A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held January 26, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane, Brewster, Lund and Rhodes.

The minutes of the December 20, 1966 meeting were approved without correction.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the Governor has named him as his representative in all matters pertaining to off-shore exploration for oil or other sub-surface resources off the coast of Massachusetts. He stated that this action followed a conference which the Governor held with representatives of the fishing industry, recreation, and other businesses which might be affected by unregulated off-shore exploration. The Commissioner further informed the Board that he had met with the Attorney General to discuss the legal ramifications as to the Commonwealth's rights and jurisdiction in these natural resources. At the request of the Governor, the Commissioner said he had also met with the Secretary of State relative to legislative direction pertaining to off-shore exploration of oil, and the result of the meeting was that a special message might be filed by the Governor in cooperation with the Secretary of State.

Another meeting, the Commissioner said, was held recently with representatives of the New England Fisheries & Conservation Committee and the top demolition man from Dupont, representing the Texas Oil Co., to discuss off-shore exploration of oil and seismic operations along the coast. He further added that it is expected that seismic operations will start in a few months, as the interested company has a permit from the Department of State for such an operation.

Mr. Joseph W. Lund then showed the Board a coastal map outlining the Commonwealth's possible rights out to 100 miles.

Considerable discussion followed as to the activities of other states on off-shore exploration of oil; the impact of seismic operations on the fishing industry; enforcement of regulations; the possibility of infringing on the rights of other states; and the question of ownership of the area.

Commissioner Yasi said there were two bills pending, before the matter of off-shore exploration for oil came up, for a state geologist and administrative authority over the mineral deposits of the Commonwealth. This, he said, would relate directly to oil exploration. He added that one bill has been filed by the Department and the other by the University of Massachusetts.

The Commissioner then asked the Board if he should continue his activities relative to off-shore exploration of oil in the same manner, and the Board agreed this should be done.

Commissioner Yasi then informed the Board that the Governor had asked the Department to make a report to him on Fort Heath, Winthrop, which has been declared surplus by the General Services Administration. Since no state agency has shown interest in acquiring it within the time allotted, he said the property will be offered for private sale which the town of Winthrop is trying to prevent. The Commissioner described the area to the Board and mentioned that it should not be under the jurisdiction of the Department. He added that he had made an on-site inspection of Fort Heath in company with the Commissioner of the Metropolitan District Commission. The Commissioner then informed the Board of his four recommendations made to the Governor as follows:

1. Request the United States to withdraw the land from disposition until a proper state agency can be delegated the responsibility of an in-depth site study with definite recommendations.

2. In the event the United States does not concur in #1, then a state agency ought to acquire on the express condition that it will "hold" it until the site study indicates its future use.

3. In the event #2 is acceptable to all parties, it is recommended that the Metropolitan District Commission act as the Commonwealth's agent for conveyance.

4. If that agency cannot for any reason act in that capacity, the Department of Natural Resources may do so, but caution is advised since this land is wholly situated within the Metropolitan Parks District and such an acquisition has no precedent. Further, the funds used for this purchase are chargeable against the cities

and towns located outside the Metropolitan District Commission Parks area. This last suggestion ought to be considered only as a last resort and clearly as a holding device with some assurances of "repayment" to the acquisition fund.

Following discussion of the Commissioner's report on Fort Heath, Chairman Fulham said it was his feeling that this site should be secured by the conservation commission to be used as a town open space area. It was the consensus of the Board that the only reason the Department should acquire the site would be to hold it for future acquisition by the Winthrop Conservation Commission.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Frederick C. Wilbour, Jr. and Frank Grice to attend the meeting. Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the Governor had designated the Department to represent him at the public hearing of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service relative to Monomoy Island being established as a Wilderness Area under Public Law 88-577, and then asked Director Wilbour to comment on Monomoy Island. Director Wilbour stated that presently the Island is held by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as a wildlife refuge but its value as a refuge is considered very small. He then stated that before the public hearing of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission held a meeting for discussion of action to be taken on the status of Monomoy Island and that the vote of the Commission was that Monomoy Island be established as a Wilderness Area under Public Law 88-577.

Commissioner Yasi said that Frank Grice represented the Governor and the Department at the public hearing of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and asked Mr. Grice to report on the details of this meeting.

