from Miss Sarah T. Tenney for the sum of \$14,680.00.



The date for the next meeting was set for May 1, 1959 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

  
Secretary pro tem



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held May 1, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane and Lund.

The minutes of the April 2, 1969 meeting were approved without correction.

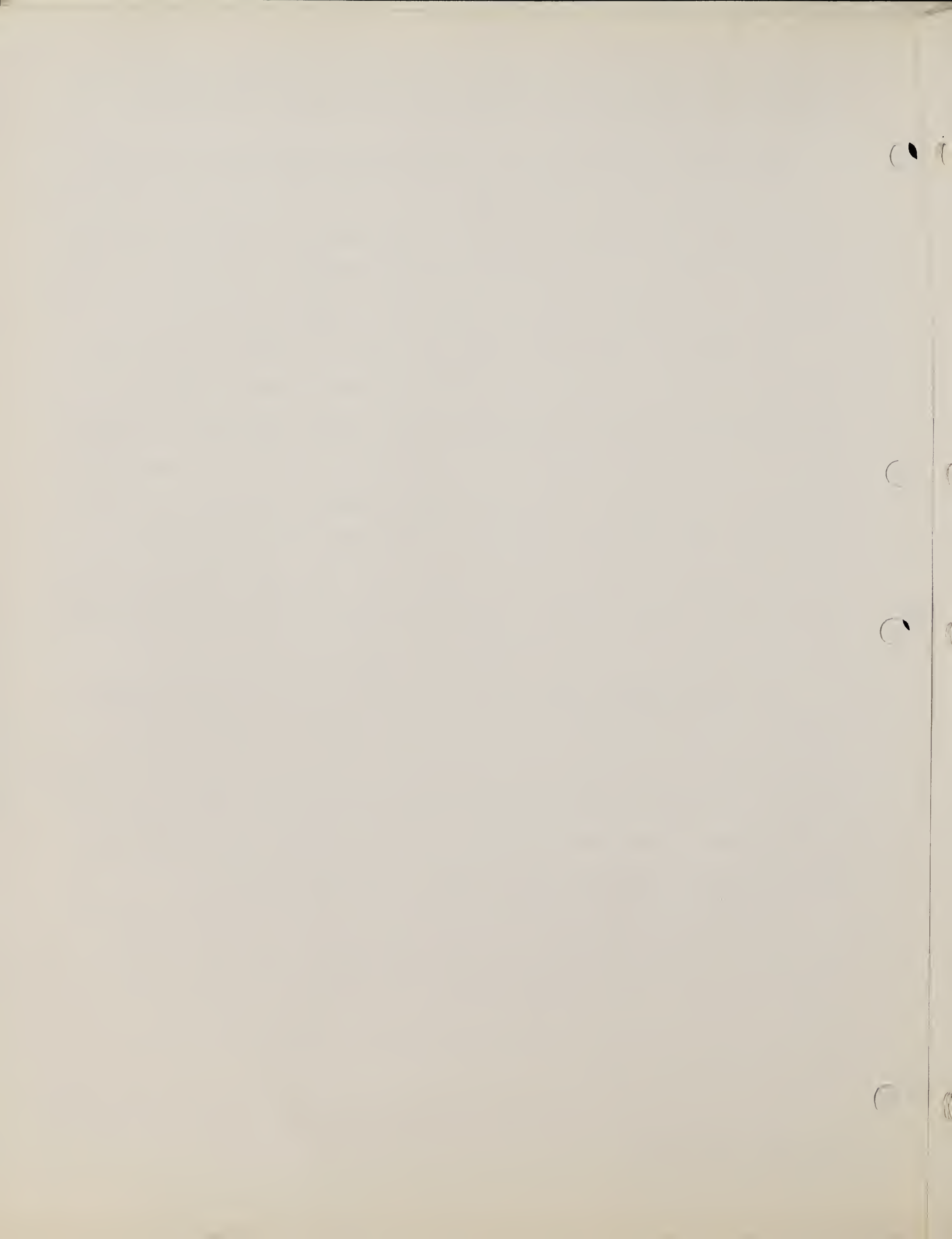
Commissioner Brownell briefly commented on legislation. He said that most of the legislation affecting the Department is still tied up in either the House Ways and Means Committee, or the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Until the tax program is reported out of Ways and Means, no legislation is going to move, he said.

The Commissioner informed the Board that a bill to establish a Connecticut River National Recreation Area has been filed by Senators Ribicoff and Dodd of Connecticut, Kennedy and Brooke of Massachusetts. He said that the bill included three major land acquisition proposals in the States of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont. The land acquisition proposal in Massachusetts is the Mount Holyoke unit comprising 12,000 acres in the Towns of Granby, Easthampton, Northampton, Amherst, Hadley and South Hadley. There is a good possibility, he said, the bill will be passed this year. However, he added, the proposed acquisition in Massachusetts must also have State legislative approval.

Commissioner Brownell then reviewed the status of the ski facility proposal on the Mount Greylock Reservation. He reported that a letter had been sent to Mr. Joseph Deliso in February, 1969 asking him if he was still interested in leasing the area. Mr. Deliso's reply was that he was still interested. However, he said, nothing further has been heard from him. He added that a follow-up letter has been sent to Mr. Deliso requesting that he submit a proposal by May 15th.

Chairman Fulham asked that if Mr. Deliso does not come forth with a proposal, would there be another contractor in the area who might be interested. The Commissioner replied that there is a possibility, but the particular piece of land that is needed to make a ski facility possible is owned by Mr. Deliso. No further action can be taken until after May 15, he said.

Commissioner Brownell asked Directors Gullion and Correia to attend the meeting to present land matters.



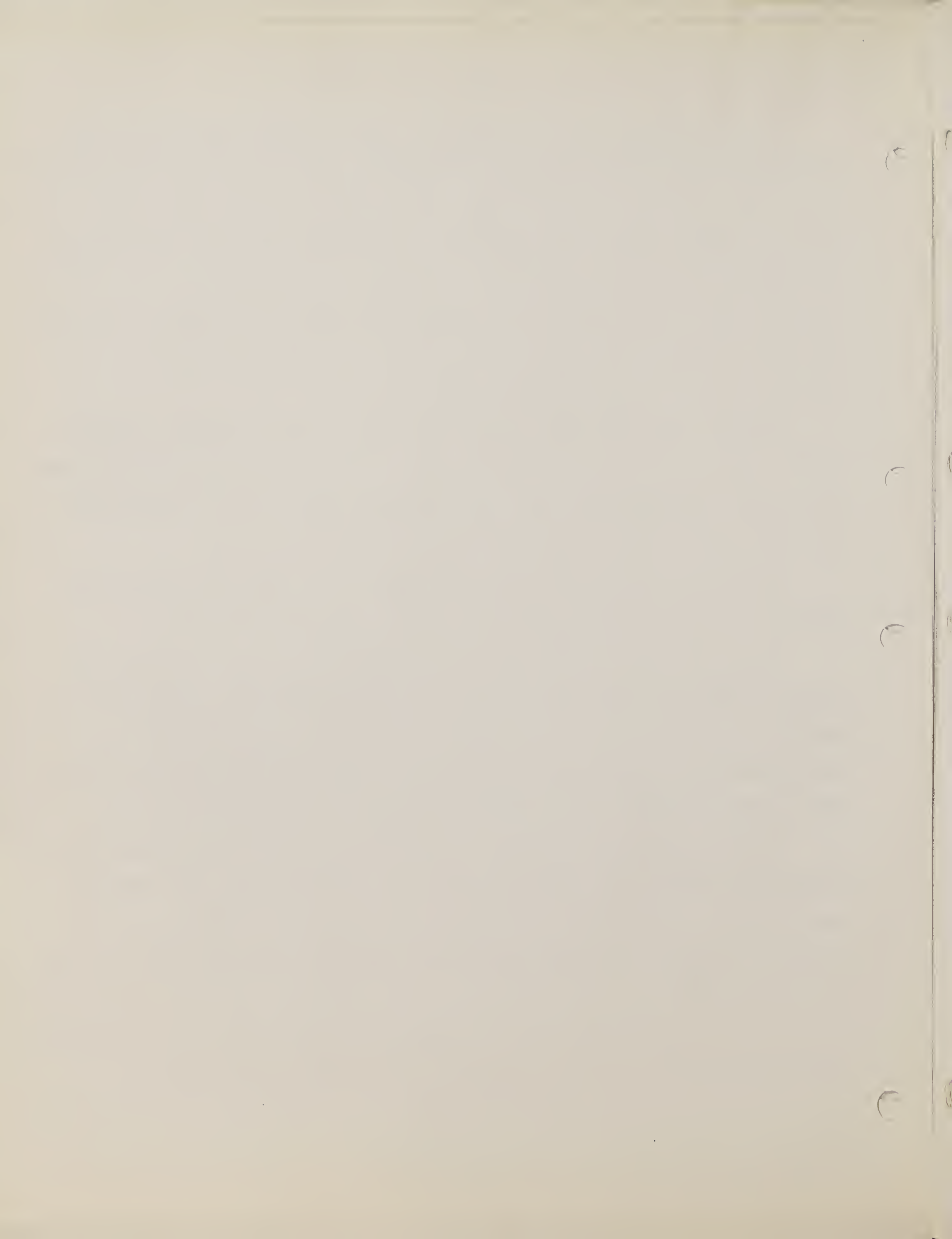
Director Gullion presented a proposal to have an appraisal made of 159 acres of land located in the Towns of Lenox and Washington, owned by Frank and Arthur Marshall. He said that the land is bounded on three sides by the October Mtn. State Forest. It is part of a joint effort of the Department, the Division of Fisheries and Game, and the Berkshire Natural Resources Council. The Division of Fisheries and Game has agreed to acquire land on the westerly side of Woods Pond in Lenox; the Department has agreed to acquire all land on the easterly side of Woods Pond, Lenox; and the Town of Lenox is in the process of acquiring land on the westerly side.

Chairman Fulham asked what would be the values of such a purchase. Director Gullion replied that boating, waterfowl hunting, upland game hunting and birding would be the major recreational uses. Mr. Crane commented that this was an exceptionally beautiful section of the Housatonic River and well worth protecting.

Following discussion, the Board recommended that an appraisal be done of the property of Frank and Arthur Marshall for purposes of future acquisition.

Director Gullion then indicated that an additional 23.5 acres of land, owned by Ann T. LeBlanc and Mary King, located on the southeastern shore of Woods Pond was available for purchase as a part of the Woods Pond project. Following discussion of its relationship to the purchase considerations at Woods Pond, the Board recommended that an appraisal be done of the LeBlanc-King property for purposes of purchase.

Director Gullion then presented a proposal to purchase 50 acres of land located in the Town of Windsor. He stated that the owner, Mr. George Sears, has indicated that he would be willing to sell the property for approximately \$5,000. The land, he said, is bordered on the north and east by the Windsor State Forest and on the west by the Westfield River. Its acquisition, he said, will add an additional one-half mile of river to the Windsor State Forest. He added that the Westfield River is a very good trout stream and feeds the day use facilities of the Windsor State Forest.



Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -  
VOTED - to approve the acquisition of 50 acres of land in Windsor from Mr. George Sears, for the sum of \$5,000.

The Director presented a proposal to consider the possible acquisition of 1700 acres of land in Otis bordering on the north side of the Otis State Forest. The land is owned by Mr. Graham Hunter. He stated that the prime feature of the property is the 50 acre Hayes Pond. The property, he said, is largely undeveloped and presents an excellent opportunity for future recreational development. The proposal raises a policy consideration, he said. Commissioner Brownell added that the Department now owns better than 86,000 acres of land in Berkshire County. The question is, he said, should the Department continue to acquire large tracts of land in Berkshire County.

Director Gullion stated that because the Department presently owns approximately 14 percent of the total area of Berkshire County and as this purchase would mean we would own over 20 percent of the Town of Otis, he suggested that the Department should devote more of its efforts to aiding communities in the proper development of private recreation. He further suggested that such projects as the Woods Pond area, the Ashley Falls Park, and Hopkins Forest should be acquired as these were long term commitments. Any other acquisition in Berkshire County should be restricted to filling out the boundaries of existing areas and acquiring interior lots, he said.

Following considerable discussion, the Board agreed that it should be the policy of the Department that no further large land acquisitions should be considered in Berkshire County for the immediate future, and that the Hunter property should not be acquired by the Department.

Director Gullion presented a request of the Algonquin Gas Transmission Company to expand an existing 30 foot wide gas transmission line on the Myles Standish State Forest to a width of 50 feet on a permanent basis and 15 feet for temporary construction purposes. The total length of the requested easement is approximately 34,000 feet, he said.

Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to the request of the Algonquin Gas Transmission Company for a widening of the permanent easement, not to exceed 50 feet,

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and to permit a 15 foot easement on the Myles Standish State Forest.

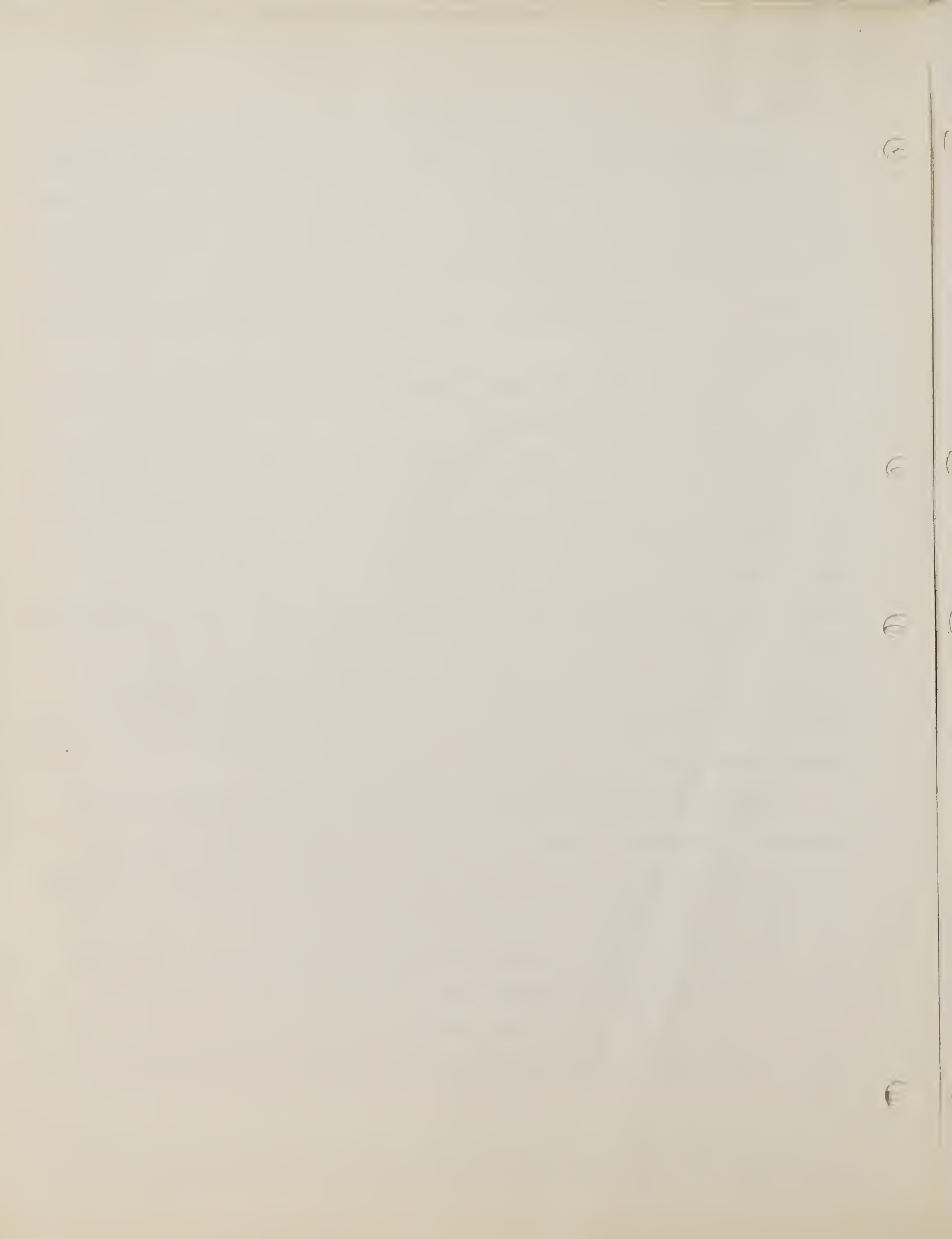
Director Gullion then presented a request of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company to expand the existing gas transmission line through the Otis State Forest. He stated that the Company proposes to expand this easement from its present width of 30 feet to 90 feet to accommodate an additional 30 inch gas line. He added that an expansion of the easement was in the best interest of the Commonwealth but questioned the excessive width requested.

Following discussion, the Board recommended the approval of the proposal, but suggested a reduced width be negotiated.

Director Gullion then brought before the Board the proposal of the Department to rehabilitate the Anti Ballistic Missile site in North Andover now abandoned by the U. S. Defense Department. He reported that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the contracting agent for the Defense Department, had met recently with himself and Commissioner Brownell and requested that the Department propose a plan of rehabilitation which the Defense Department could support. He stated that following this meeting, he met with officials of the Town of North Andover to inform them of the Department's proposal. He added that he has received verbal agreement from the Town of North Andover relative to the Department's proposal for rehabilitation.

Following discussion of the many complex aspects of this proposal, the Board authorized the Department to submit to the U. S. Department of Defense a proposal to (1) complete surfacing of road from Route 114 to the Boxford State Forest; (2) acquire all rights to land now under order of condemnation; (3) to grade, loam and seed the site; (4) construct administrative and sanitation facilities; (5) construct parking lot; and (6) regrade proposed swimming areas. The Board further recommended that the Department undertake appraisals of 600 acres of property east of Salem Street, North Andover, for purposes of acquisition in connection with the Anti Ballistic Missile site project.

The Director also informed the Board that the American Rowing Association has requested the use of the facilities at the Quinsigamond State Park for the purpose of



conducting the American Henley Regatta, June 7, 1969. Also, he said, the Eastern Athletic Association has again requested the use of the facilities at the Quinsigamond State Park for the annual rowing championship regatta, May 10, 1969.

Since it was the opinion of the Board that these rowing regattas are very worthwhile events, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to issue a special permit to the Eastern Athletic Association for the exclusive use of the facilities at Regatta Point, Quinsigamond State Park, Worcester, May 10, 1969, for the express purpose of conducting a championship regatta.

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to issue a special permit to the American Rowing Association for the exclusive use of the facilities at Regatta Point, Quinsigamond State Park, Worcester, June 7, 1969, for the express purpose of conducting the Annual American Henley Regatta.

Director Correia then presented a land acquisition proposal to purchase 1.5 acres of land in the Town of Princeton from David and Louise Tyler, for the sum of \$11,500.

The land, he said, is adjacent to the Department's existing property at the Mt. Wachusett State Reservation. He added that the original purchase price was \$12,000, but in a verbal discussion with the owners the purchase price of \$11,500 was agreed upon.

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

VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 1.5 acres of land, with improvements, in Princeton, Massachusetts from David and Louise Tyler for the sum of \$11,500.

Director Correia then presented a proposal to convey to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company, for the installation of power transmission lines, a maximum of 41.3 acres of state forest land in the Montague section of the Wendell State Forest, in exchange for a minimum of 400 acres of land in Colrain and Conway. He stated that the value of state forest property amounted to \$19,824; the value of the four parcels, comprising 400 acres, to be conveyed to the Department was \$23,500.

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



VOTED - to approve a proposal to convey to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company for the installation of transmission lines on a maximum of 41.3 acres of state forest land in the Montague section of the Wendell State Forest in exchange for a minimum of 400 acres of land in Colrain and Conway.

As a matter of information, Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that the Division of Fisheries and Game has prepared an application to submit to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for the acquisition of approximately 1700 acres of land known as Rocky Gutter in the Town of Middleboro. The total cost of the project, he said, is \$225,050 - Federal reimbursement is in the amount of \$112,525.

Commissioner Brownell asked Director Sprague to attend the meeting to present self-help conservation projects.

In presenting the Wayland #6 project, 6.3 acres costing \$7,500, Mr. Sprague said that the land adjoins a large parcel of land already under the control of the Conservation Commission. This parcel of land, he said, is being acquired to protect the Pine Brook Watershed.

Director Sprague then presented two self-help projects for the Town of Sharon. Project #5, 24 acres costing \$1,400, he said, is being purchased as part of the projected Great Cedar Swamp acquisition. He added that much of the swamp area is already under the control of the Conservation Commission. Sharon #6, 13 acres costing \$16,250, he said, is being purchased to insure added protection to adjacent town owned watershed property. He noted that both projects are recommended in the Town of Sharon's Master Plan.

In presenting the Amherst #7 project, 115 acres costing \$10,000, Director Sprague said that the area is part of the large Lawrence Swamp of which the Commission already owns 129 acres. The main uses of the area, he said, will be hunting, fishing, hiking and nature study.

In presenting the Andover #4 project, 56 acres costing \$84,000, Director Sprague informed the Board that the project was originally approved for a total cost of \$76,500 on the basis of 51.73 acres. However, he said, prior to filing final application, the town engineer of Andover determined the acreage to be approximately 56 acres. Therefore, he added, the Town had to pay \$7,500 more than the preliminary application stated. In



December, 1968, he said, the Department reimbursed the Town of Andover \$38,250.

Approval is now being requested to reimburse the Town of Andover an additional \$3,750 for the cost of the additional acreage.

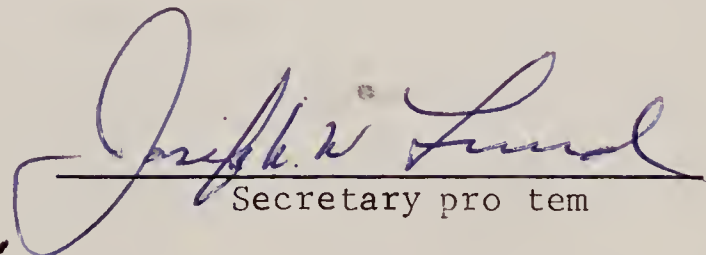
Director Sprague then presented the Harvard #1 project, 60 acres costing \$38,000. He stated that this is the first Self-Help application to be submitted by the Town of Harvard. This parcel, he said, has frontage on Bare Hill Pond. He added that the Town has received \$18,000 in cash contributions towards the purchase of the property.

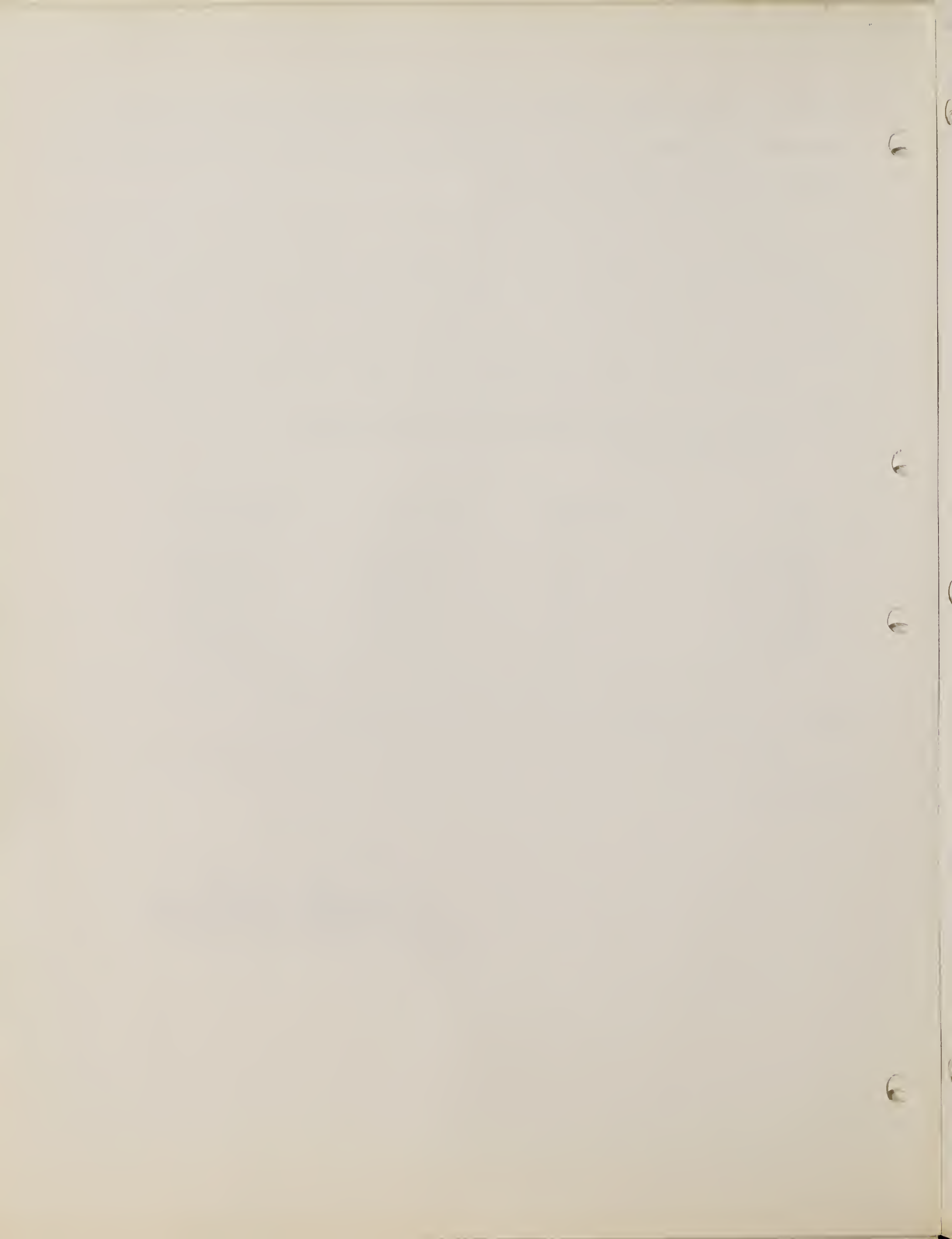
Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -  
VOTED - that the following self-help conservation projects be approved and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement.

<u>Town</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Town Cost</u>	<u>Est. State Reimbursement</u>
Amherst #7	115	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Andover #4	56	84,000.00	3,750.00
Harvard #1	60	38,000.00	19,000.00
Sharon #5	24	1,400.00	700.00
Sharon #6	13	16,250.00	8,125.00
Wayland #6	6.3	7,500.00	3,750.00

The date for the next meeting was set for May 30, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

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

  
Secretary pro tem



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held May 30, 1969 at 2:00 p.m. at the Myles Standish State Forest, South Carver, Massachusetts. Present were Messrs. Lund and Rhodes.

The minutes of the May 1, 1969 meeting were approved without correction.

Due to the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Joseph W. Lund was elected Secretary pro tem.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Commissioner Brownell for the morning helicopter tour which included a visit to the new Massasoit State Park; an aerial view of the newly acquired Horseneck Beach and Fort Phoenix from the Department of Public Works; the Demarest Lloyd State Park; the Ahusnet Cedar Swamp area, which the Department is negotiating to purchase; and a visit to the Myles Standish State Forest to examine the recreational facilities at College Pond and the new sanitary facilities at Fearings Pond.

Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that the Department, with the approval of the Board, is now ready to initiate restrictions, under Chapter 768, on the North River. He asked Director Sprague to appraise the Board of the details concerning these restrictions.

Director Sprague explained the procedure covering the restrictions in relation to what uses would be allowed and those which might not be allowed. He showed on a map the areas to be restricted which included the communities of Pembroke, Hanover, Marshfield and Norwell. Commissioner Brownell added that the Scituate restriction would be brought before the Board at a later date, once certain details of the restrictions had been resolved. Director Sprague also noted on the map certain areas to be excluded from the restrictions due to the fact that they were already under restrictions of the Jones Act.

In further commenting on the coastal wetlands restrictions, Commissioner Brownell said that the Department would have at least one restriction order to bring to the Board's attention each month until all areas of major importance were covered by restrictions under Chapter 768.



On Mr. Lund's recommendation, the restrictive orders covering the North River were signed by Messrs. Lund and Rhodes. The remaining members of the Board not present will be contacted for their signature.

Commissioner Brownell then asked Director Gullion to present to the Board the matter of an acquisition project adjacent to the Nickerson State Park in Brewster.

Director Gullion stated that the 41 acres, under consideration, owned by Leo F. Gallagher Trustees was only a portion of approximately 280 acres of land between the Nickerson State Park and the Mid-Cape Highway. This property, he said, should be acquired to protect our existing ownership and to prevent private development. Mr. Lund asked if sufficient funds were available to purchase the property. Commissioner Brownell assured him that funds were available.

Following discussion, the Board approved the authorization to have an appraisal done of the Leo F. Gallagher Trustees property for purposes of acquisition.

Commissioner Brownell asked Director Correia to discuss the proposal to acquire the Andrew J. Baker property in the town of Wendell.

Director Correia stated that the original proposal was to purchase 370 acres of land from Andrew J. Baker for the selling price of \$59,000. This proposal, he said, did not include the house with attached barn. The Department, he said, approached Mr. Baker with a revised proposal to include the dwellings, to which Mr. Baker agreed. The revised acreage would be 400 acres for the sale price of \$80,578. He added that the Department would make application to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for fifty percent reimbursement.

Mr. Lund questioned the acquisition of dwellings of this nature. He asked how the Department would maintain such a building and for what purpose would it be used. Commissioner Brownell replied that the house would make an excellent supervisor's residence. He said that the Department is becoming increasingly aware of the fact that it should provide housing for supervisors in those areas where private housing is excessively expensive or non-existent.

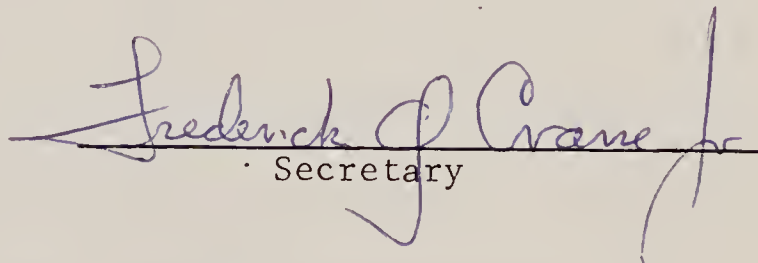
In the absence of a quorum, Mr. Lund suggested that the formal vote on the Baker property be deferred until the next Board meeting.



Commissioner Brownell then informed the Board that the Department budget had been reduced by \$1.2 million. However, he said, some of this might be restored by the Senate Ways and Means Committee. He added, as a note of interest, that the Ways and Means Committee was of the opinion that the Department's budgetary request of \$5 million for rinks and pools was not a sufficient amount and that they would recommend that it be increased to \$10 million.

Since no formal business could be conducted because of the lack of a quorum, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

No date was set for the next Board meeting.

  
Secretary



A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held June 27, 1969 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Lund and Crane.

The minutes of the May 30, 1969 meeting were approved without correction.

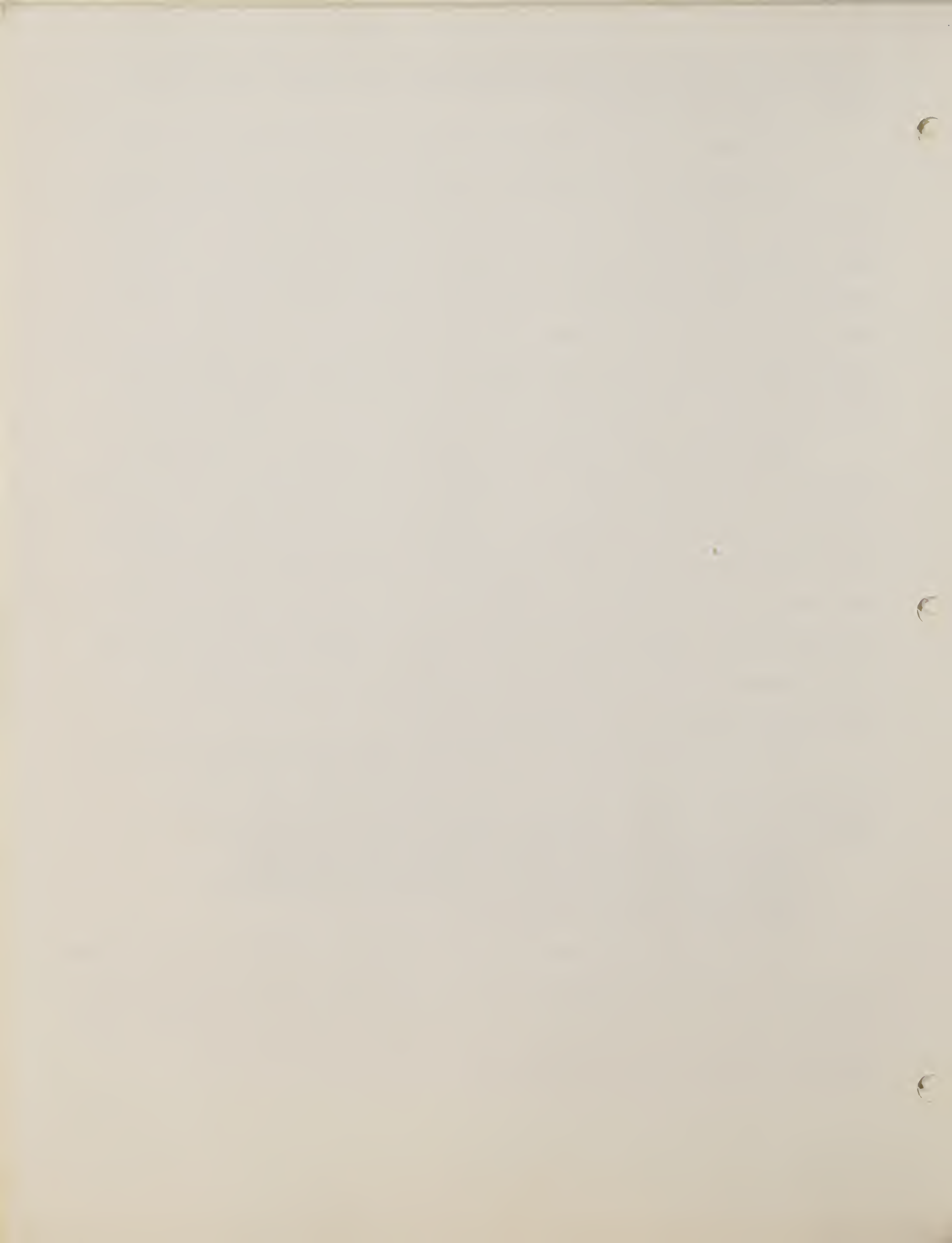
The Commissioner, in reporting on legislation, said the \$10 million budget request for rinks and pools had an excellent chance of being approved. He reported that the Marine Fisheries budget which had been cut in the House, was restored in the Senate. The Self-Help budget request of \$1 million had been cut by \$550,000. Fortunately, he said, the Self-Help fund was transferred to the so-called "continuing" account, which means that all funds remaining in this account after June 30, 1969 will be available to the Department for reimbursement in the upcoming fiscal year.

Commissioner Brownell presented a proposal submitted by the Department of Education, Fire Fighting Academy, for temporary use of the Department's Stow service building. He said that the purpose of the request is to establish a fire fighting school which would provide complete fire training and education for all levels of fire service personnel within the Commonwealth, including departmental personnel. He stated that the Department no longer utilizes the building and that it would be to our advantage in that it would prevent future vandalism. The request for use of the building, he said, is for a five year period.

Since it was the opinion of the Board that this training school is a very worthwhile program, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to grant to the Fire Fighting Academy, Department of Education, use of the so-called Stow service building for a five year period beginning July 1, 1969 for the purpose of establishing a fire fighting school, subject to execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between both agencies.

The Commissioner then asked the Board to approve an indefinite leave of absence for Robert L. Yasi from his permanent Civil Service position of Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, while serving in his present capacity as Chief Secretary to the Governor.



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

VOTED - to grant an indefinite leave of absence (subject to Civil Service Rules and Regulations) for the period beginning August 5, 1966 to Robert L. Yasi, from his permanent Civil Service position of Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, while serving in the position of Commissioner of Natural Resources, and subsequently, Chief Secretary to the Governor of the Commonwealth.

The Commissioner then presented a proposal submitted by the Richard B. Ives Memorial Committee of North Reading to use a portion of the Harold Parker State Forest by girl and boy scouting units and campfire groups for training in conservation and wood lore. The area, he said, contains approximately 90 acres of land located south of Marblehead Street and west of Haverhill Street within the Harold Parker Forest. He added that the area would be used strictly to establish nature trails and hiking area under the direct supervision of Department personnel.

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

VOTED - to authorize the Richard B. Ives Memorial Committee of North Reading the use of a 90-acre tract of land within the Harold Parker State Forest, for the purpose of establishing nature trails and hiking area for girl and boy scouting units and campfire groups.

Commissioner Brownell called Director Sprague to the meeting to explain the restrictive orders under Chapter 768 covering the North River, and to present land matters.

Director Sprague first discussed a proposed amendment to the restrictive order concerning land in Pembroke issued by the Department under General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 105, issued under date of December 20, 1966. The reason for the amendment, he said, is to more accurately define the area to be affected which would more specifically describe the uses to which the land may be put.

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

VOTED - to amend the Order of December 20, 1966 issued under General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 105, concerning coastal wetlands in Pembroke, Massachusetts, in the form presented to the Board of Natural Resources, and to file the amendment with the Registry of Deeds in Plymouth, Massachusetts.



The Director then explained the procedure covering the orders of restriction on the North River. He showed, on a map, the areas to be restricted. These restrictions cover the communities of Pembroke, Hanover, Marshfield and Norwell, he said.

Following discussion on the adoption of the orders of restriction, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to adopt the orders as presented under General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 105, regulating and restricting certain coastal wetlands on those portions of land adjacent to the North River and certain tributaries in Pembroke, Hanover, Marshfield and Norwell, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, and to file the orders with the Registry of Deeds in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Messrs. Fulham and Crane signed the orders of restriction covering the North River.

Director Sprague then presented the self-help conservation projects.

In presenting the Westborough #1 project, 45.2 acres costing \$59,900, Director Sprague stated that it was recommended in Westborough's Master Plan that this area be given highest priority for acquisition. This area, he said, will provide protection to Westborough Reservoir as well as providing open space for passive recreation.

He then presented the Wellesley #1 project, 10.75 acres costing \$25,000. He said that this acquisition is part of the greenbelt area recommended in the Town Master Plan. Along with protecting natural brooks and water storage area, the parcel will provide such passive recreation as hiking, bird watching and picnicking, he said.

In presenting the Lincoln #3 project, 235.5 acres costing \$640,300, Director Sprague said that this acquisition represents the first portion of a total 534 acres to be purchased by the Town of Lincoln. He stated that the land was appraised for \$640,250 and \$661,800, and the Department is recommending the Town be reimbursed on the basis of the \$640,250 appraisal figure. This land, he said, will provide a link between major conservation-recreation areas such as the Massachusetts Audubon Society and Walden Pond State Reservation. He added that it will be used to provide outdoor recreation for the inhabitants of the entire Metropolitan area. He noted that this



project has received approval for fifty percent reimbursement from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

The Wrentham #4 project, 37 acres costing \$4,500, Director Sprague said, is being acquired as a wetland acquisition. It will provide waterfowl habitat and will also be used for hunting, fishing, hiking and nature study.

In presenting the Duxbury #4 project, 30.66 acres costing \$54,000, Director Sprague said that this acquisition will connect the existing town forest with the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society conservation holdings and will complete the central portion of the planned Eastern Greenbelt. As of today, he said, Duxbury has received approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for fifty percent reimbursement.

The Lunenburg #26 project, 17 acres costing \$1,750, he said, was originally approved by the Board February 27, 1969 for a total cost of \$1,275 and fifty percent reimbursement was set at \$637.50. However, he said, since that time the owner has increased his selling cost to \$1,750 and the Town is asking that this project be approved in the amount of \$875. The Board approved the increase.

In presenting the Bridgewater #2 project, 12 acres costing \$10,500, the Director said that this is the second purchase by the Conservation Commission of land bordering Carver Pond. This purchase, he said, will provide picnicking, fishing, hiking, wildlife study and boating.

The Middleboro #2 project, 61 acres costing \$4,335, he said, will add to the present area recently acquired under the Self-Help project #1. He added that the entire parcel is marshland and will serve as a water impoundment for low-flow augmentation to the Nemasket River. It will also provide a multi-use water recreation area and will serve as a wildlife refuge, he said.

The Director then presented the Athol #6 project, 14 acres costing \$400. This acquisition, he said, is part of the overall area (4,675 acres) planned as a conservation-recreation area. He noted that the area borders land of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Game.



The Dedham #2 project, 23.33 acres costing \$25,000, he said, is being purchased for preservation of wetlands, flood control and passive recreation. Under town zoning, most of this area is designated as flood plain, he said.

He then presented the first application submitted by the City of Worcester for the purchase of the 56 acre Patch Reservoir in the amount of \$254,500. The Reservoir, he said, will provide the essentials for water-based recreation such as fishing and boating in the summer months; skating and ice fishing in the winter months. Commissioner Brownell stated that, originally, a bill had been filed in the Legislature for the Department to acquire the Reservoir, but as a result of a departmental investigation, it was felt that it would not be of state significance. Director Sprague stated that the City of Worcester has made application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for fifty percent reimbursement on this project.

The Littleton #6 project, 28.5 acres costing \$25,000, Director Sprague said is being acquired to help complete an extensive conservation-recreation area on the south side of Long Lake. The Conservation Commission already owns more than 40 acres in the area, he said. There is a potential beach area within this purchase unit, he said, and a beach is of extreme need by the Town.

Director Sprague then presented the Springfield #3 project, 9.15 acres costing \$5,500, and Springfield #10 project, 62 acres costing \$33,500. Both projects, he said, were approved by the Board in 1967; however, since the projects were not completed by the City of Springfield during the requested time period, they were cancelled by the Department. Springfield has resubmitted the applications for our consideration, he said. He added that application has been made to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for both projects.

Following discussion, the Board authorized Commissioner Brownell to give preliminary approval to the following self-help conservation projects and reimbursements -



<u>Town</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Town Cost</u>	<u>State Reimbursement</u>
Westboro #1	45.2	\$ 59,900.00	\$ 29,950.00
Wellesley #1	10.75	25,000.00	12,500.00
Lincoln #13	235.5	640,300.00	160,075.00
Wrentham #4	37	4,500.00	2,250.00
Duxbury #4	30.66	54,000.00	13,500.00
Lunenburg #26	17	1,750.00	875.00
Bridgewater #2	12	10,500.00	5,250.00
Middleboro #2	61	4,335.00	2,167.50
Athol #6	14	400.00	200.00
Dedham #2	23.33	25,000.00	12,500.00
Worcester #1	56 +	254,500.00	63,625.00
Littleton #6	28.5	25,000.00	11,400.00
Springfield #3	9.15	5,500.00	1,337.50
Springfield #10	62	33,500.00	8,375.00

The offer of Mr. Andrew J. Baker to sell 400 acres of land in Wendell for \$75,761 was presented to the Board by Commissioner Brownell. The original offer to sell, he said, was in the amount of \$80,578 which included a house with an attached barn. Since that time, a fire of unknown cause had destroyed the house thereby reducing the value of the property. He added that the Department will make application to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for fifty percent reimbursement.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -  
 VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 400 acres of land with improvements, in Wendell, Massachusetts, from Andrew J. Baker for the sum of \$75,761.

Director Gullion was then called to the meeting to discuss land matters.

Director Gullion proposed the transfer of an isolated section of the Beartown State Forest, in exchange for 25.8 acres of land owned by Mr. Arthur Yerkes in Great Barrington. He stated that the transfer of the Yerkes land would consolidate our holdings to the Great-Barrington-Stockbridge town line, and, in addition, the 24.7 acres of state forest land to be transferred to Mr. Yerkes would eliminate a separated parcel from the main block of the forest.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -  
 VOTED - to approve a conveyance of 24.7 acres of the Beartown State Forest in Stockbridge, for an exchange of 25.8 acres of land owned by Arthur Yerkes, Great Barrington, for the purpose of consolidating ownerships.