Mr. Grice then told of the testimony presented by the various groups attending the meeting and stated that the Division of Fisheries and Game was recorded as being opposed to the Island becoming a Wilderness Area, but added since that time this Division has made some changes in its recommendations as to the status of the Island.

Considerable discussion followed as to the use of Monomoy Island by the public should it be established as a Wilderness Area, and Commissioner Yasi said the Department was in agreement that this should be a Wilderness Area.

The Commissioner then said that since the Department was designated by the Governor to represent him on this matter he would like to present two basic recommendations which will be sent to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service if approved by the Board. He asked Mr. Grice to read these recommendations, which were as follows:

1. That submission of this proposal to Congress follow the release of the Corps of Engineers plan for navigational improvements in the Chatham area and that this plan be taken into consideration by the Fish and Wildlife Service in its recommendations to the Secretary.

2. That consideration be given to the allowance of over-the-sand vehicles on a limited permit basis for transportation of sportsmen, conservationists, naturalists, shell collectors and picnickers to designated areas. Possibly this could take the form of a beach taxi service, operated and controlled by the Service.

Following discussion of these recommendations,the Board gave its approval and authorized the Commissioner to inform the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service that the Department is of the opinion that Monomoy Island be established as a Wilderness Area under Public Law 88-577, as proposed by the Fish and Wildlife Service, in accord with the recommendations presented.

For the information of the Board, Mr. Grice stated that the recommendations of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will go to the Secretary of the Interior, the Congress and then to the President.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Kenneth A. Crossman to attend the meeting.

Director Crossman gave a detailed account of his trip in a helicopter and told the Board from this demonstration of the capabilities and uses of a helicopter it appeared to him that it would be a most valuable vehicle for use by the Department.

In commenting on the cost of purchasing a three passenger helicopter, fully equipped, the Commissioner said the price would be approximately $89,000, and the

yearly operating budget, including the salary of the pilot, would be around $35,000.

Discussion followed as to upkeep of such a vehicle and its uses other than for law enforcement. Following this discussion, the Board instructed the Commissioner to continue to look into the possibility of purchasing a helicopter.

Commissioner Yasi then reviewed briefly the Sheehan report which recommended many changes in the Division of Law Enforcement, and stated that the Department has carried out quite a few of the report's recommended changes. However, he said, after a two year period the districting, as recommended by the Sheehan report, has been found unsatisfactory. The Commissioner stated that he and Director Crossman had met with Professor Sheehan to discuss a proposed change in the region and district areas, and, although this proposal is entirely contrary to the Sheehan report, he said Professor Sheehan was in agreement with this change. Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Crossman to present the proposed changes in the entire district and patrol area structure of the Division of Law Enforcement.

Director Crossman showed the Board the proposed changes on a chart, and then outlined the basic reasons for these changes as follows: - 1) to have a realm of responsibility for each individual officer, 2) to have a district size which is based on appropriate work-load, 3) to have the districts situated in such a manner that all officers could be more mobile and more effective in the areas in which they work, 4) to eliminate considerable travel and use of state vehicles which, in turn, would reduce expenses, 5) since there are eleven vacancies on paper and the officers have not as yet been assigned to any given area, the Division would have the opportunity of placing these men in key locations throughout the state, 6) the districts would be based not only on work-load, but also the officers would be more readily reached by the general public, 7) consideration was given to all aspects of marine fishery, inland and coastal wetlands, forests, parks and recreation areas, and the overall activities in fish and game, and 8) this new system would place the homes

of the officers in strategic locations throughout the Commonwealth, and with the possibility of telephones being placed in the officers' homes, it would be generally more convenient to the public and all concerned parties.

Commissioner Yasi added that the Department is going to request that telephones be replaced in the officers' homes.

Following considerable discussion on the proposed changes in the Division of Law Enforcement, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - to approve the newly proposed district and patrol area structure in the Division of Law Enforcement.

Commissioner Yasi referred the request of Director Crossman for the designation of Natural Resource Officer Franklin S. Graves as Acting Director of the Division of Law Enforcement in the event of his absence from duty. The Commissioner explained that the Commissioner and each Director are authorized by statute to name alternates.