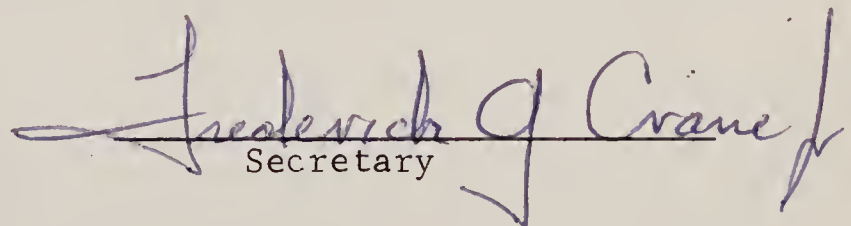


Director Gullion then recommended that the County Commissioners of Franklin County be granted an easement for the improvement of that portion of Farley Road which is bounded on both sides by the Wendell State Forest in the Town of Wendell. He stated that the road would be widened from 50 to 60 feet, curves straightened, and the surface improved. It is estimated, he said, that 1.38 acres of state forest land will be involved in the road improvement.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -  
VOTED - to grant to the County of Franklin an easement over 1.38 acres of state forest land for the construction, straightening and widening of that portion of the Farley Road in the Town of Wendell, bounded by the Wendell State Forest.

The date for the next meeting was set for July 31, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, with a tentative date for a joint luncheon meeting with the Fisheries and Game Board following the Board of Natural Resources meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

  
Secretary

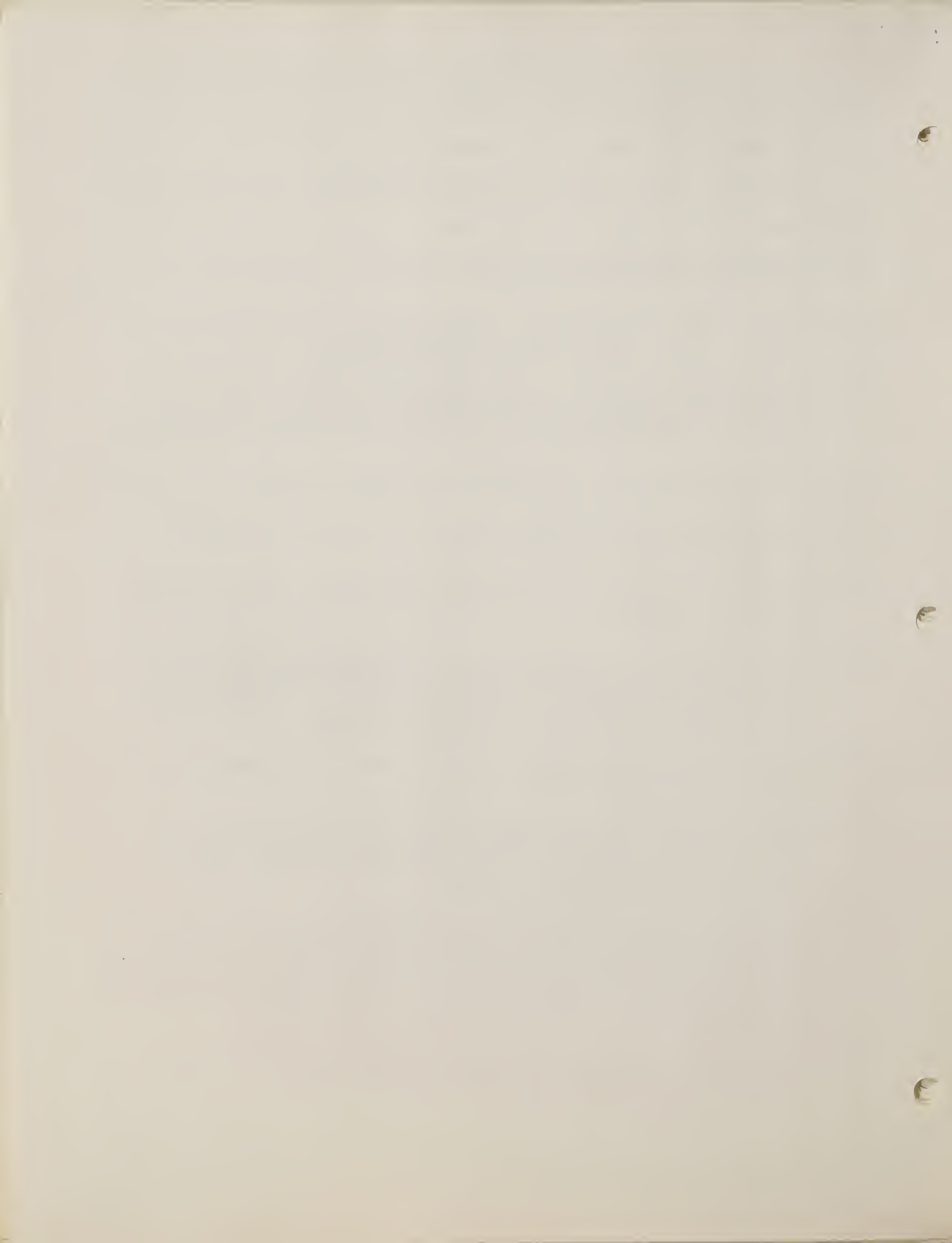
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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held July 31, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Lund, Crane, Rhodes and Brewster.

The minutes of the June 27, 1969 meeting were approved without correction.

Commissioner Brownell reported briefly on legislation of major interest to the Department for the 1969 session as follows:

- H.5409 - \$10 million Budget Request for Rinks and Pools. Passed by the House. Presently in Senate Ways & Means.
- H.4609 - (A) To Acquire the Appalachian Trail; (B) Study of State Trail System. Enacted. To be signed by Governor Sargent August 6.
- S.762 - Conservation Restrictions. Bill authorizes the giving or taking of conservation easements. Looks favorable for passage in this session. Bill will be advantageous to the Department with respect to restrictions on coastal and inland wetlands.
- S.1307 - Development of Trails on Natural Resources Land. Enacted.
- H.5457 - Acquisition of Boston Harbor Islands. Does not look favorable for passage due to lateness of the session.
- S.1400 - Revision of Jones Act. Bill increases time period in which the Department must act relative to giving permission to dredge or fill coastal wetlands. Enacted.
- H.1203 - SMTI Marine Research Station, Westport. This bill will authorize the Southeastern Massachusetts Technological Institute to develop a marine biological research unit on a portion of Goosebury Island at Horseneck Beach. Passed by the House. In Senate Ways & Means.
- S.1483 - Definition of Sewage to Include Industrial Waste. Bill engrossed in the House. In Senate Ways & Means.
- H.1117 - \$48 million South Essex Sewerage District. This bill authorizes the Towns of Peabody, Salem, Beverly and Danvers to establish a sewerage treatment plant in South Essex. No state monies involved. Engrossed in the House. In Senate Ways & Means.
- H.5150 - New System of Weed Control and Eutrophication. It is a major weed control bill. Up to the present time regulation of weed control is under the authority of the Legislature with the Department of Public Health the overseers - this bill transfers all authority from the Legislature to the Water Resources Commission. Bill has been favorably accepted by the Legislature. Engrossed in House. In Senate Ways & Means.
- S.1331 - Diversion of Connecticut River to Quabbin Reservoir. Bill is receiving a great deal of local objection. In Senate Ways & Means.



H.5431 - \$950,000 Haddock Aid. Reported favorably out of House Ways & Means. Governor has submitted special message. No cost to the Commonwealth. The Department will not be able to utilize these funds unless there will be 100% reimbursement from the federal government. The Department is to receive \$300,000 immediately, and \$563,000 being requested in Department of Interior's appropriation act for fiscal 1970.

S.1445 - Marking of Lobster Gear. Bill demands that gear markings on buoys must be also placed on fishing boat in visible manner. Wooden buoys must be replaced with plastic buoys for safety purposes. Engrossed in Senate. In House Ways & Means.

H.136 - Accelerated Forest Management. Engrossed in House. In Senate Ways & Means.

H.5202 - Cabinet Reorganization. Being favorably received with very little opposition. If legislation is passed it will go into effect in 1971. Bill has been enacted in House Ways & Means.

The Commissioner briefly reported on legislation "killed" in 1969 session as follows:

H.551 - Acquisition of South Cape Beach. To be re-submitted in 1970 session.

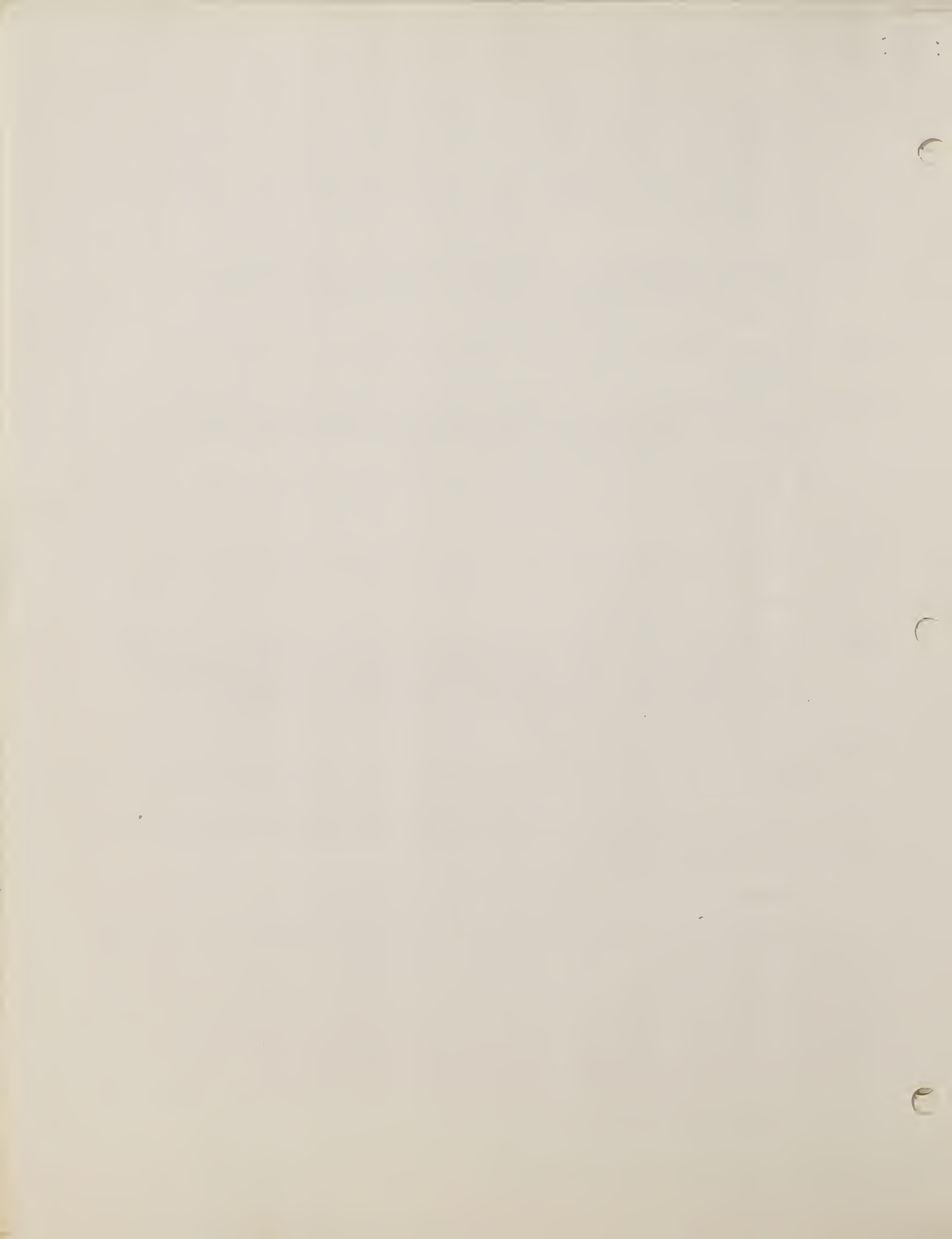
H.1432 - Open Space Tax Proposal.

H.146 - Co-terminous cancellation for Department of Natural Resources. Bill goes into effect in 1971. All authority and responsibility will remain with the Board of Natural Resources, with the exception of appointing the commissioner - this appointment will be made by the governor.

H.2280 - Acquisition of Duxbury Beach.

Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that the Worcester pool will be officially opened on August 8, 1969 and he extended a cordial invitation to each member to participate in the dedication ceremonies.

In reporting on the Mt. Greylock situation, the Commissioner said that he had been contacted by the law firm of Hale & Dorr, Mr. Deliso's attorneys, informing him that Mr. Deliso's proposal would be received within two weeks; two weeks elapsed and another call was received from Hale & Dorr asking for a two week extension - a further extension was granted. Since that time, he said, we have heard nothing from Mr. Deliso or his attorney. He added that the Department must come to a decision very shortly, to either develop Saddle Ball or leave it as it is.



Commissioner Brownell asked Director Sprague to attend the meeting and explain the restrictive order under Chapter 768 covering the Town of Newburyport, and to present land matters.

Director Sprague brought before the Board the proposed adoption of an order under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105, regulating and restricting coastal wetlands in, on or upon those portions of land adjacent to the Merrimack River and certain tributaries, and the Atlantic Ocean, Newburyport, Massachusetts. There are, he said, approximately 450 acres of land involved. He reported that a public hearing was held in the Town of Newburyport in Late May, with little or no objection from the landowners with respect to the proposed order.

Mr. Lund asked if there was any expense involved in connection with the restrictions. Director Sprague replied that there would only be a cost to the Department if a landowner took the matter to Court. Then, he said, we have two choices, to either remove the restriction at no cost, or, purchase the land.

Since the inception of Chapter 768, Director Sprague said, approximately 12,000 acres of coastal wetlands have been restricted.

Mr. Rhodes requested the Commissioner to prepare a large map showing the State's progress on the coastal restrictions. The Commissioner said this would be done.

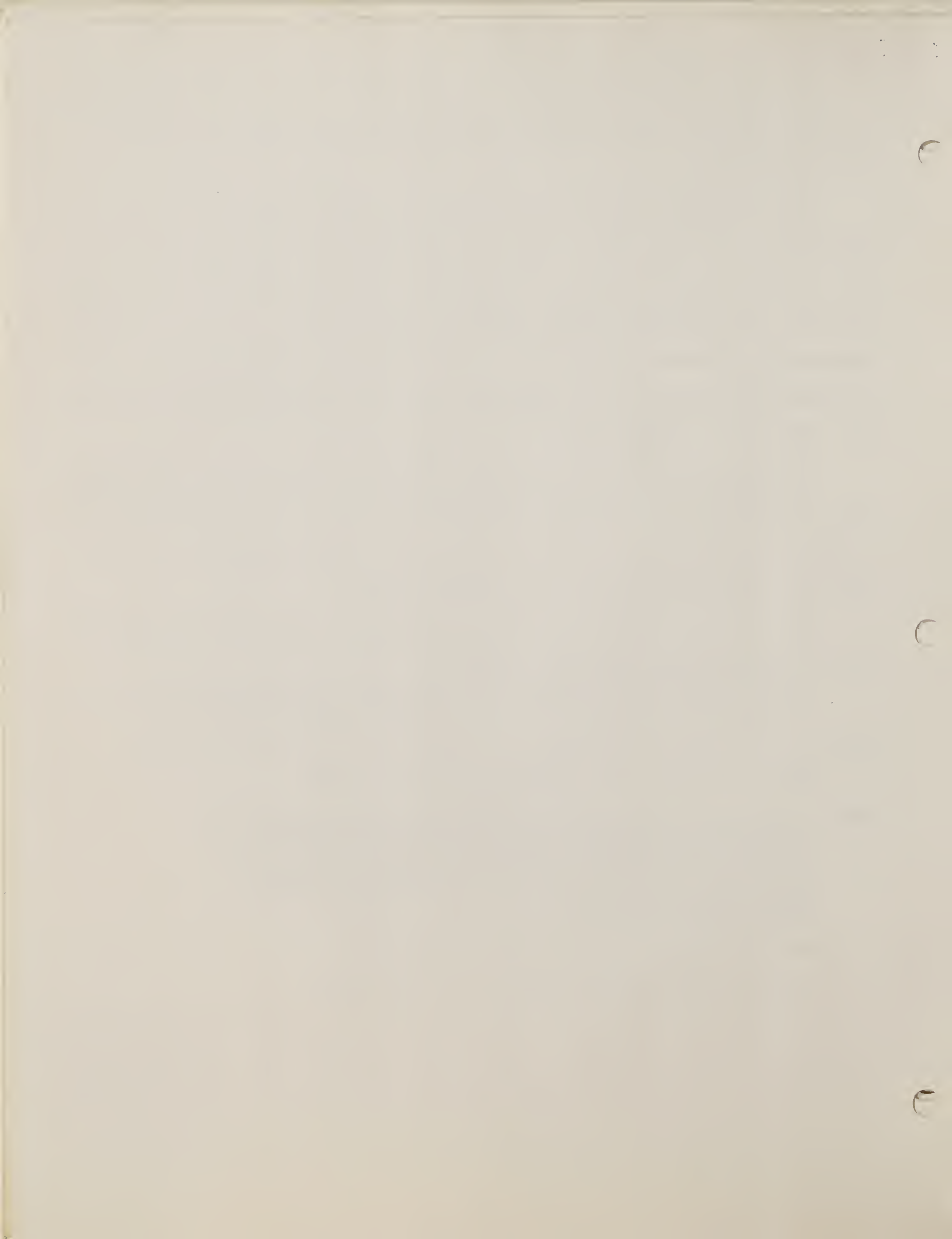
Upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to adopt the order as presented under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105, regulating and restricting coastal wetlands in, on or upon those portions of land adjacent to the Merrimack River, and certain tributaries, and the Atlantic Ocean, Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts, and to file the order with the Essex Registry of Deeds.

The Board members signed the order of restriction.

Director Sprague then presented the self-help projects.

He advised the Board of Wilmington's #2 project to acquire 13 acres of land at a Town cost of \$11,000. This acquisition, he said, abuts the Town's Self-Help project #1 and other town owned land. He added that both projects serve to protect the Martins Brook watershed and provide a buffer zone in an area of intensive housing development.



In commenting on South Hadley #4 project, Director Sprague said that the acquisition of this parcel will be another step in the Town's attempt to acquire as much land as possible along the Connecticut River. He stated that the area consists of 14 1/2 acres and the total cost to the Town will be \$12,000.

The South Hadley #5 project, Director Sprague said, is being acquired to protect Leaping Well Brook and to provide an outdoor study area for the adjacent elementary school. He stated that the area consists of 2 acres and can be purchased for a total cost of \$7,600.

In presenting the Newton #2 project, 34.09 acres costing \$306,500, Director Sprague said that this project has received approval for 50% reimbursement from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Therefore, the State's share would be 25% of the total cost of the project. He stated that this is part of an originally planned 65 acre acquisition; 31 acres are presently in litigation between the City of Newton and the Massachusetts College of Arts. The City of Newton has requested permission to acquire the remaining 34 acres. This parcel, he said, abuts land already owned by the Conservation Commission. Commissioner Brownell stated that it will be a passive recreation area and will be kept in its natural state.

Mr. Lund stated that because one of the appraisals submitted on the Newton project was prepared by the Firm of R. M. Bradley & Co., of which he is President, he would refrain from voting.

Director Sprague then presented two projects for the City of Springfield. Project #4, 20 acres costing \$11,000, he said, had been approved by the Board in July, 1967 but was cancelled in 1968 due to lack of completion within the time required. He stated that there was no change in the acquisition price. He added that the City of Springfield has made application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for 50% reimbursement. Springfield #9 project, 24.5 acres costing \$15,000, he said, is one of the few remaining wetland areas in the City. This area, he said, is located near schools and will be used as a nature study area.

He then presented two projects for the Town of Burlington. Project #7, 2.45 acres costing \$4,990, and Project #8, 3.05 acres costing \$4,990. Both parcels, he said,



are located along a brook which supports the town water supply. They also form a greenbelt, he said, which will serve passive recreation and flood control.

There being no objections to the self-help projects presented, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, it was -

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

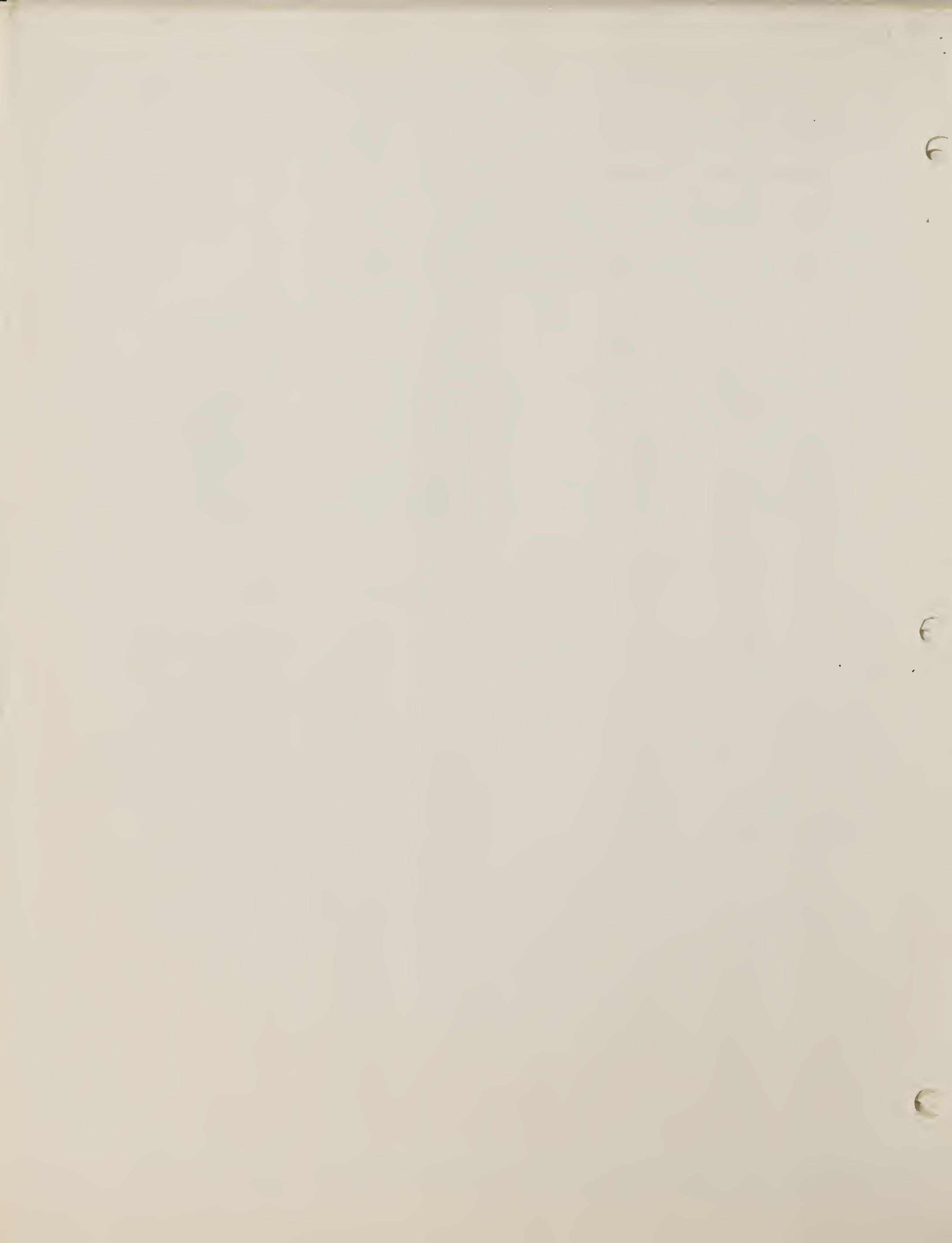
<u>Town</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Town Cost</u>	<u>Estimated State Reimbursement</u>
Wilmington #2	13	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
South Hadley #4	14.50	12,000.00	6,000.00
South Hadley #5	2	7,600.00	3,800.00
Newton #2	34.09	306,500.00	76,625.00
Springfield #4	20	11,000.00	5,500.00
Springfield #9	24.50	15,000.00	7,500.00
Burlington #7	2.45	4,990.00	2,495.00
Burlington #8	3.05	4,990.00	2,495.00

Mr. Lund refrained from voting.

Mr. Lambert was called to the meeting to present land matters.

Mr. Lambert presented a proposal to have an appraisal made of 44 acres of land located in Pittsfield and owned by Camp Winadu, Inc. He showed, on a map, the area being proposed for possible acquisition and stated that the Department has been interested in purchasing this land for many years. The land, he said, is surrounded on three sides by the Pittsfield State Forest and abuts the main entrance to the recreation areas of the forest.

Mr. Lambert informed the Board that the owners of Camp Winadu have requested a 20 foot right of way to enter their camp. Mr. Fulham stated that he did not feel a permanent right of way should be granted, and that the Department should consider a revocable permit as an alternative. It was the consensus of the Board that a permanent right of way should not be granted. Commissioner Brownell stated that if Camp Winadu agrees, it will be written into the deed, giving them the right to pass to and from their camp, on a temporary basis, without a permanent right of way as requested. The Board authorized the Commissioner to have appraisals made of the 44 acres of land owned by Camp Winadu, Inc., Pittsfield, for purposes of acquisition.

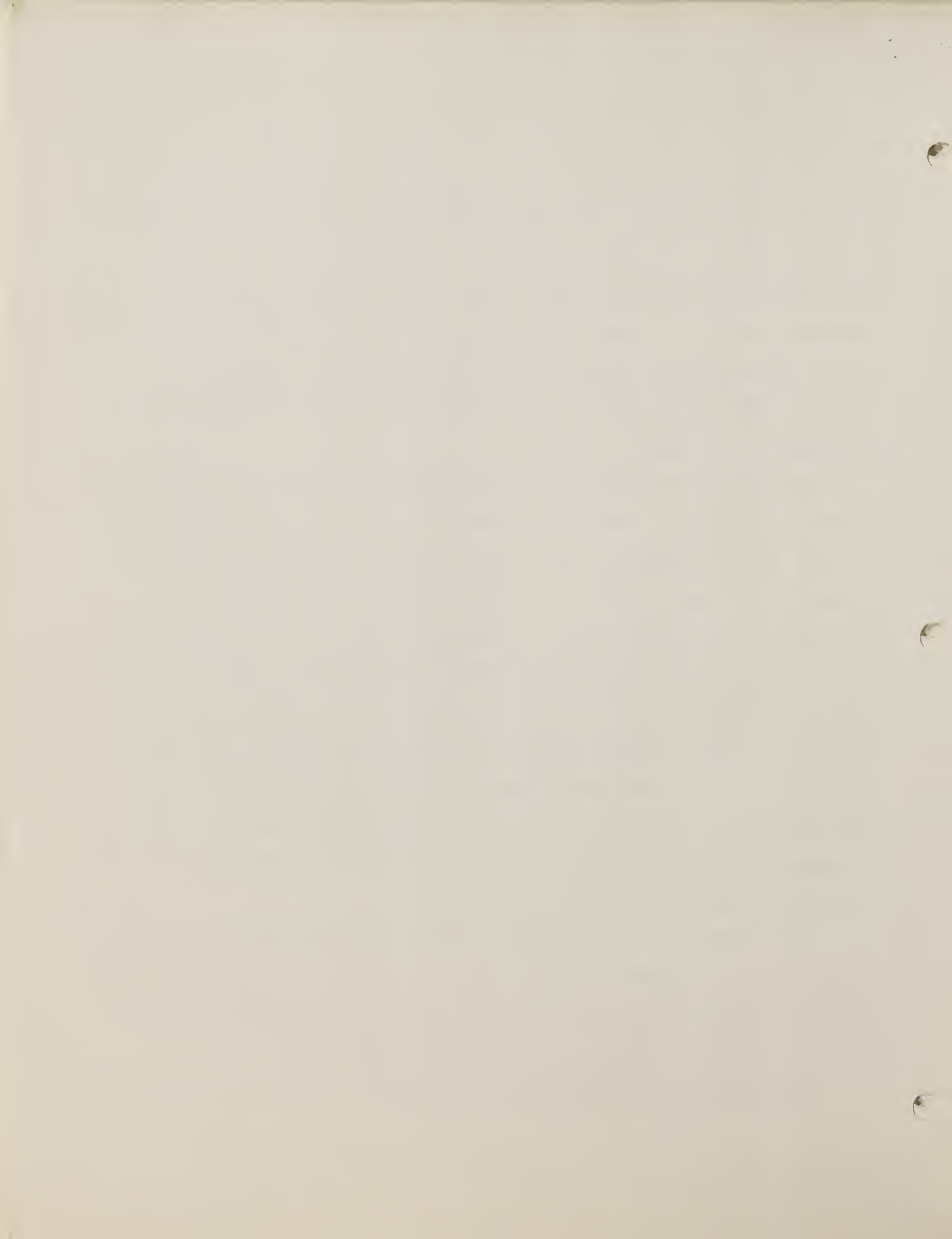


Mr. Lambert then presented a request to authorize the Department to assent to a Land Court petition in order to more legally establish the Department's right of way to the Course Brook Reservation from Speen Street, West Natick, in relation to the property of Gertrude W. Howe (being legally represented by George C. Monroe), an abutter to this mentioned right of way. He showed, on a map, the original 16 foot right of way established prior to 1910 with no apparent designated bounds. Subsequently, he said, the land abutting the 16 foot right of way was subdivided and a 40 foot right of way was established in 1920 for development purposes. It is assumed, he said, that the 16 foot right of way of the Commonwealth lies somewhere within this 40 foot right of way.

The Department, he said, has been contacted by Hale & Dorr, counsellors for Mr. Monroe, requesting the Department to sign a release - "to agree that hereafter no part of the 16 foot right of way shall hereafter cross land of said Howe," and in exchange, Mr. George C. Monroe would deed to the Commonwealth "the right to locate said 16 foot right of way in the remaining part of the 40 foot right of way leading to Speen Street." Upon investigation by this Department, this request did not seem feasible because by agreeing to such a proposal it could obliterate our right of way to Speen Street, altogether. The 40 foot right of way was established not for the sake of the Commonwealth, but only for the abutters. Also, he said, a deeded right of way coming only from Mr. Monroe would be insufficient to reestablish our right of way, since Mr. Monroe holds only a fractional ownership to the 40 foot strip which is held in common by all the abutters.

The Department, he said, suggested to Hale & Dorr, an alternate course of action, whereby the Department would assent to a petition to the Land Court, which would legally establish the right of way in relation to the property of George C. Monroe. Mr. Monroe's attorneys agreed to this course of action.

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



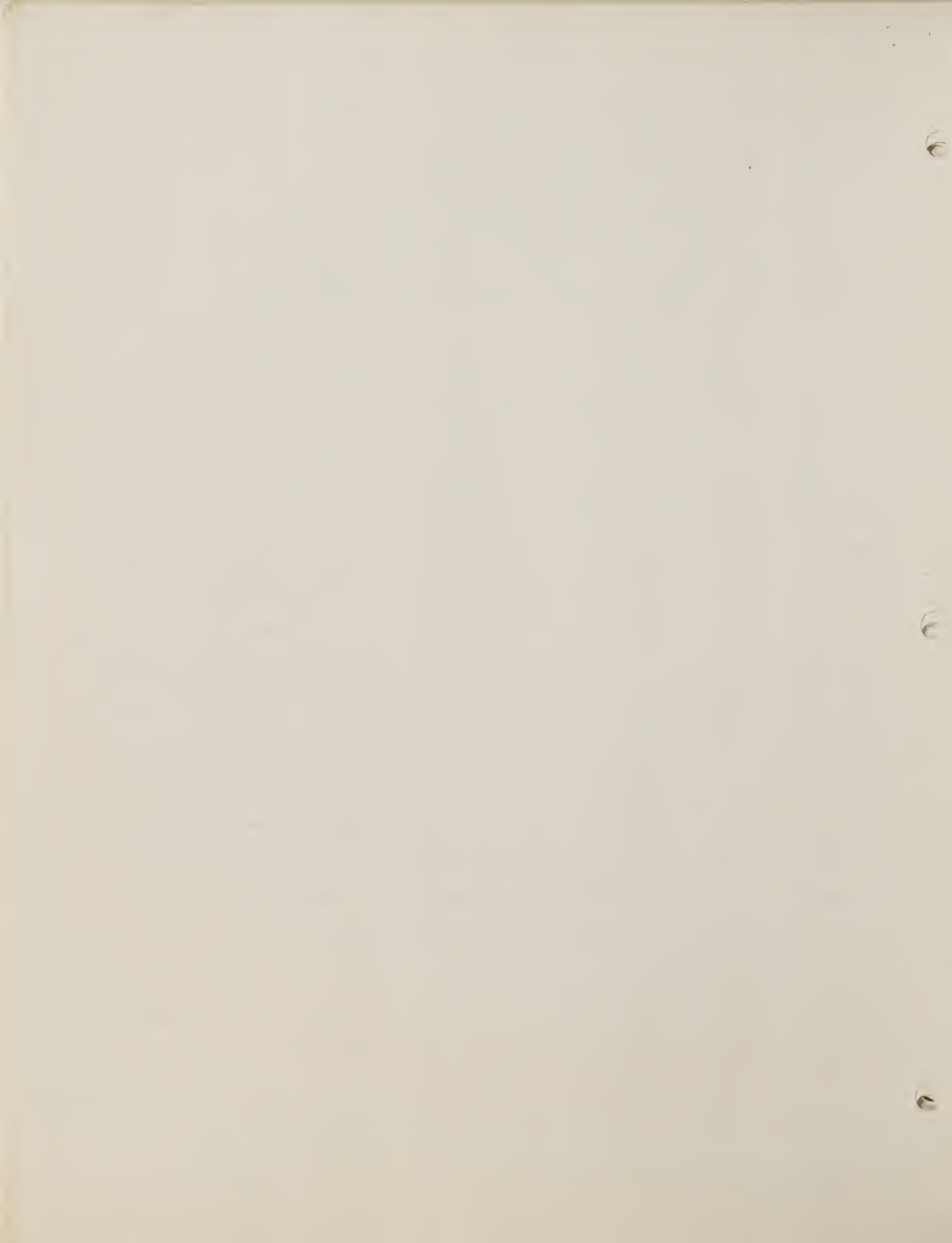
VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner of Natural Resources to assent to a petition to the Land Court, initiated by the Gertrude W. Howe estate, to accept the relocation of the 16 foot right of way for the Department of Natural Resources from the Course Brook Reservation to Speen Street, West Natick, as denoted on a plan surveyed by MacCarthy Engineering Service, Inc., Natick, Massachusetts - Scale 1 inch equals 40 feet, dated August 1, 1968, entitled Subdivision of Lot A-26 as shown on Land Court No.3134K and Subdivision of Lot 2 as shown on Land Court No.3134L and signed by four members of the Natick Planning Board dated June 24, 1969.

The Commissioner asked Mr. Correia and Mr. Connolly to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Brownell introduced Mr. Matthew B. Connolly, Jr. to the Board as a principal planner in the office of Acquisition and Construction.

Mr. Connolly outlined, on maps, a development plan for a camping area at Charge Pond, Myles Standish State Forest. The area will be called the Governor John Carver Camping Area, he said. He stated that due to the dire need for more camping facilities at the Myles Standish State Forest, it was felt that Charge Pond would most readily be developed as a camping area. The proposed development, he said, calls for 249 sites. This would be achieved, he said, in eight cul-de-sac type campgrounds each having its own sanitary facilities and guest parking area. In the middle of each cluster there would exist a semi-open space to be used as a games or activity area. He stated that all development would be kept on the outside of the perimeter of the circulation road thereby leaving a protective ring of unaltered vegetation encircling the pond. He further stated that the implementation plan should begin with the Phase I development which will include campsites, parking areas, comfort station, and an underground electrical line installation from Fearings Pond Road.

Mr. Rhodes asked if there would be an area distinction for trailer sites and campsites. Mr. Correia replied that they would be mixed. He also stated that each site will be 10,000 square feet, and no more than 1,200 feet away from the pond, nor more than 500 feet away from the comfort station. Total cost estimate for Phase I, he said, is \$330,000.00. He added that the development plan of Charge Pond is a part of the

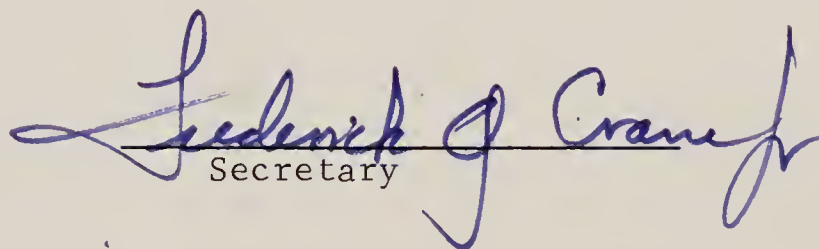


total Master Plan of the Nyles Standish State Forest, soon to be completed, and that Charge Pond is considered a major priority.

The Board commended Mr. Correia and Mr. Connolly for their very informative and excellent presentation.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for August 28, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting recessed to reconvene at 12:30 p.m. for a joint luncheon meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Fish and Game at the Holiday Inn, Boston.

  
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A joint meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Fisheries and Game was held July 31, 1969 at 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 5 Blossom Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Lund and Crane, Board of Natural Resources; and Messrs. Darling, Burns Tierney and Columbo, Board of Fisheries and Game.

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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held August 28, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Lund, Crane and Brewster.

The minutes of the meeting of July 31, 1969 were presented for approval and accepted without correction.

Commissioner Brownell reported briefly on legislation of interest to the Department which was enacted in the 1969 session. He stated that the Legislature compiled an excellent record in passing conservation legislation. The highlights of the session included the following bills -

Chapter 906 - \$10 million for pools and rinks

Chapter 627 - Protection and Improvement of the Appalachian Trail

Chapter 666 - Conservation and Historic Preservation Easements

Chapter 597 - Definition of Sewage to include Industrial Waste

Chapter 516 - \$48 million South Essex Sewerage District

Chapter 873 - Law on Taxation of Forest Land

Chapter 834 - Solid Waste Disposal

In commenting on the Solid Waste Disposal bill, the Commissioner stated that \$10 million was appropriated to carry out the provisions of the legislation; that the Department of Public Health would make the study of possible sites; that management would be under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works; and that the Department of Natural Resources will have the power of approval of site location.

The Commissioner reported on legislation of interest to the Department which was not enacted during the 1969 session as follows -

H.5663 - Acquisition of Boston Harbor Islands

H.551 - Acquisition of South Cape Beach, Duxbury

H.5685 - Snowmobile Registration

The Commissioner expressed disappointment on the rejection of these three important bills, but added that they will be resubmitted in the 1970 session. The Boston Harbor Islands bill, he said, met its greatest opposition from the City of Boston,



and in the closing hours of the session, it was defeated due to the lack of sufficient votes.

The Commissioner then presented the following self-help projects.

The Walpole #12 project, 18.83 acres costing \$3,800, he said, will increase the Conservation Commission's holdings in the Cedar Swamp to a total of 116 acres. This long range acquisition program, he said, is for the protection of the Neponset River watershed and to provide a refuge for wildlife.

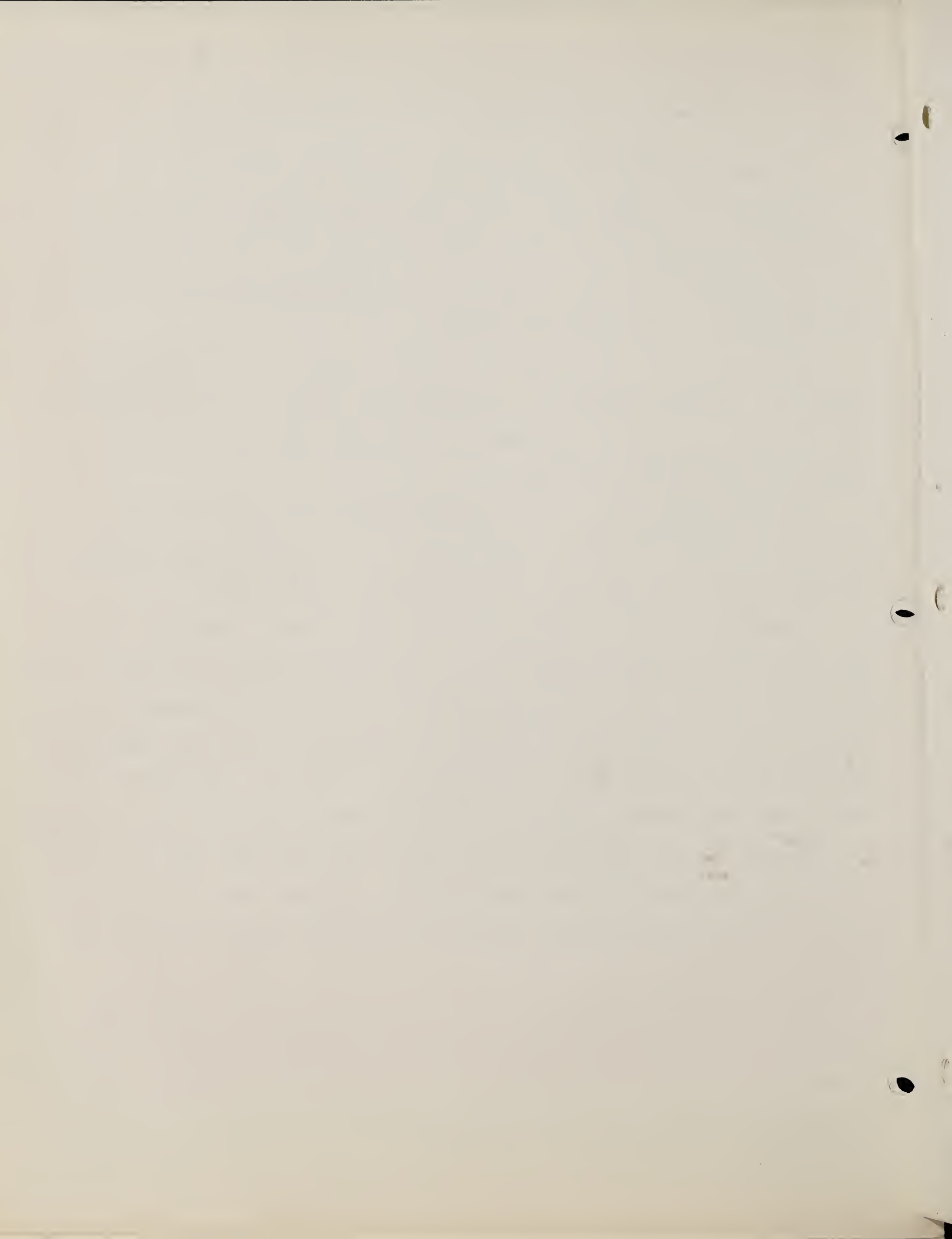
In presenting the Acton #5 project, 20.8 acres costing \$20,000, the Commissioner stated that the area was adjacent to the existing town forest, and has been designated as a conservation area in the town master plan. He added that the area will be used primarily for hiking and nature study.

The Carlisle #2 project, 14 acres costing \$14,000, he said, abuts the 108 acre site purchased under the Self-Help application #1. He further stated that the entire area will serve hiking, picnicking, horseback riding and nature study.

He then presented four self-help applications for the Town of Barnstable. Project #27, 10 acres costing \$3,000; Project #28, 10 acres costing \$3,000; Project #29, 14 acres costing \$3,500; and Project #30, 55 acres costing \$16,500. All four projects, he said, are part of the proposed 1,000 acre acquisition along Route 6 on Cape Cod. These projects, he said, will bring completed acquisitions up to 562 acres. He added that the entire tract will provide an area for hiking, trail riding, wildlife and forest management.

Sandwich #4 project, 8 acres costing \$2,500, he said, will add to the conservation area already managed by the Conservation Commission. There are plans, he said, to tie this area with the large Barnstable conservation area for the mutual enjoyment of both communities.

He presented two self-help applications for the Town of Andover. Project #5, 34 acres costing \$37,400, he said, is being acquired to protect Fish Brook which has a pumping station at the mouth of the brook at the Merrimack River. Fish Brook augments the



town's water supply at Haggerts Pond. Project #6, 52 acres costing \$70,000, he said, will also be influential in protecting Fish Brook-Merrimack River watershed. The fact that the area abuts the Andover Village Improvement Society property, will make it an excellent open space area and give access to the Merrimack River, he said.

The North Adams #3 project, .34 acres costing \$500, he said, will expand the present Windsor Lake recreational facilities and will provide access to the Windsor Lake dam for maintenance purposes.