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

VOTED - to approve the designation of Natural Resource Officer Franklin S. Graves as Acting Director of the Division of Law Enforcement in the event of the Director's absence from duty.

In commenting on the Division of Water Pollution Control, the Commissioner said the Department expects to have 38 to 50 positions in this Division shortly which will be mostly for sanitary engineers and will be permanent positions. He added that the Department is still requesting 15 new enforcement officers to handle the enforcement duties.

Commissioner Yasi reported that at the January 9, 1967 meeting of the Water Resources Commission it was voted to authorize the Director to draft an agreement with Professor Bernard B. Berger, University of Massachusetts, to develop an operational guide to assist the Director of the Division of Water Pollution Control at a cost of $19,000. The Commissioner added that this will be a 100 day study which will meet the commitment date for hearings on classification of streams.

The Commissioner asked Director Thomas C. McMahon, of the Division of Water Pollution Control to attend the meeting in order to meet the Board members.

Director Bruce S. Gullion was then asked to attend the meeting by the Commissioner.

Relative to the Walden Pond area, the Commissioner said, there is some sentiment that the Department should purchase the trailer park at this site, but said it was his opinion that nothing should be done about this unless the jurisdiction of Walden Pond is conveyed to the Department by the Middlesex County Commissioners. Director Gullion said that it was his opinion that any surveys or appraisals of the trailer park might be detrimental to its later purchase.

Following discussion of the Walden Pond area and the Department's present holdings, the Board was of the opinion that the Department should prepare recommendations for the area.

Director Gullion gave the Board members a draft of recommended procedures for permits for special use of state lands.

The request of the High Fidelity Company for a permit for the installation of a television tower at the top of Butternut Basin was brought to the Board's attention by Director Gullion who stated that the Department had set up criteria for this Company for the installation and the Department had received their plans. He then showed on a map the location of this tower and stated that the Company would not require an access road as it can use the existing road. He said the base of the building will consist of a small cinder block and the mast for the tower will be 140 feet high. In addition, he said, the cable to service the tower will come up the existing ski trail on a tree line. He further added that after receiving the plans he could see no reason for opposing the request.

Mr. Rhodes said that in the agreement for this permit it should be definitely stated that the permit will be void if work is not started within a specified date.

Commissiomer Yasi then stated that he thought another clause should be added to any permit stating that if the public convenience is no longer served, the Department shall have the authority to phase out the operation and also state that the permit will not be transferable. Following discussion, the Board approved of both suggestions.

Chairman Fulham stated that since this is the first permit for special use of state lands, he felt that all future permits should conform to this permit with the Department's activity on permits in the future being guided by the efficient performance of this permit.

Following discussion of the request of the High Fidelity Company, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to proceed on the application of the High Fidelity Company to install necessary equipment to provide cabled television service for the Great Barrington area.

Director Gullion then brought before the Board the request of the Foxboro Conservation Commission to buy or be given management of an isolated parcel of land, approximately 10 acres, located in South Foxboro which belongs to the Department but which is entirely cut off from the state forest and is bounded by lands of the Foxboro Water Department and the Conservation Commission. He further added that the acreage is located on the Cocasset River watershed which has been a primary project of the commission and would complete the strip of land along the river where they are developing nature trails. He also mentioned that the Boy Scouts are doing many serious conservation projects for the commission around the area. In addition, Mr. Gullion said, the Foxboro Conservation Commission has never asked for aid under the self-help program.

Commissioner Yasi said the Department is doing nothing with the land at the present time and the forestry work which the commission would do would be of benefit from a fire control point of view. He said his recommendation would be

that rather than sell the land to the conservation commission it would be far better to give them a blanket use permit whereby they could manage and control the area without the Department giving up its title. The Commissioner also said that if this project works out well in a period of two to five years then the Department might consider giving the land to the conservation commission.

Following discussion of the merits of this request, the Board instructed the Commissioner to pursue the proposal of a blanket use permit for the control and management of the land with the Foxboro Conservation Commission.

The Commissioner then asked Mr. Arthur W. Brownell to attend the meeting to present self-help conservation projects.