In presenting the Harvard #2 project, 36 acres costing \$30,000, the Commissioner stated that this parcel was, originally, part of a total 60 acre proposed purchase. It was deleted from the total parcel due to a legal problem concerning the use of a cottage on the property. Subsequently, he said, this Department concurred with the Commission's proposal to enter into a rental agreement with the seasonal occupants of the cottage. He added that the agreement will effect about one acre of the total 36 acre acquisition and that rental monies received will be deposited in the community's conservation fund.

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

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

<u>Town</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Town Cost</u>	<u>Estimated State Reimbursement</u>
Walpole #12	18.83	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 1,900.00
Acton #5	20.8	20,000.00	10,000.00
Carlisle #2	14	14,000.00	7,000.00
Barnstable #27	10	3,000.00	1,500.00
Barnstable #28	10	3,000.00	1,500.00
Barnstable #29	14	3,500.00	1,750.00
Barnstable #30	55	16,500.00	8,250.00
Sandwich #4	8	2,500.00	1,250.00
Andover #5	34	37,400.00	18,700.00
Andover #6	52	70,000.00	35,000.00
North Adams #3	.34	500.00	250.00
Harvard #2	36	30,000.00	15,000.00

The Commissioner then presented a large map of Massachusetts, which had been requested by the Board, showing land holdings of various state agencies. He said that

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overlays were being prepared which will show various areas of activity such as self-help projects, public access sites, and coastal restrictions.

Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that he was in receipt of a redraft of the lease proposal to operate a ski facility on Mt. Greylock from Mr. Joseph Deliso's attorney. However, he said, after reading it through, he could find little or no change in the lease proposal. He added that an accompanying letter from the attorney stated that possible compromises are feasible and that he would be willing to meet with us to discuss them. A meeting will be arranged, he said, after the lease proposal has been carefully studied.

The Commissioner then brought before the Board the proposed adoption of an order under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105, regulating and restricting coastal wetlands in, on or upon those portions of land adjacent to the Essex and Castle Neck Rivers, and certain tributaries, and Essex Bay in the Town of Essex, Massachusetts. He reported that a public hearing was held in the Town of Essex, and of the 300 people attending the hearing, no objections were raised.

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

VOTED - to adopt the order as presented under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105, regulating and restricting coastal wetlands, in, on or upon those portions of land adjacent to the Essex and Castle Neck Rivers, and certain tributaries, and Essex Bay in the Town of Essex, Massachusetts, and to file the order with the Essex Registry of Deeds.

The Board members signed the order of restriction.

The Commissioner stated that by November, the Department hopes to have restrictions placed on all coastal wetlands from Salisbury to Essex, Westport and Newburyport. He added that restrictions have been completed on the North River and Wareham.

Director Gullion was called to the meeting.

Director Gullion noted that 104 acres of land in Hopkinton, owned by Alden and Wendell V. Rice, should be considered for acquisition. He stated that a recent survey of the entire area of Route 495 indicated a high priority for acquisition of lands between the Whitehall Reservoir and the Upton State Forest to provide additional day and



overnight use. The area would be one unit of approximately 100 acres proposed for acquisition in this area. After Mr. Fulham noted the long term interest of the Board in this area, the Board authorized the Department to have appraisals of value made of the Rice property for purposes of acquisition.

Director Correia was asked to attend the meeting.

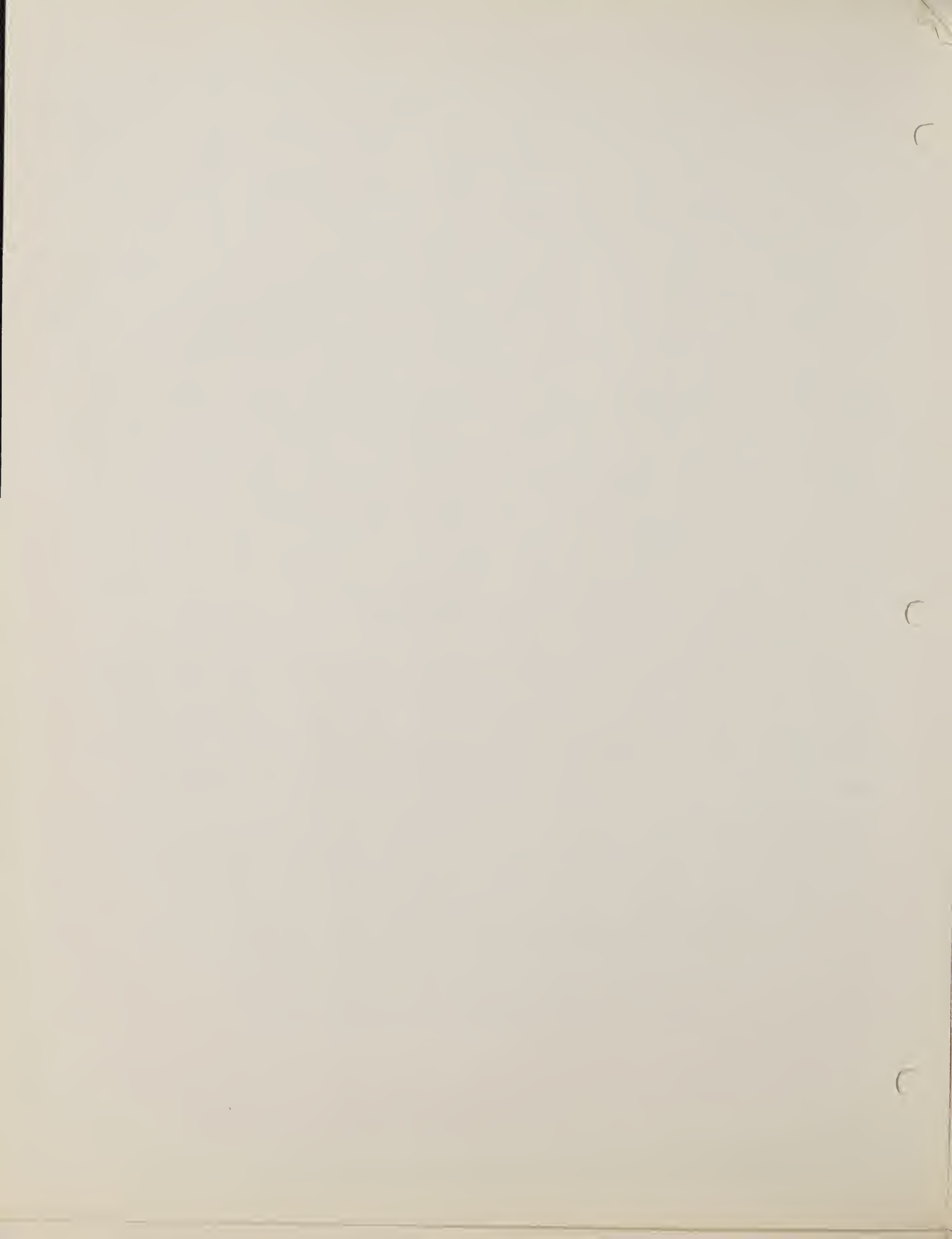
Director Correia presented a proposal to purchase 52.5 acres of land in Pittsfield, Massachusetts from Camp Winadu, Inc. This property, he said, has approximately 1700 feet of frontage leading to and through the main access of the Pittsfield State Forest. He added that the seller wished to retain right of way to cross property to enter Camp Winadu. Mr. Fulham noted that at the previous meeting of the Board, it was agreed that a permanent right of way should not be granted to Camp Winadu. Following discussion, it was agreed that a revocable permit be issued to Camp Winadu, Inc., and upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 52.5 acres of unimproved land in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, from Camp Winadu, Inc. for the sum of \$36,750.

Director Correia then brought before the Board the proposal to acquire 18 acres of land owned by George H. Morse, Georgetown, Massachusetts. He stated that the Department has been interested in purchasing this property for at least fifteen years to round out ownership in the Georgetown-Rowley State Forest for purposes of an impoundment for recreation development. The land is the key to future development in this area, he said. He noted that the property was appraised for \$33,700 in 1966 and that the owner is now willing to sell at a price of \$35,000, with the stipulation that life tenancy be granted to Mr. Morse, who is 86 years old. He further stated that the normal increases in land value over the past three years makes the asking price well within reason. He added that the existing structure would be suitable for administrative headquarters for supervisory personnel.

Without further discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

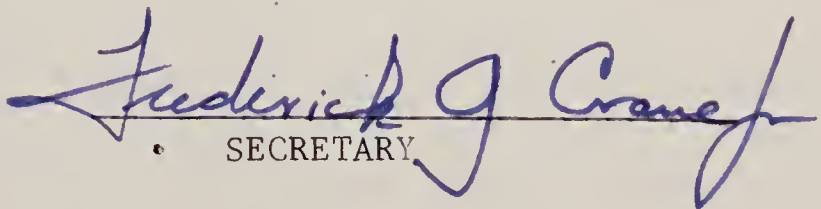
VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 18 acres of land, with improvements, in Georgetown, Massachusetts, from George H. Morse for the sum of \$35,000 with seller retaining life tenancy.

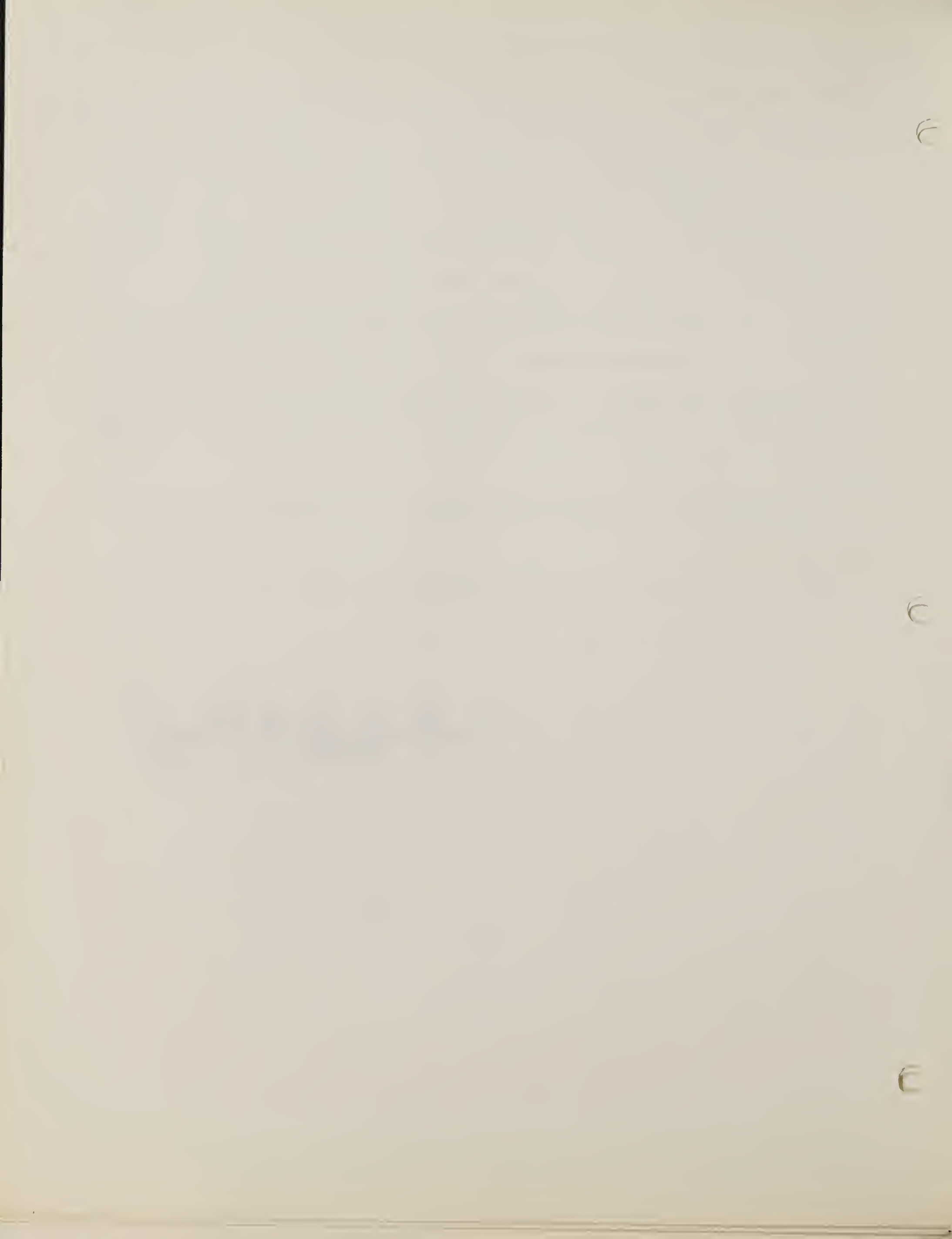


The Commissioner informed the Board that this year's legislative session was an exceptional year for Natural Resources as far as the supplementary budget was concerned. Close to \$300,000 in supplementary budget requests were approved, which included new positions for Massasoit State Park, Cohasset Annex and Hampden Ponds; five clerks for regional offices; \$10,000 for rental of aircraft; crews and equipment to maintain public access sites; and a fully staffed office for the new Division of Mineral Resources. The Division of Mineral Resources, he said, will consist of a director at Grade 27, head administrative assistant, field representative, principal clerk, and senior clerk and stenographer. He added that the Grade 27 position for director may be helpful in establishing a precedent in up-grading the directors positions within the Department.

The date for the next meeting of the Board was set for September 25, 1969 as a field trip.

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

  
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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held September 25, 1969 at 12:30 p.m. at the Lenox House, Lenox. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Lund, Crane and Rhodes. Also present were Mr. Donald Miller, former Board member, and Mr. George Wislocki Executive Director, Berkshire Natural Resources Council.

Following a very pleasant flight from Boston to Pittsfield, a tour of the recent construction projects at the Pittsfield State Forest was conducted by Regional Forest & Park Supervisor Douglas Poland. The projects included the bituminous surfacing of five miles of the Berry Pond Road and the new 45 gallon per minute well to service the camping and picnic areas and administration building. The Board then proceeded to the Lenox House, Lenox, for luncheon and meeting.

Chairman Fulham presented to Mayor Donald G. Butler, City of Pittsfield, two checks in the amount of \$111,000 representing fifty percent reimbursement from the federal government (B.O.R.), and twenty five percent reimbursement from the Department of Natural Resources (Self-Help) for the acquisition of Brattlebrook Farm, a 148 acre tract of land in Pittsfield.

The minutes of the meeting of August 28, 1969 were presented for approval and accepted.

Commissioner Brownell then presented three self-help projects for the Board's consideration.

In presenting Stoughton #3 project, 86 acres costing \$55,000, the Commissioner said that the acquisition was a continuation of the Town's projects #1 and 2, to unite a large 600 acre conservation area. Hiking, horseback riding, fishing, picnicking and nature study will be the primary use of the area, he said. This land, he said, abuts the Stoughton Fish & Game Club and should the Club cease to function, the land will be turned over to the Conservation Commission.

Barnstable #31, 93.75 acres costing \$28,125, he said, is a continuation of the proposed 1,000 acre acquisition along Route 6 on Cape Cod. He added that this project will bring completed acquisitions up to 656 acres.

He then presented Swampscott #2 project, 14.45 acres costing \$13,000. This parcel, he said, adjoins existing town owned land and is part of an acquisition program to obtain lands around a proposed 25 acre impoundment site. The proposed lake



will provide fishing, boating and habitat for waterfowl. In addition, he said, resource recommendation for the upland area include the establishing of a system of self-guiding trails with regard to scenic outlooks, geological activity and different ecological aspects of the forest. Considering the land values in the Town of Swampscott, he said, the price is very reasonable.

Upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -  
VOTED - that the following self-help conservation projects be approved and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement.

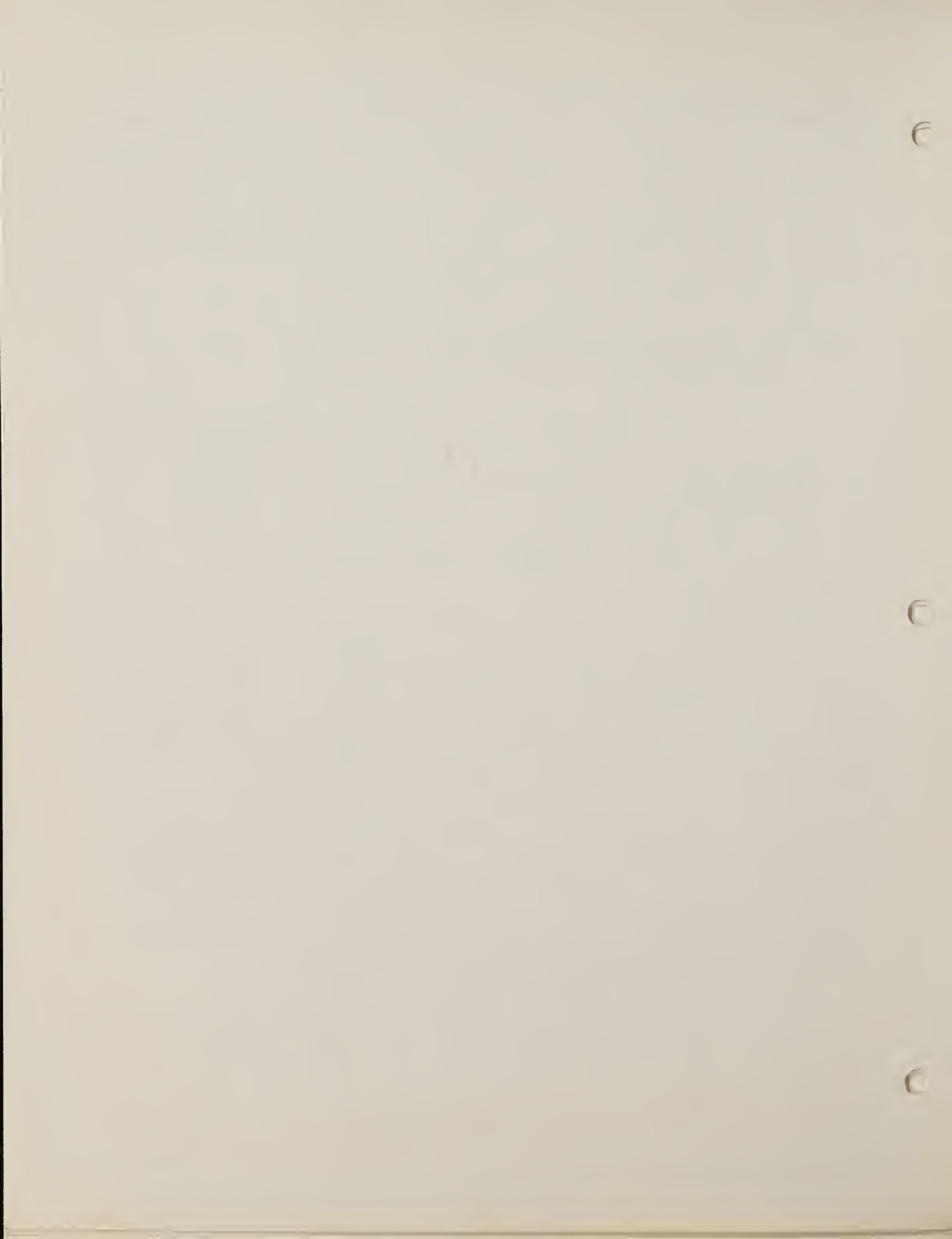
<u>Town</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Town Cost</u>	<u>State Reimbursement</u>
Stoughton #3	85	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 27,500.00
Barnstable #31	93.75	28,125.00	14,062.50
Swampscott #2	14.45	13,000.00	6,500.00

Director Gullion was then requested to present proposals for use of state forest and park lands.

The first proposal was a request by the Lake Ridge Realty Trust of Ashland to construct a 30 inch storm drain across the Ashland State Park. Director Gullion stated that the original permit of 1966 to construct an 18 inch storm drain did not satisfy the revisions required for adequate volumes of storm waters. He added that the Department of Public Health had verbally approved the project.

Mr. Lund asked if a consideration had been set for the easement. Director Gullion replied that no price had been set, but will be determined by Mr. Correia's engineering section. As there was no further discussion, the Board approved the granting of an easement across the Ashland State Park to the Lake Ridge Realty Trust, pending a reasonable settlement of the price of the easement.

Director Gullion then discussed a request of the Heritage Plantation of Sandwich to use 10,000 square feet of the Shawme Crowell State Forest in Sandwich for a picnic area adjacent to their property. He stated that all thinning of trees, erection of tables, and maintenance would be the responsibility of the Heritage Plantation, but under the direction of the Department of Natural Resources. Chairman Fulham questioned



the reasons of the Heritage Plantation for using the Shawme Crowell State Forest. He stated that if there was a need in that area for a picnic area, the Department should construct and maintain it. He further added that the Department was making decided progress in reducing private uses of Department lands which are rightly the responsibility of the Department. Commissioner Brownell stated that the area would serve those people using the Heritage Plantation.

Following considerable discussion, the Board agreed with Chairman Fulham that any recreational needs of the area compatible with the uses of state forests and parks should be designed, constructed and operated by the Department.

Upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was unanimously -  
VOTED - to reject the request of the Heritage Plantation of Sandwich to utilize any portion of the Shawme Crowell State Forest for a picnic area.

Mr. Correia was then asked to present various land matters to the Board.

Mr. Correia stated that Mrs. Catherine E. Goodwin of Townsend has agreed to sell 15.5 acres of land for \$10,000 adjacent to the Squannacook River in Townsend, Massachusetts. Originally, he said, she had asked \$13,000 for the tract, but following negotiations she reduced her price to the appraisal figure of \$10,000. He added that the property adjoins state owned land and would provide additional protection to the river bank and river, and also prevent development along the river.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -  
VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 15.5 acres of land in the Town of Townsend, Massachusetts from Catherine E. Goodwin, for the sum of \$10,000.

Mr. Correia then brought before the Board the proposal to acquire the 363.40 acre property owned by Mrs. Constance Morse Fiske in Framingham, and the contiguous 61.0 acre property jointly owned by Mrs. Constance Morse Fiske and Lydia L. Hall. Mrs. Fiske, he said, has agreed to accept the sum of \$525,000 for the 363.40 acre parcel, and Mrs. Fiske and Mrs. Hall have agreed to accept \$120,000 for the 61.0 acre tract. Mr. Correia stated that the appraisals done by the Department showed values



of \$562,000 for the Fiske property and \$122,000 for the Fiske and Hall unit.