Commissioner Yasi informed Mr. Joseph Lund that the appraisals for the Lincoln #9 project were undertaken by his firm, and Mr. Lund then stated that he would refrain from voting on the Lincoln #9 project. Chairman Fulham concurred with Mr. Lund's decision.

The Dover #1 project, Mr. Brownell stated, consists of 52.6 acres costing $100,000, and added that Dover has applied for and received favorable approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal reimbursement. He said this area is being acquired for conservation and open space and for protection of the flood plain of Trout Brook. The area will also support a wildlife preserve and a passive recreational area, Mr. Brownell said.

In commenting on the Littleton #5 project, 33.5 acres costing $4,270, Mr. Brownell said the area was appraised for $20,000. He further stated that the area will be combined with other town parcels and will protect the headwaters of Long Lake. The wetland and swamp at the head of Long Lake, Mr. Brownell said, will be used as an extensive recreational and wildlife conservation area.

Mr. Brownell said that the Lunenburg #21 project, 12 acres costing $360, and appraised for $1,562, is typical conservation land and is adjacent to other town

owned land. It is also part of a large area that is mostly under a conservation program of the town, he added.

In presenting the Sharon #2 project, 5 acres costing $2,500, Mr. Brownell said this is the last five acres of land between Massapoag Lake and North Main Street which the Commission does not control. He also noted that the conservation commission has developed a natural trail on this land.

The Williamstown #1 project, 13 acres costing $35,000, is an already developed recreation area, Mr. Brownell said, which is being sold to the town and is located at the junction of Routes 7 and 2. He also said that there are several structures, including a furnished motel, on the property all of which will be used for recreational purposes by the town. This area will add to existing land holdings in that area of the town and will also protect and preserve an unspoiled approach to the town, Mr. Brownell stated.

The Lincoln #9 project, Mr. Brownell stated, consists of 20 acres costing $20,000, and added that Lincoln has applied for and received favorable approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal reimbursement. He said this area will be used as an open space and for preservation of wetland and Valley Brook. He said there is also a possibility of developing a one acre fishing pond in the area, and noted that this acquisition is part of the conservation commission's open space plan.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Brewster, 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.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Estimated State Reimbursement
Dover #1	52.6	$100,000	$25,000
Littleton #5	33.5	4,720	2,360
Lunenburg #21	12	360	180
Sharon #2	5	2,500	1,250
Williamstown #1	13	35,000	17,500

The following Preliminary Application for self-help reimbursement was approved by Commissioner Robert L. Yasi.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Estimated State Reimbursement
Lincoln #9	20	$20,000	$7,500

Mr. Brownell informed the Board that an application has been received from the North Attleboro Conservation Commission for assistance in the acquisition of a nine hole golf course with all buildings and all equipment. The cost, he said, would be $200,000 and the property has been appraised for $216,700 and $203,000. He stated that the town of North Attleboro is afraid that the golf course will be sold for a housing development. He further stated that at the March Town Meeting the Selectmen and Finance Committee are going to recommend that the town purchase the golf course, even without financial help from the Department, and maintain it as a municipal golf course.

Commissioner Yasi said this type of acquisition would be eligible for assistance under the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Department could be helpful to the town in making application for these funds. He added that a municipality can do a better job running a golf course, and it was his opinion that it should be purchased by the town.

Mr. Rhodes said that perhaps the Department could help the town to buy other land around the golf course.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the town rather than the Department should acquire the golf course.

Mr. Rhodes said he would like to have a visual report on how much holdings have come out of the self-help program, and Commissioner Yasi said this would be prepared for the next meeting.

Chairman Fulham said that he had testified at the hearing on the Commissioner's salary and felt that it should be set at $22,500 so it will be above the salaries of other personnel in the Department.

Commissioner Yasi said a hearing had been held on the coterminous bill and the Department still needs assistance in trying to have the Department exempted from this legislation. Discussion followed on the proper methods to be used in testifying against this bill.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for February 27, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

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

Frederick J. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held February 27, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane, Lund, Brewster and Rhodes.

Chairman Fulham presented the minutes of the January 26, 1967 meeting for approval, and Mr. Lund submitted two corrections to be made in the minutes. Following the approval of the corrections, as submitted, the minutes of the January 26,1967 meeting were approved.