Director Gullion was asked by Mr. Lund what recreation opportunities were available on the two properties. Director Gullion said that the area is within a heavily urbanized section of eastern Massachusetts and is ideally suited to year-round horseback riding, hiking, nature walks, picnicking, play areas and snowmobiling. It is also heavily used as a feeding area by Canada geese. In addition, he said, a Public Law 566 (Small Watershed Flood Prevention) project is contemplated. The impoundment proposed, he said, would provide a wildlife pool and might provide limited warm water fishing if soil conditions indicated the opportunity to impound more water.

Mr. Correia stated that the Town of Framingham had already voted funds to take land for flood control structure, but had not acted pending a decision by the Department. Commissioner Brownell said that this general area was part of the open space proposal by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Chairman Fulham stated that we must recognize the need for outdoor areas adjacent to highly urbanizing areas of our Commonwealth and attempt to supply those needs. The Board indicated their complete support for the acquisition of the Fiske and Hall properties. Commissioner Brownell added that there is a possibility of receiving fifty percent reimbursement under the Land & Water Conservation Fund of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation on both land acquisitions.

Mr. Lund stated that he would abstain from voting on the acquisition of the smaller parcel (61.0 acres - \$120,000) for personal reasons.

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

VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 363.49 acres of land in Framingham, Massachusetts from Constance Morse Fiske, for the sum of \$525,000.

VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 61.0 acres of land in Framingham, Massachusetts from Constance Morse Fiske and Lydia L. Hall, for the sum of \$120,000.

Mr. Lund refrained from voting.



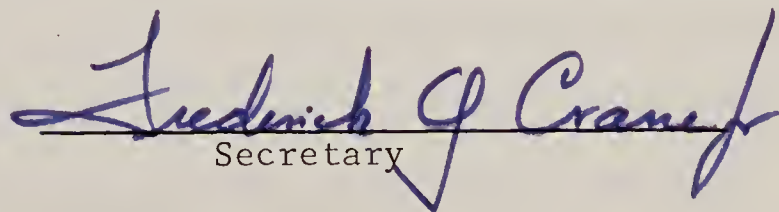
Chairman Fulham then asked Mr. Donald Miller and Mr. George Wislocki if they would care to make any comments.

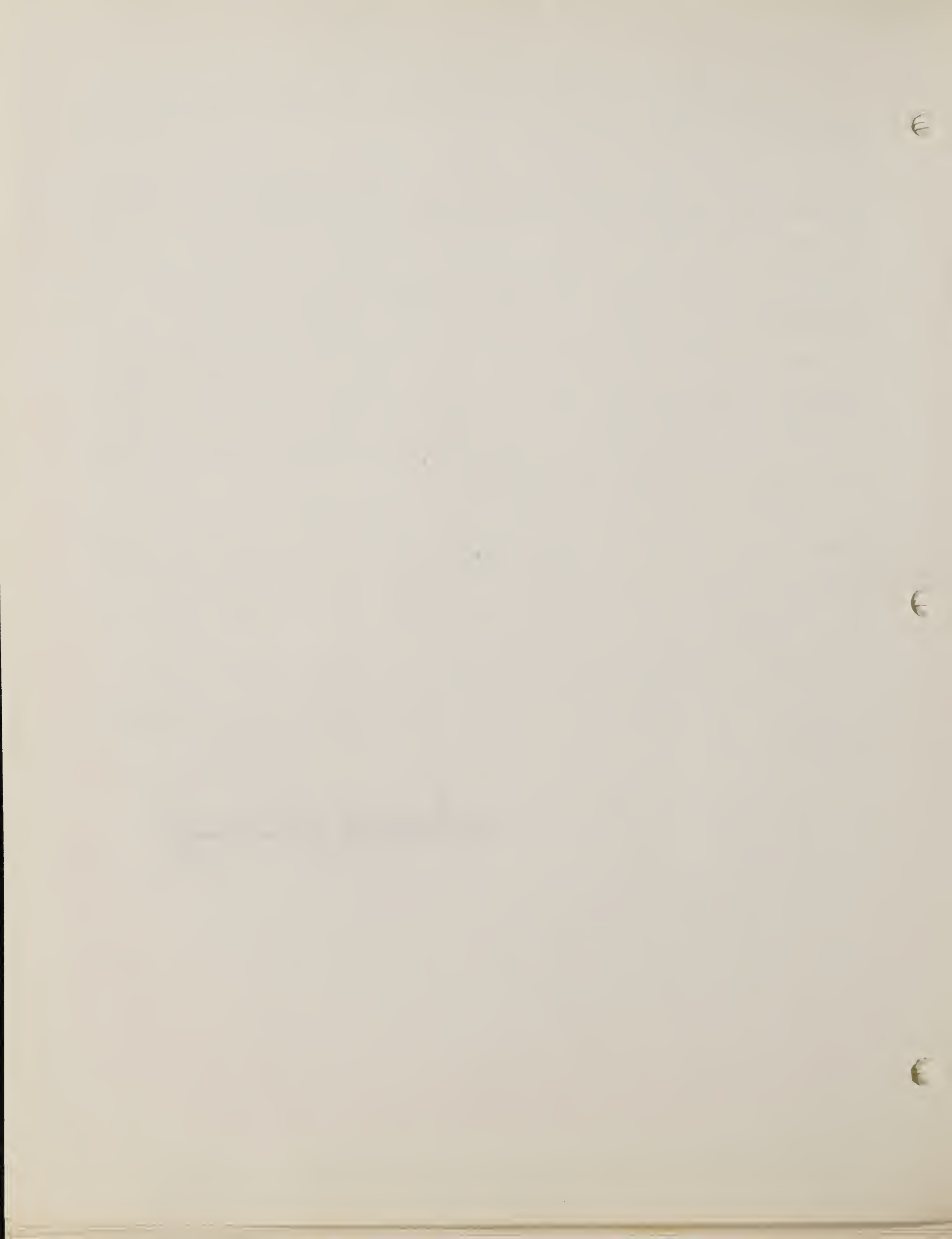
Mr. Wislocki thanked Commissioner Brownell and the Board for inviting them to attend their interesting and informative meeting. He commended the Department for the outstanding job they have done and are doing in conserving the natural resources of the Commonwealth. Further, he thanked the Department for their assistance in the acquisition of Brattlebrook Farm. He added that he hoped the Department, in the near future, would see fit to construct swimming pools in the Berkshires. There is a great need for swimming facilities, he said, due to the decreasing water quality of natural lakes and ponds in Berkshire County. Chairman Fulham thanked Mr. Wislocki for his comments.

Commissioner Brownell stated to the Board that the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, and Mr. Wislocki as their executive director, can take most of the credit for the increasing activity by communities of Berkshire County to protect and conserve the natural resources of this most beautiful area.

The date for the next meeting of the Board was set for October 30, 1969.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

  
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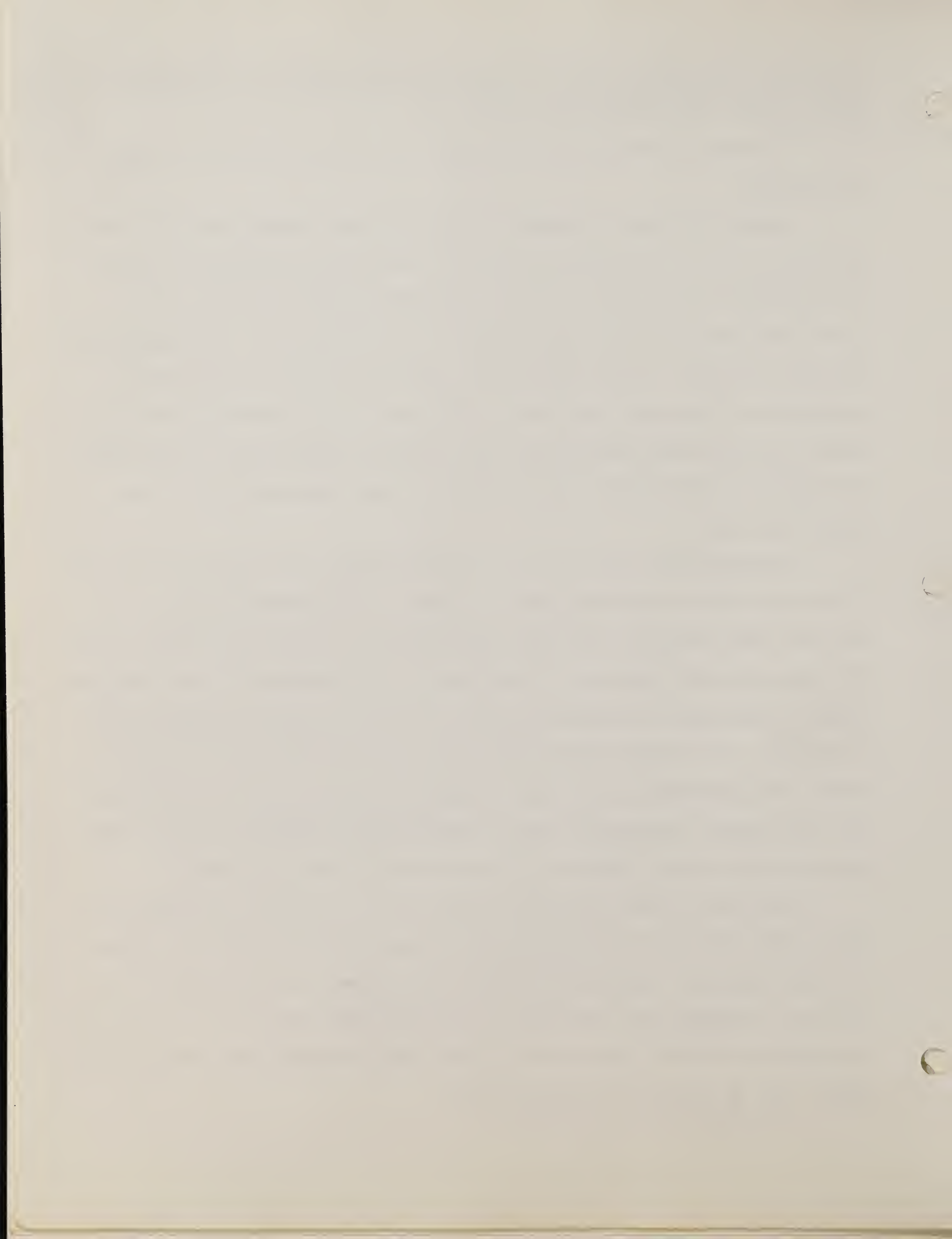
A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held October 30, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane, Rhodes and Brewster.

The minutes of the meeting of September 25, 1969 were presented for approval and accepted.

Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that the Department would file very few bills in the 1970 legislative session, the reason being that Governor Sargent's 1970 legislative program will be based on environment, which, basically, would include legislation affecting the Department of Natural Resources. The legislation which will be filed, he said, will include - acquisition of South Cape Beach; recodification of the marine law; forest cutting practice law; recodification of the forest fire law; coastal wetland bond issue revision; authorization to appoint acting director in the Division of Water Pollution; urban recreational bond issue; SuAsCo bond issue.

The Commissioner stated that the Department's major piece of legislation will be the acquisition of South Cape Beach in Mashpee. If legislation is passed to acquire this land, he said, it will cost approximately \$3 million for 500 acres, which includes one mile of shoreline. He indicated that the Department will have complete support of the board of selectmen and private groups in the town of Mashpee on this acquisition. Mr. Brewster asked how the area would be acquired if legislation is passed. The Commissioner replied that a special bond issue would be requested and that fifty percent reimbursement would be sought from the federal government. The Board expressed its keen interest in the acquisition of South Cape Beach.

Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that in accordance with Chapter 766, Acts of 1969 the salary of the Commissioner was increased from \$18,000 to a maximum of \$20,500 annually. He asked the Board for their approval of the increase. The Board was in agreement that the salary of the Commissioner should be set at the statutory maximum of \$20,500, and upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, it was -  
VOTED - that the salary of the Commissioner be established at \$20,500 annually.

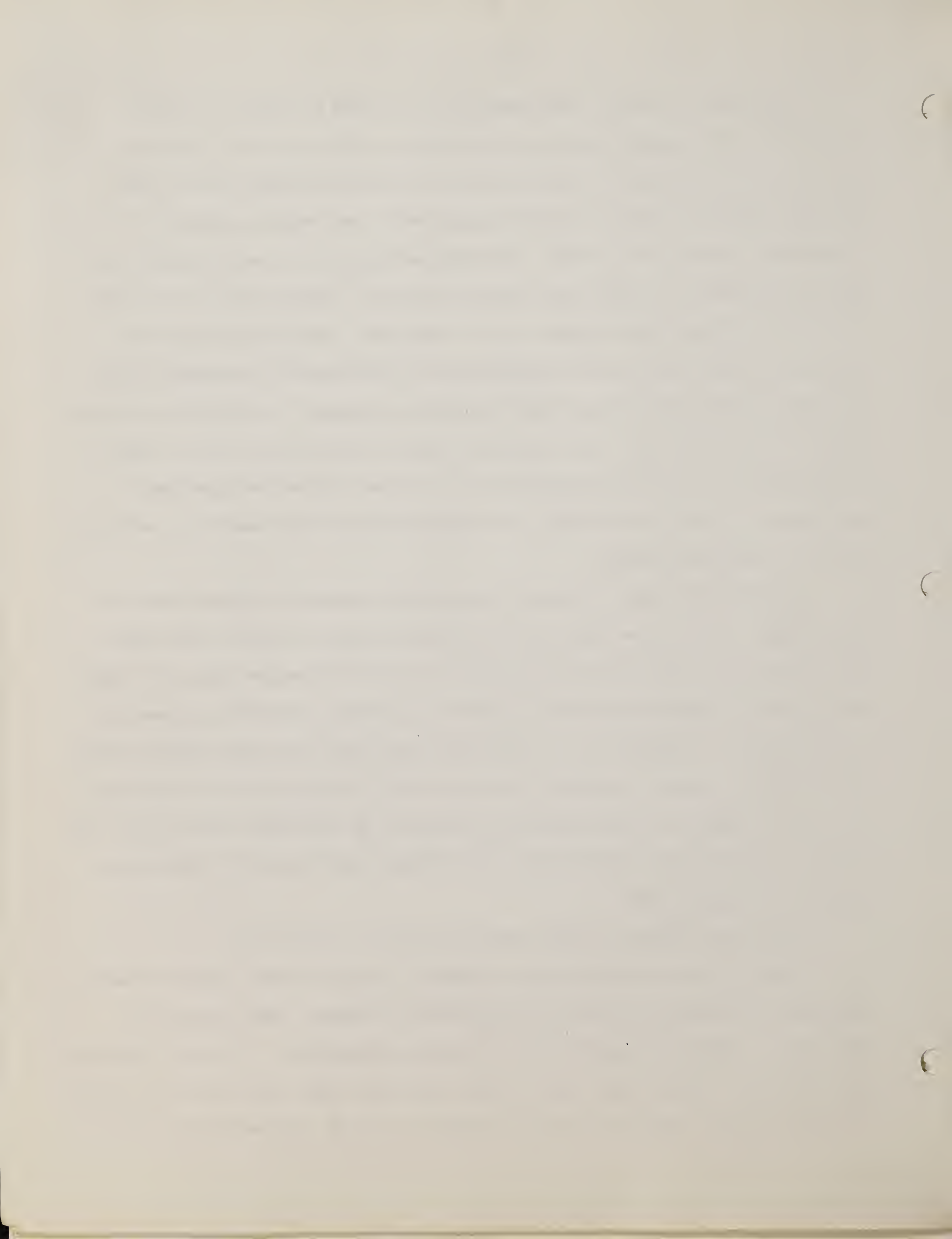


Commissioner Brownell then presented to the Board a proposal to change the appraisal requirements applying to self-help and BOR acquisition projects. Up to now, he said, projects submitted under the Self-Help program with a value less than \$5,000 per project require no appraisals. Two complete appraisals are required for projects over \$5,000. Under the new proposal, he said, projects costing up to \$10,000 will require two opinions of value. Projects with a value range of \$10,000 to \$25,000 will require two full appraisals. With these changes, he said, it is hoped that future BOR submissions will be more fully documented, while lessening the appraisal burden under the Self-Help program. Mr. Brewster asked how appraisers were selected. The Commissioner replied that it is the city or town's responsibility to select the appraisers, but, they must follow the Department's requirements. Action on the proposal to change appraisal requirements was deferred until the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that since the passage of the \$10 million bond issue for the construction of rinks and pools, there has been twenty nine requests for rinks and thirty requests for pools from various cities and towns. He noted that if the Department was to honor all requests, the total cost would be in the vicinity of \$52 million. He added that the criteria are being prepared which will be used as a basis to determine where the rinks and pools will be constructed. All sites, he said, are being viewed and assessed by me and members of my staff. He further stated that he hoped to have a more thorough report ready for presentation at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Brownell called Director Gullion to the meeting.

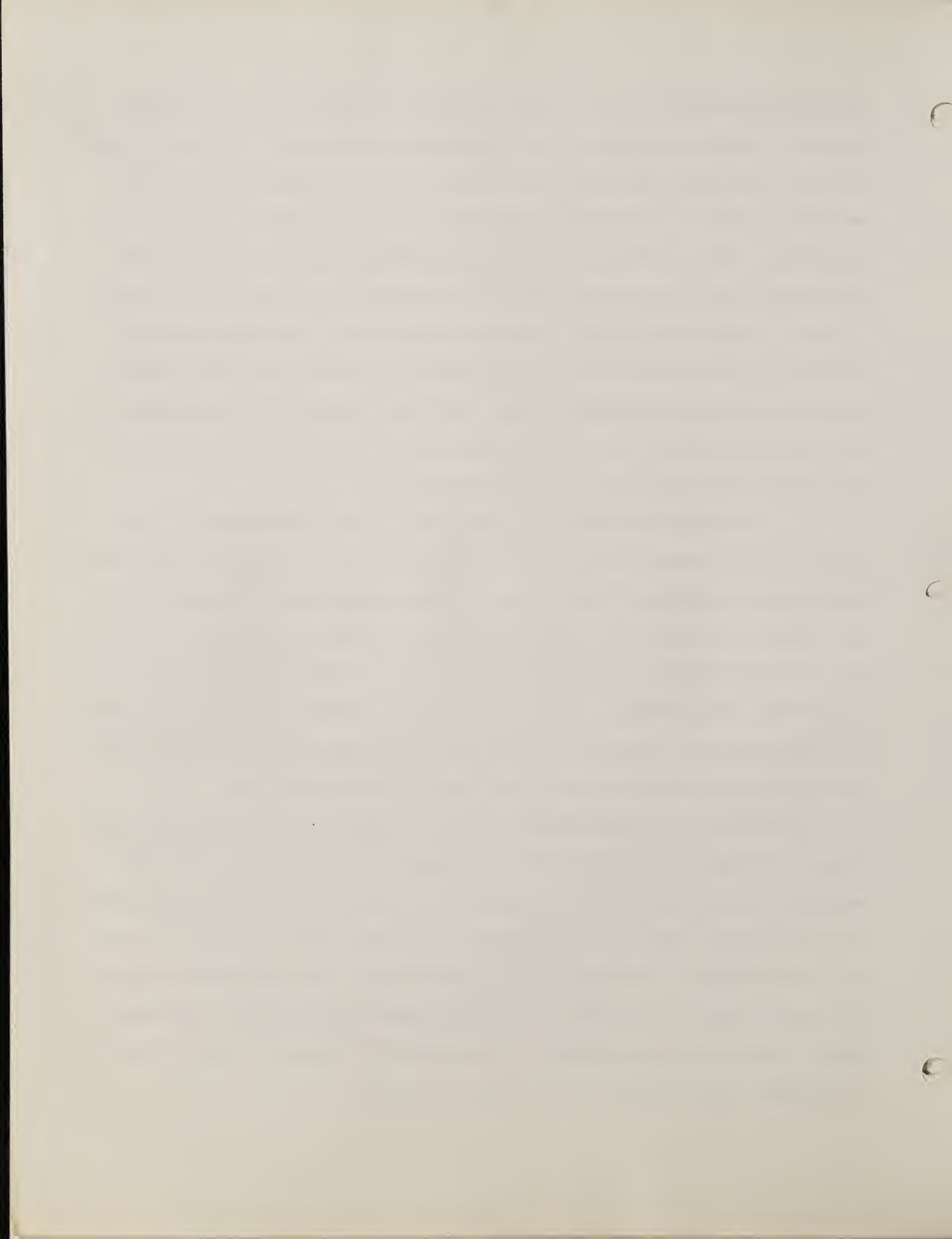
Director Gullion brought before the Board a request to have appraisals made on four pieces of property adjacent to the Thiel Farm in Adams. They include the Foisy Farm - 150 acres; Ruebesam Farm - 100 acres; Picard Farm - 175 acres, Michalski Farm - 18 acres. These properties, he said, are former dairy farms which have ceased to operate and are adjacent to the east boundary of the Mt. Greylock Reservation. He



noted that the Board, at their meeting in March, 1967 indicated that the asking price was too high and suggested that negotiations be continued. However, he said, we still do not know, basically, what the cost will be and appraisals will be necessary in order to determine the Department's course of action with respect to acquisition. These properties, he said, are considered necessary to provide the land adequate for the development of a day use facility at the Thiel Farm section of the Mt. Greylock Reservation. He added that the Foisy, Ruebesam and Michalski properties could possibly be acquired by negotiated purchase, the Picard property might require purchase by eminent domain. The Board agreed to the recommendation to have appraisals made on the Foisy and Picard properties, and portions of Ruebesam and Michalski properties for consideration of purchase.

In presenting the offer of Mr. George Fink to sell approximately 110 acres of land in the Catamount section of Colrain, Director Gullion stated that the Department has been attempting to acquire this property for sometime. The property, he said, lies at the south end of Crouch Pond on the Catamount State Forest. The land would give the Department ownership of the main dyke on the Pond for complete control of the Pond, plus, provide the only suitable area for further recreation development. Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to have an appraisal made of the Fink property to determine its value for possible future acquisition.

Director Gullion presented the offer of Dr. John C. Allen to sell 250 acres of land in Middlefield. He said that the property is to the west of our present ownership associated with Factory Brook, and is also within the proposed impoundment sites for the West Branch of the Westfield River Public Law 566 project. He noted that the Department, in the work plan for this project, had accepted responsibility for acquiring land in this general area of the Lower Factory and Coles impoundment sites. The Board gave its approval for an appraisal to be made of the Allen property to determine its value for possible future acquisition.



Director Gullion presented the offer of Alfred Zurrin to sell 18.25 acres of land in Lanesborough. He said that the land is the only reasonable location for a swimming area associated with a proposed day-use facility at Balance Rock. In addition, it will provide additional buffer area for the easterly section of the Balance Rock State Park. The Board gave its approval for an appraisal to be made of the Zurrin property to determine its value for possible future acquisition.

Commissioner Brownell then asked Director Correia to attend the meeting.

Mr. Correia informed the Board that at their August 28, 1969 meeting they authorized the purchase of 18 acres of land in Georgetown owned by George H. Morse. However, he said, title examination disclosed that 1.6 acres of land and one of the two houses had been conveyed to Brian Morse by his father in 1966. Therefore, it is requested that the Board rescind the vote to acquire this property in order that the Department may renegotiate with the owner.

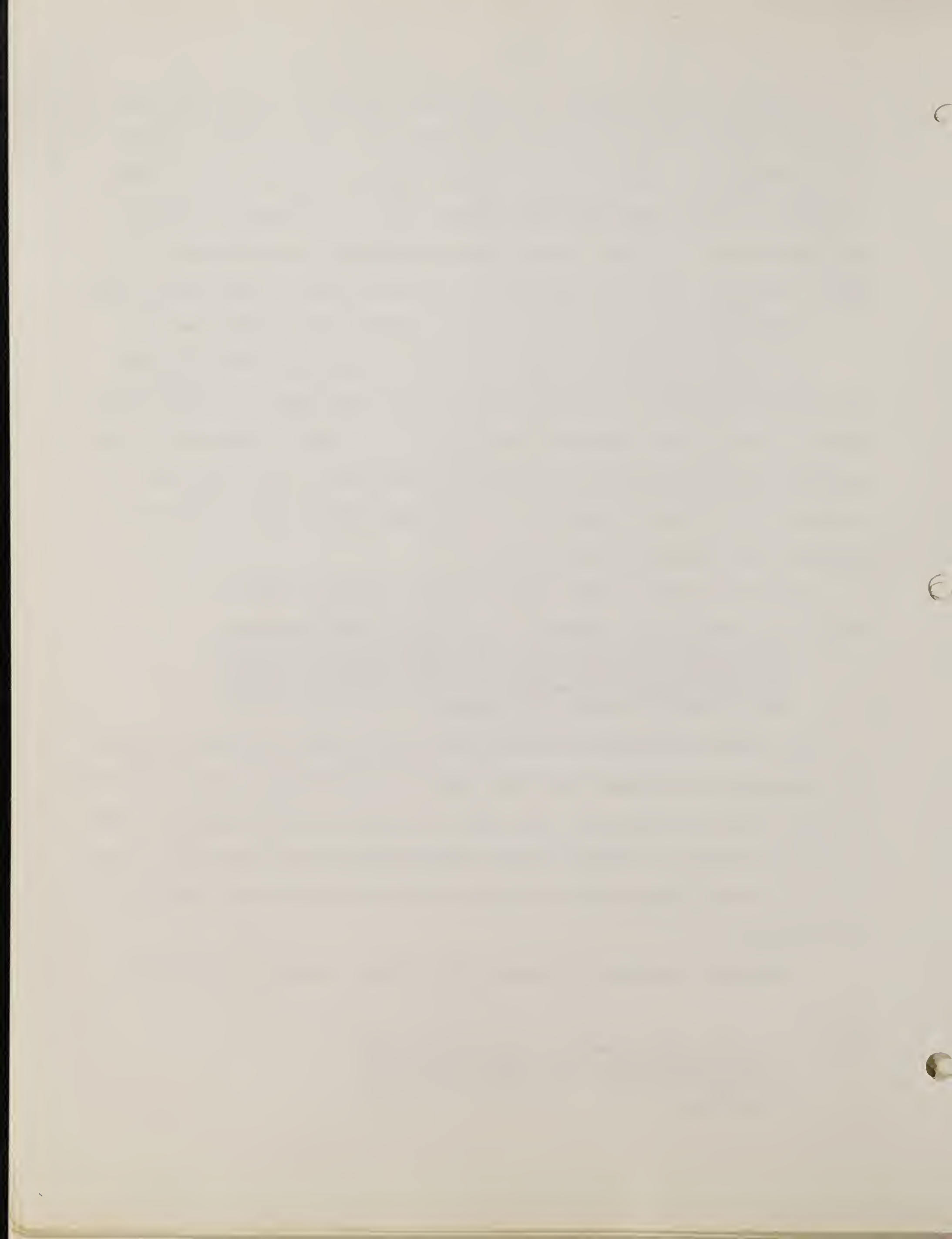
Upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to rescind the vote adopted by the Board of Natural Resources at the meeting held August 28, 1969, whereby the purchase of approximately 18 acres of land, with improvements, in Georgetown from George H. Morse for the sum of \$35,000 was approved with the owner retaining life tenancy.

Mr. Correia presented the offer of Olive Copp to sell 16.8 acres of land in West Townsend, with dwelling, for \$7,000 subject to life tenancy. He noted that the owner was in her late eighties. This parcel, he said, is located adjacent to the Pearl Hill Brook and is essential to give added protection along the Brook. Also, he said, continued occupancy of the premises would aid in minimizing vandalism to our facilities.

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

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 18.8 acres of land in West Townsend from Alice Copp for the sum of \$7,000 with seller retaining life occupancy of dwelling.



In presenting the offer of a gift of land in Princeton from Dr. Olive Gates, Mr. Correia stated that the 211 acres had been appraised for \$30,000. The property, he said, is located south of the Wachusetts Mountain State Reservation. He added that the land is in close proximity to the Fish & Game Wildlife Sanctuary and is presently used for agricultural purposes. The land would be used for future recreational purposes, he said.

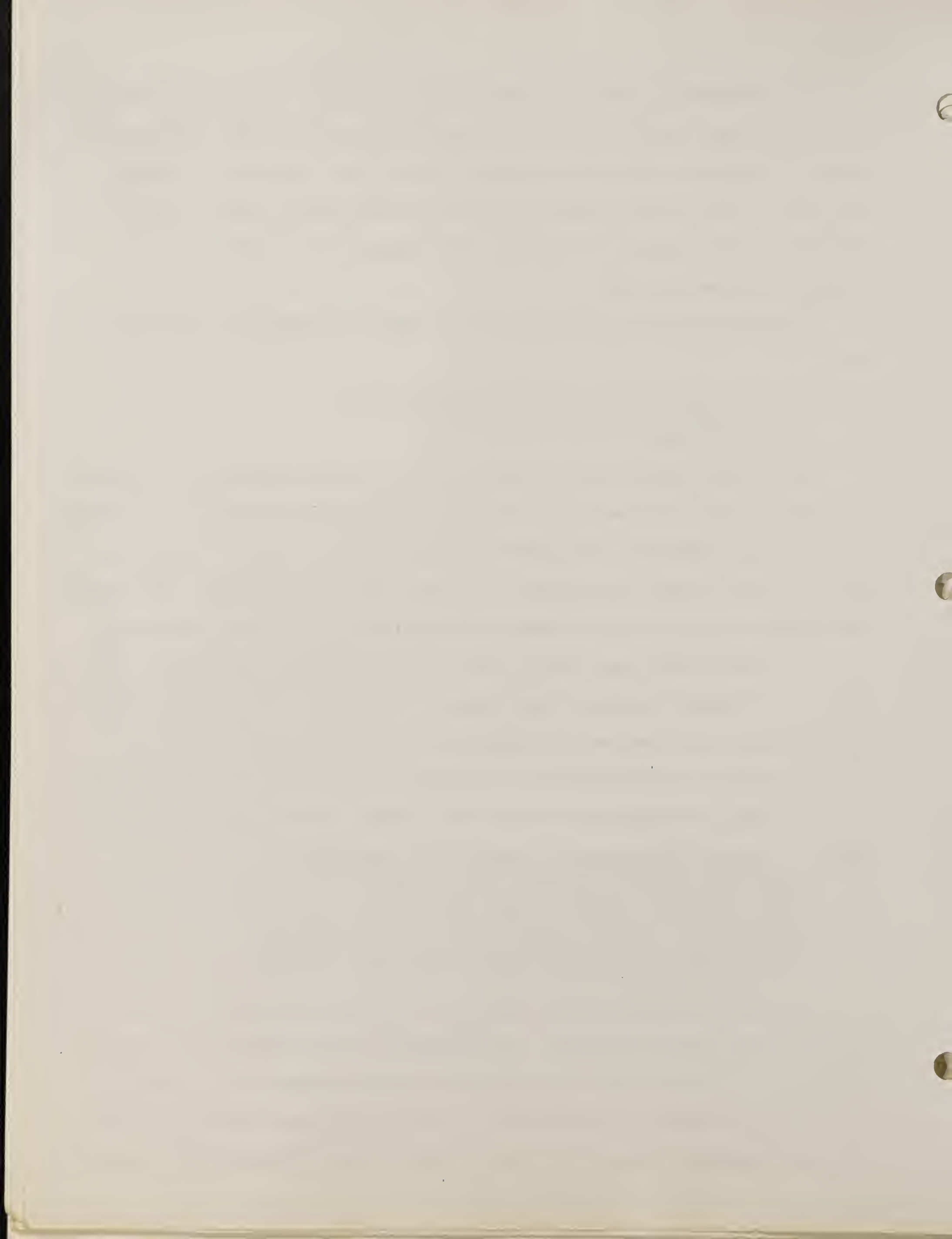
Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to authorize the acceptance of 211 acres of land in the town of Princeton, by gift, from Mrs. Olive Gates.

Mr. Correia brought before the Board a request from the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, to construct storm and sewerage drains over portions of Regatta Point State Park. The School is requesting easements for a storm drain which will drain to Lake Quinsigamond at the north end of Regatta Point. The sewerage drain easement is to tie into the Worcester sewer line which is within the parking lot of the Regatta Point State Park, he said. The Commissioner stated that he felt the Department should cooperate in such matters. He assured the Board that following construction, the area would be returned as close to its natural state as is possible and trees will be replaced in a subsequent contract let by the Medical School.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -  
VOTED - to approve two construction easements over Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources land at Regatta Point State Park, Worcester, for purposes of constructing (1) a sanitary drain connection, and (2) a storm drain outfall into Lake Quinsigamond. Limits of work areas are set forth on Plan No. L-2, Rough Grading Plan for the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Project U66-3, dated August 5, 1969.

Commissioner Brownell briefly commented on the two articles which recently appeared in Look and Time magazines. He said that he has received amazing response from people all over the country requesting additional information on the conservation commission movement in Massachusetts. A copy of the Massachusetts Conservation Commission Handbook is being sent to each of them, he said. Chairman Fulham suggested



that the Commissioner send a letter to the editors of both magazines indicating the Board's pleasure, informing them of the response the Department is receiving, and thank them for publishing an exceptional and timely article. The Board concurred with Chairman Fulham's recommendation, and the Commissioner replied that this would be done.

Commissioner Brownell brought before the Board, the city of Newton's #2 final Self-Help application, 34.09 acres costing \$300,477.50. This project, he said, originally, was approved by the Board in the amount of \$76,625 (25% of the total cost of the project) with fifty percent reimbursement by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. However, he said, since that time, HUD established fair market value on this property as \$291,000. Consequently, fifty percent reimbursement by that agency will amount to \$145,000 leaving a project cost balance of \$154,977.50. Therefore, he said, in order to give the city of Newton the full twenty five percent value of this acquisition, it is requested that reimbursement by the Department be increased from \$76,625 to \$77,488.75.

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

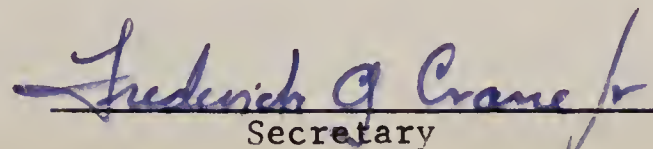
VOTED - that the following self-help project be approved and the stated amount be made available for reimbursement.

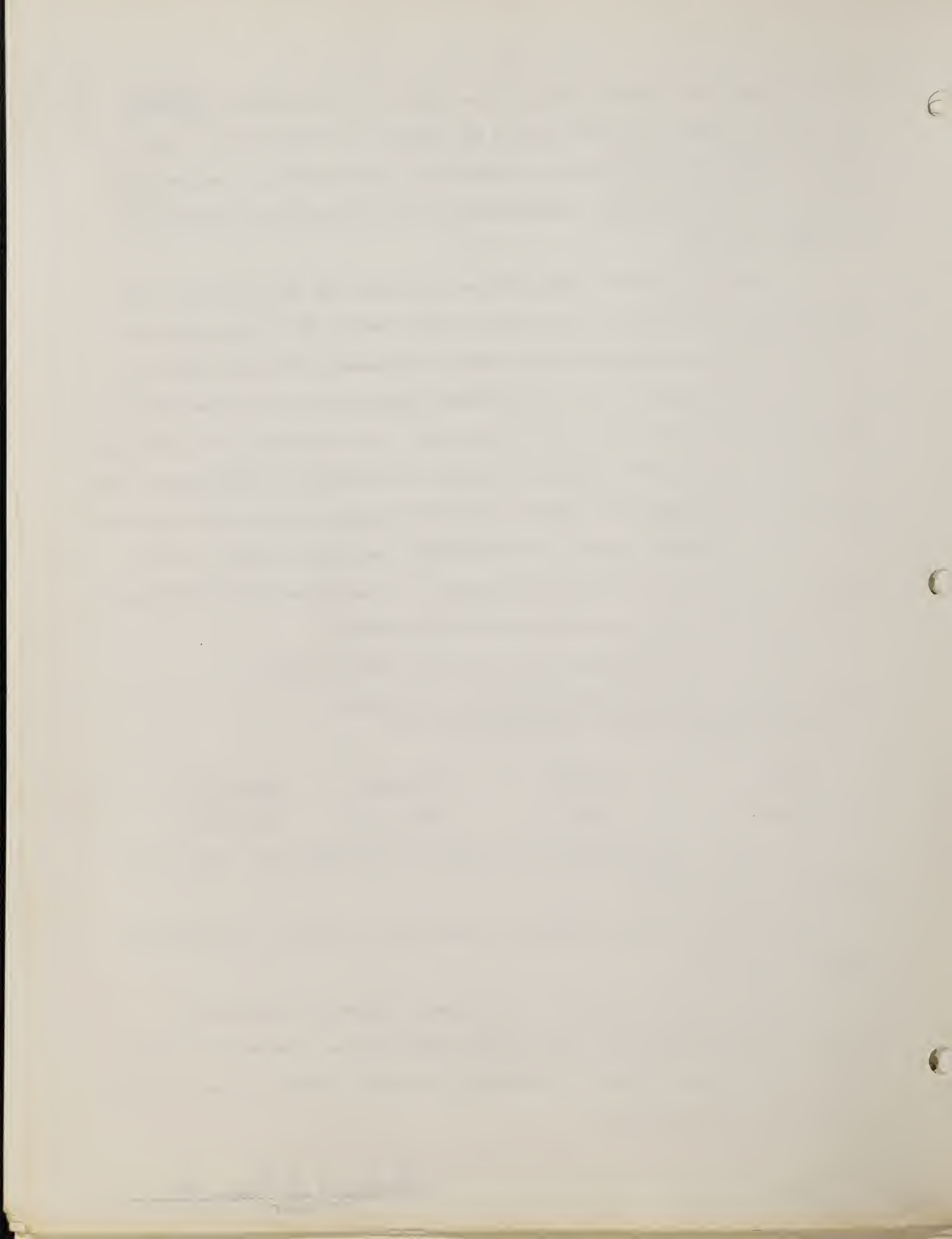
<u>Town</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Town Cost</u>	<u>State Cost</u>
Newton #2	34.09	\$300,477.50	\$77,488.75

The date for the next Board meeting was set for November 20, 1969 in the office of the Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Following the meeting a tour of the Cohasset Annex was conducted by Directors Gullion and Correia. The Board was shown various areas which the master plan has indicated are suitable for camping, picnicking, fishing, and nature study within the 3000 acre state park.

  
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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held November 20, 1969 in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Crane, Rhodes and Lund.

In the absence of Chairman Fulham, Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr. was elected chairman for the meeting.

The minutes of the October 30, 1969 meeting were presented for approval and accepted.

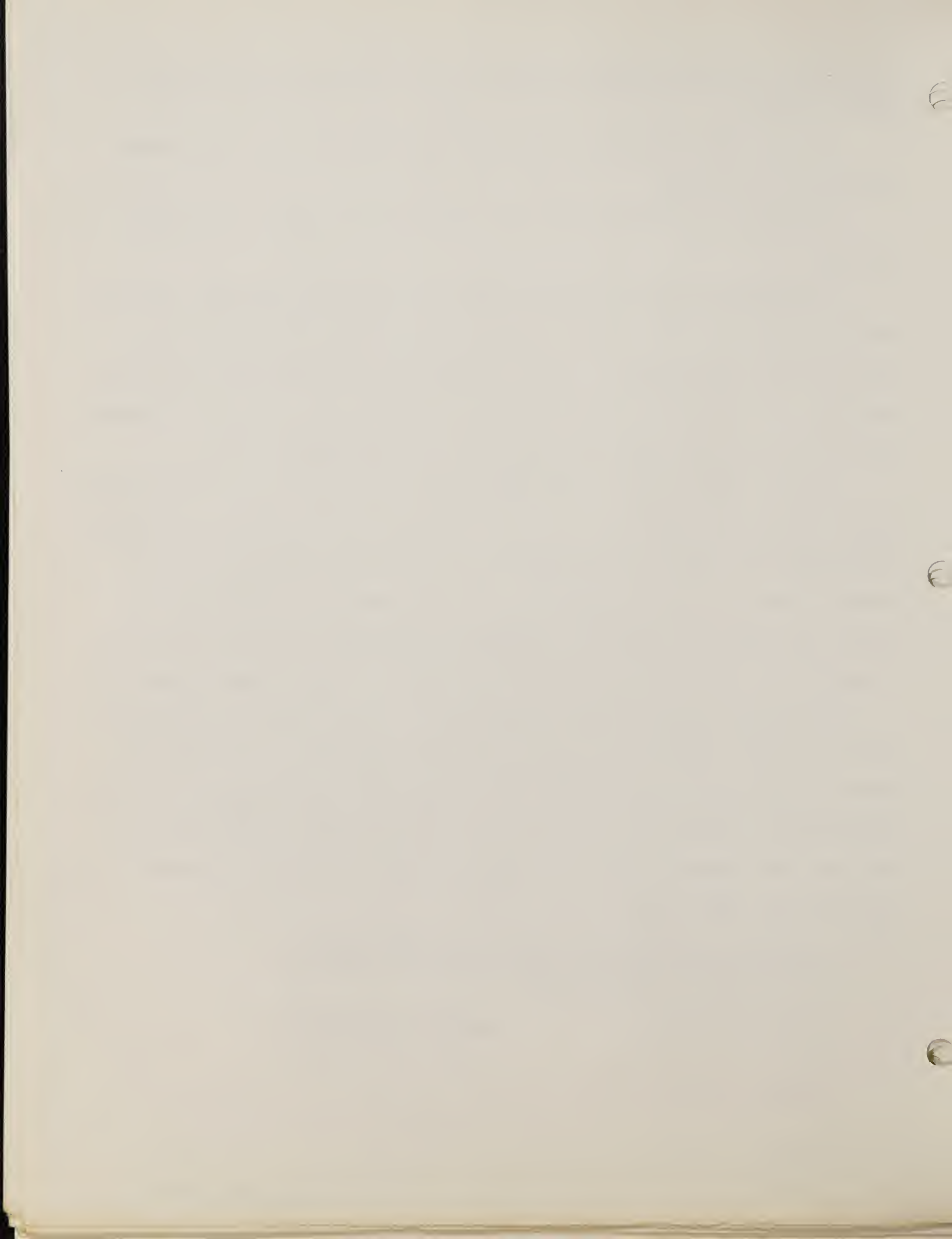
Commissioner Brownell briefed the Board on the rink and pool survey. He said that by December all sites will have been viewed by him and members of his staff. The Department's recommendations for the location of the new facilities will be presented to the Board at the December meeting. It is anticipated, he said, that within one year we will let out bids for the construction of the new facilities.

Professor Rhodes asked how many facilities will be constructed. The Commissioner replied that the estimated cost to construct a rink was in the vicinity of \$1.2 million and \$300,000 for a pool. We could possibly build for or five rinks and a certain number of pools, he said. He stated that a certain amount of renovation work that needed to be done on the Brockton, Springfield and Worcester facilities in the amount of approximately \$100,000 per unit will be allocated out of the \$10 million bond issue.

Commissioner Brownell stated to the Board that since no action was taken on the proposal to change appraisal requirements applying to Self-Help and BOR acquisition projects at the October Board meeting, he was again submitting the proposal for their consideration. He added that if the Board approved the change, he would like to put them into effect January 1, 1970. Following discussion, upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the proposal to change the appraisal requirements applying to Self-Help and BOR acquisition projects, to be effective January 1, 1970.

<u>Total Project Cost</u>	<u>Appraisal Requirements</u>
\$1.00 - \$10,000	2 Opinions of Value
\$10,001 - \$25,000	1 Full Appraisal 1 Opinion of Value
\$25,001 - and above	2 Full Appraisals



Mr. John Fisk was asked to attend the meeting to present Self-Help projects.

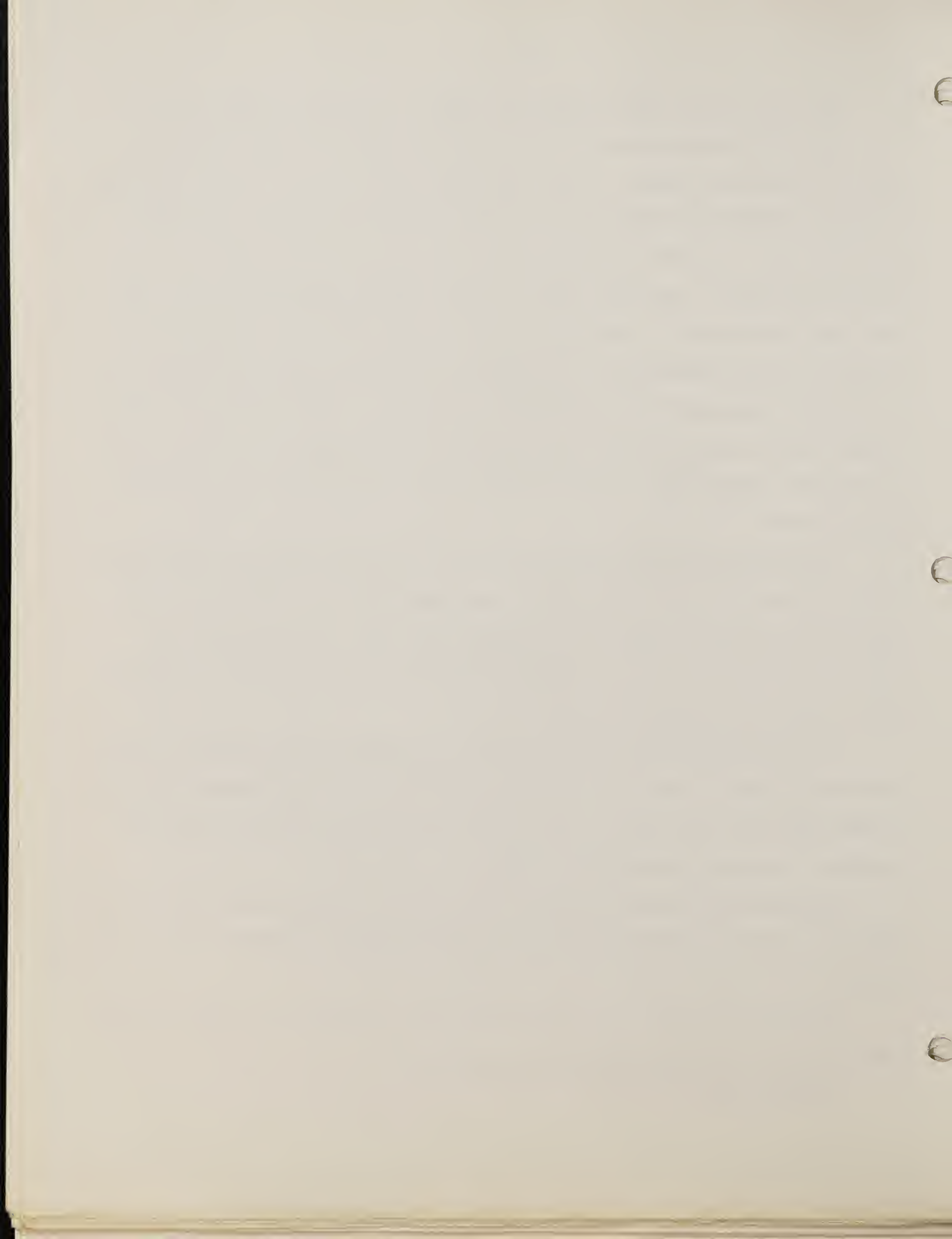
Mr. Fisk said that the town of Lexington has submitted six acquisition projects. Lexington #11 project, 7.5 acres costing \$15,000, he said, is consistent with the town's comprehensive master plan and adjoins 28 acres of existing conservation commission land. He added that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved the project. Applications #12-16 are for abutting parcels which will form open space land adjacent to a heavily populated neighborhood, also consistent with the master plan and approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He outlined the acreage and cost of each project as follows - Lexington #12, 21.4 acres costing \$42,800; Lexington #13, 4 acres costing \$9,600; Lexington #14, 25 acres costing \$50,000; Lexington #15, 4.3 acres costing \$8,600; and Lexington #16, 5.8 acres costing \$17,400.

In presenting Westwood #2 project, 50 acres costing \$30,000, Mr. Fisk said that the acquisition is consistent with the Westwood Master Plan recommendations for the acquisition of watershed lands in the Purgatory Brook area. He stated that the appraisals were in the amounts of \$20,000 and \$19,950 and the Department's reimbursement is based on the highest appraisal.

In presenting the Burlington #6 project, 72.3 acres costing \$75,000, Mr. Fisk said that the parcel is part of a larger area proposed by the Conservation Commission as open space land to be used for watershed protection and such passive recreation as hiking, ice skating and horseback riding.

In presenting Brewster #2 project, 255 acres costing \$21,000, Mr. Fisk said that the primary purpose of the acquisition is to provide permanent protection for coastal marshes.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, it was -  
VOTED - that the following self-help projects be approved  
and the stated amounts be made available for  
reimbursement.



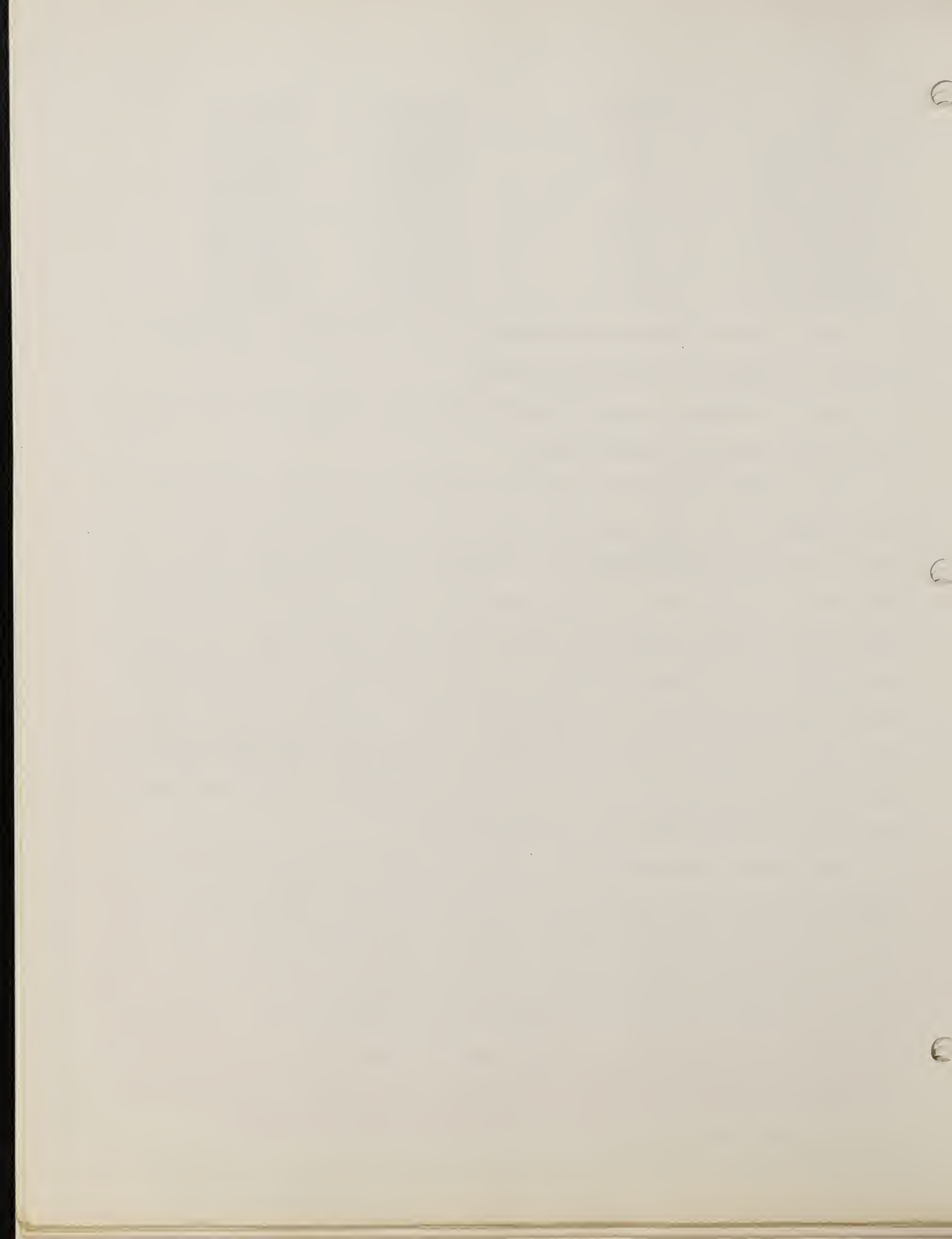
<u>Town</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Town Cost</u>	<u>State Cost</u>
Lexington #11	7.5	\$15,000.00	\$ 3,750.00
Lexington #12	21.4	42,800.00	10,700.00
Lexington #13	4	9,600.00	2,400.00
Lexington #14	25	50,000.00	12,500.00
Lexington #15	4.3	8,600.00	2,150.00
Lexington #16	5.8	17,400.00	4,350.00
Westwood #2	50	30,000.00	10,000.00
Burlington #6	72.3	75,000.00	37,500.00
Brewster #2	255	21,000.00	10,500.00

Mr. Fisk noted that with the approval of these applications, there will be a balance of \$400,000 in the Self-Help account.

Director Frank Grice and Mr. Allan Peterson were called to the meeting to outline the coho salmon and haddock programs.

Mr. Peterson outlined the proposal to introduce coho salmon into the waters of the Commonwealth on a three year experimental basis. He said that the eggs will be purchased from the State of Washington in December, 1969 and tentative plans are to hatch them at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Hatchery in Hartsville, Massachusetts. the hatchery, he said, is presently leased to the Izaak Walton League. The young fish will be held at the hatchery until they reach the smolt stage and they will then be stocked in the North River during the spring of 1971. In this experimental stage, he said, the cost of the program will be slight. We plan to purchase 100,000 eggs at a cost of \$3.00 per thousand, and the cost of food is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,000. The total cost of the project will be about \$20,000.

Mr. Peterson informed the Board that coho salmon had been introduced into the the Great Lakes and some large western reservoirs with great success, and that the State of New Hampshire has had the best success in rearing coho salmon in the east. We have had the opportunity, he said, to view New Hampshire's facilities and have discussed the problems relating to the introduction and rearing of coho. We were much impressed with the operation. He further stated that coho salmon is considered to be an extremely valuable fish in both sport and commercial fishing on the Pacific coast, and it is hoped that we will obtain the same results in Massachusetts.



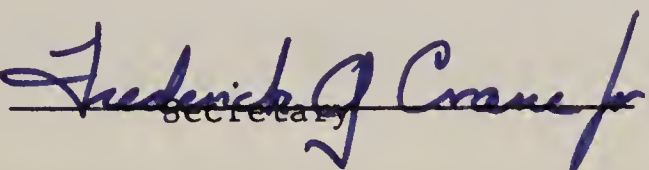
The Board was unanimous in its approval of the coho salmon program, and thanked Mr. Peterson for his very informative presentation.

Director Grice then informed the Board that since 1965 there has been a rapid decline in the haddock population on Georges Banks due to the excessive catch by Russian and other foreign fleets. It became apparent, he said, that some type of conservation measures would have to be taken and a diversification program instituted in order to protect the remaining haddock population. Pollack was chosen, he said, as it in many ways was similar to haddock. However, he said, in order to shift emphasis to pollack, funds would be needed for market development and vessel conversion. Governor Sargent filed legislation to appropriate the sum of \$950,000 for disaster relief with the stipulation that there would be one hundred percent reimbursement by the federal government. Legislation was passed, he said, and to date, \$200,000 has been released by the federal government. He stated that project agreements have been prepared for approval of the federal government and contracts for the pollack conversion program are in the process of being let out.

Director Grice informed the Board that at the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries held in Warsaw, Poland, last June, it was agreed that haddock fishing would be curtailed on Georges Banks by all fleets during the March and April spawning season, with reduced quotas during the remainder of the year. This will help, he said, to insure that a greater number of mature fish will have a better opportunity to spawn undisturbed. Professor Rhodes asked how curtailment would be enforced. Director Grice replied that curtailment would be accomplished by aerial surveillance by the U.S. Coast Guard. The Board thanked Director Grice for his presentation.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for December 18, 1969 in the office of the Commissioner.

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

  
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A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held December 18, 1969 in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Lund, Crane, Rhodes and Brewster.

The minutes of the November 20, 1969 meeting were presented for approval and accepted.

Commissioner Brownell reviewed the activities of the Department since the previous meeting. He reported, briefly, on the status of the ski facility proposal of Mr. Joseph Deliso on the Mt. Greylock Reservation. He said that the Department was in receipt of a redraft of the lease proposal from Mr. Deliso's attorney, and that it has been reviewed and returned to the attorney with the Department's disagreements and comments. He said that the Department has requested that a meeting be held between both parties for further discussion. He added that the Department has received a reply from the attorney informing us that he has submitted our comments to his client and that he would contact us relative to scheduling a conference to discuss the issues in contention.

The Commissioner reviewed the status of the proposal for the Mt. Greylock War Memorial. He said that the Firm of Perry, Dean and Stuart has been engaged by the Division of Building Construction for the purposes of the destruction of the existing structure and the construction of a new memorial. However, he said, following a public meeting in North Adams relative to the Department's proposal to replace the memorial, a great deal of dissatisfaction generated in that area with respect to replacing the existing structure. We have been advised, he said, that a contractor in the area, a Mr. Griswald, has made a study of the present structure and he has stated that he could repair the memorial at a cost of \$400,000 and would guarantee the structure for thirty or forty years. To date, he said, we have not seen the proposal. The Board, after discussing the matter, recommended that the Commissioner contact Mr. Griswald and request that he submit his proposal to the Department, for consideration.

In commenting on legislation, the Commissioner said that the only piece of legislation filed by the Department for the 1970 legislative session is the acquisition of South Cape Beach in Mashpee. If legislation is passed, he said, we will attempt to



acquire the 450 acres by eminent domain; if fee acquisition is required, recreation bond issue funds will be used.

The Commissioner then informed the Board of the request of Governor Sargent for the Department to investigate a proposal to dredge sand and gravel in Ipswich Bay, Boston Harbor, South River and Plymouth Bay. He said that a Mr. George Landers of New Hampshire had applied to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to remove materials from the four areas noted. An investigation, he said, by the Division of Marine Fisheries indicated that the proposed dredging would be detrimental to the coastal area and the associated marine resources. Based on the facts of the investigation, the Commissioner said that he has written to Governor Sargent and has strongly recommended that he oppose the proposals on behalf of the Commonwealth. The Board indicated complete agreement with the Commissioner's decision to oppose the four dredging proposals.

Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that by recent action of the Massachusetts Pesticide Board, it was voted to curtail the out-of-door use of "hard" pesticides throughout the Commonwealth as of December 31, 1969. The Department, he said, has volunteered to act as the collecting agency for the banned pesticides. He said that in a recent press release issued by the Department, we have designated nineteen department facilities across the state where those possessing "hard" pesticides may dispose of them. The response, he said, has exceeded our expectations. He further stated that the materials collected will be stored at the Cohasset Annex until such time as the Pesticide Board makes arrangements for the total destruction of the materials.

The Board applauded the Commissioner for his action. Chairman Fulham suggested that a follow-up news release be issued setting forth a list of "don'ts" with respect to personal disposal of such pesticides to reduce the indiscriminate disposal of the pesticides by concerned individuals.



Director Sprague was asked to attend the meeting to present Self-Help projects.

Director Sprague said that the town of Foxboro has submitted their sixth application to acquire 18 acres of land costing \$4,990. He stated that the acquisition was in the same area as Self-Help projects 2 and 5. He added that the Foxboro Conservation Commission has a continuing program to protect the Canoe River watershed from pollution and that the area has been designated as the Canoe River Sanctuary.

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

VOTED - that the following Self-Help project be approved and the stated amount be made available for reimbursement.

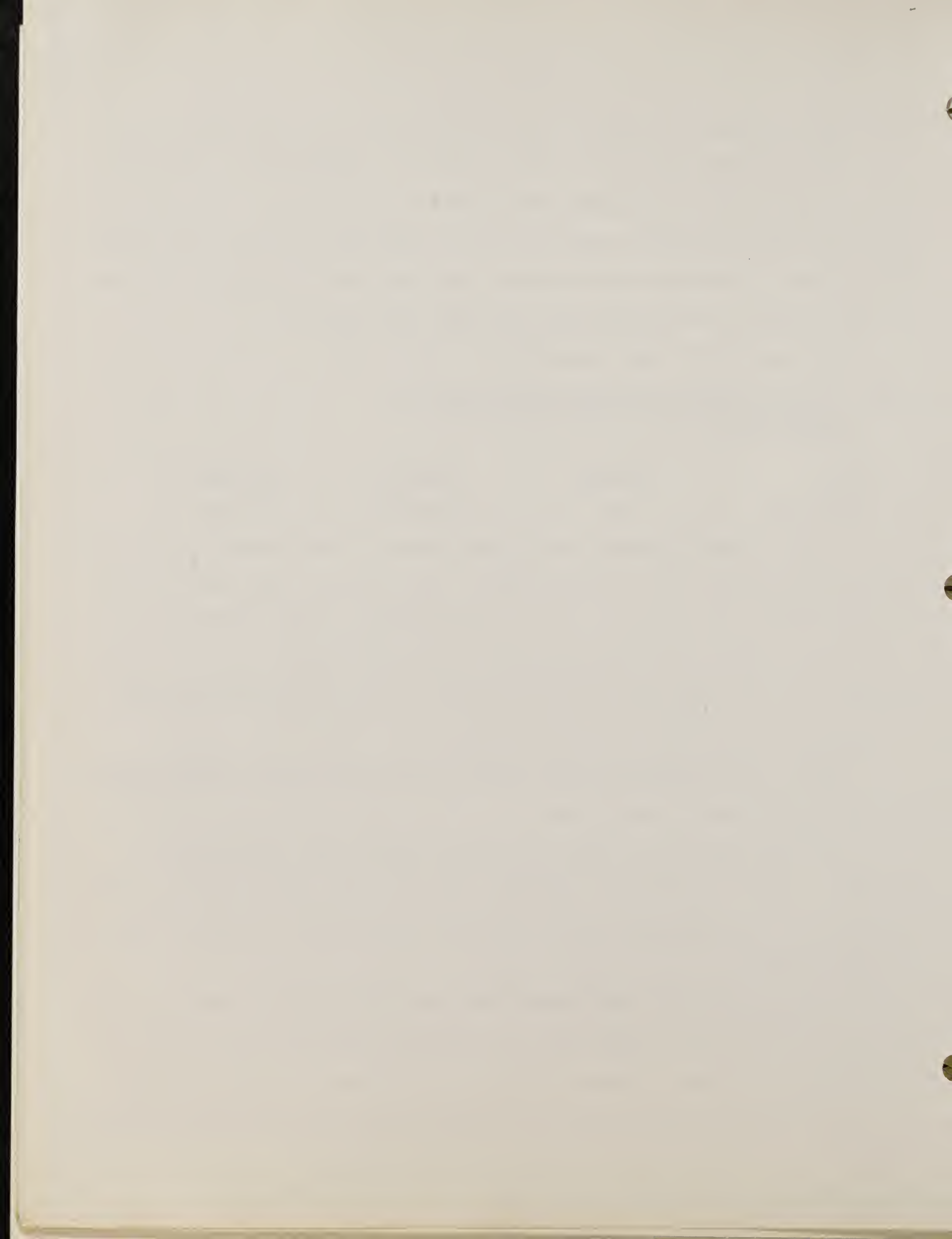
<u>Town</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Town Cost</u>	<u>State Cost</u>
Foxboro #6	18	\$4,990.00	\$2,495.00

Professor Rhodes suggested, and the Board concurred, that the Commissioner prepare a report reviewing the entire Self-Help Program. This report, he said, should include what acquisitions have been made, to date; what development, if any, has taken place on lands acquired; how does the Self-Help Program fit into the overall plan of the Commonwealth; and the long-range plans of the Department relative to the Self-Help Program. The Commissioner stated that this would be done.

Messrs. Correia and Connolly were asked to attend the meeting to review the Horseneck Beach and Gooseberry Island study.

Mr. Correia noted that a public meeting was conducted by the Department on December 11, 1969 at the Westport High School. He stated that those opposed were very vocal and were mostly landowners within the area of the 141 acres proposed for taking by the Department.

Mr. Connolly explained the proposed development of the Horseneck Beach area. He said that the three major considerations are maintenance facilities, use control, and beach and dune protection. Although a plan for the existing area has been developed, he said, it doesn't satisfy the problems of controlled use. He stated that the proposal



which includes the purchase of the 141 acres in the area between the "Let" and East Beach creates a "single gate control" from Route 88, so urgently needed. He also noted that Gooseberry Island is proposed for a unique nature study area, which could also incorporate the marine research station authorized by the Legislature for Southeastern Massachusetts University. He indicated that the Department has met with officials of S.M.U., and in light of the Department's proposed management of the Island, they will now submit their proposals to the Department. He noted that the Department hopes to gain the cooperation of S.M.U. in aiding us in our proposed interpretation program for the Island.

The Board thanked Messrs. Correia and Connolly for their excellent presentation and indicated their approval of the Horseneck Beach State Reservation proposal.

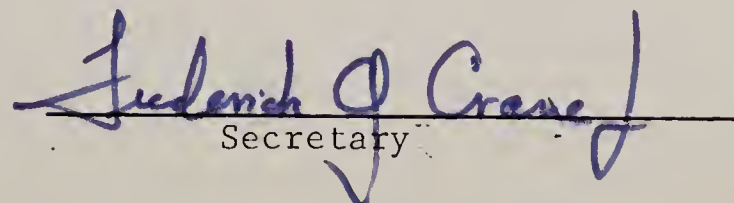
The Commissioner asked the Board to approve an indefinite leave of absence for Harold J. Greene from his permanent position of Assistant to the Commissioner in order that he may serve as Administrative Assistant to the Governor.

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

VOTED - to grant an indefinite leave of absence (subject to Civil Service Rules and Regulations) for the period beginning November 30, 1969 to Harold J. Greene, from his permanent position of Assistant to the Commissioner, in order that he may serve as Administrative Assistant to the Governor in the Executive Department.

The date for the next meeting of the Board was set for January 29, 1970 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, followed by a joint meeting with the Fisheries and Game Board.

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

  
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