In commenting on off-shore explorations, the Commissioner said that the Attorney General's staff has found that the legal submissions made to the Department are faulty so that the federal government, rather than the state, will have jurisdiction 100 miles off-shore. He added that in all probability the state will not be able to claim jurisdiction out to the Continental Shelf. The Commissioner also informed the Board that he intends to recommend to the Governor that the Department be permitted to contact the Department of the Interior relative to off-shore exploration.

Director Gullion was then asked by the Commissioner to attend the meeting for discussion of proposals for skiing facilities on Saddleball Mountain, Mount Greylock Reservation.

Commissioner Yasi said the Department has received an application from Mr. Joseph Deliso, of Springfield, to lease 1500 acres on the Saddleball Mountain area of the Greylock Reservation for the development of ski trails, lifts and other features of a ski resort, and added that Mr. DeLiso will submit a full plan of the area.

Director Gullion then stated that the Department is having an analysis made by the Soil Conservation Service and Water Resources Commission, to determine the ability of soil types to withstand alteration from erosion and general permeability for water and snow melt - natural snow and man-made snow - in the area proposed for ski trails. He added that it has been found that the soil is a type which erodes easily and slips off, and there is concern over the possible run off of water.

The Department is also making a survey, Director Gullion said, of the area of the proposed trails to determine if they would mar the aesthetic values of the area, and also stated the survey will include protection of the Applachian Trail which runs through the area.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that he had received a letter from the Mount Greylock Protective Association opposing the Department's proposed leasing of land at Saddleball to a private operator for ski facilities. Following discussion of the Association's objection, Chairman Fulham stated that he felt the Department should hold a meeting with this group and Mr. Crane said the Association would also like to hold such a meeting as would some of the other ski operators in the area to discuss plans for a ski resort. Mr. Crane added that he would set up such a meeting for the Commissioner in the Berkshires.

Mr. Rhodes asked what controls the Department would have over motels and parking areas at the base of the ski trails, which would not be on state-owned land, and Commissioner Yasi replied that the Department would include such controls in the lease to the private ski operator. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that rules controlling motels, parking areas and other concessions should be written into the lease. The Commissioner further noted that the Department can set the time for renewal of such a lease as well as the price.

Before the Department is ready to go ahead with a private ski development, the Commissioner said a public hearing will be held in the area.

In commenting on the Thiel Farm area, at the Mount Greylock Reservation, Director Gullion stated that the Department is looking into improved access into the area as there is a transportation problem due to the lack of a good road system.

The Commissioner stated that the Department will take over the jurisdiction of Wachusett Mountain State Reservation in April, 1967. An inventory of this Reservation has already been taken, he said, and a copy of this will be submitted to the Board at its next meeting.

Commissioner Yasi told the Board that the Department will sign papers for the acquisition of the Cohasset Annex in the near future and added that the federal government has requested the Department to put up 3,000 feet of chain link fence at the Annex which will increase the cost of the acquisition about $60,000.

Director Gullion thentold the Board of the proposed plans of the Department of Public Works to relocate Route 128 through the west side of the Cohasset Annex, and showed on a map the location of the highway, which would cut through a recreation area of the Annex.

Commissioner Yasi stated that the Department of the Interior would have final word as to the alteration of the use of this area and mentioned that if the land use were changed to accommodate a highway it might raise the price of the land to the Department and might invalidate the area. He further stated that the Department will oppose the proposal of the Department of Public Works to go through the Annex and will seek alternate locations for the highway.

Director Gullion then presented the request of John Hoell, of Upton, to exchange a 40 acre parcel of his land for a 10 acre parcel of state-owned land on Walnut Street, Upton, and showed the area on a map. He further said that the Regional Supervisor's report suggested that the Department consider the exchange of land. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - that the proposal of John Hoell, Milford Road, Upton to exchange a 40 acre parcel of land for a 10 acre parcel of state-owned land on Walnut Street, Upton, undergo further study to determine the purpose of acquisition of the state land before proceeding further.

The subject of use permits was brought before the Board by the Commissioner who said, in the past, were given out quite generally, but now the Department feels they should be restricted and, also, only issued from the office rather than from the various forest and park locations. In this manner, he said, these permits will be reviewed carefully and guide lines established for their issuance. He added that

these requests for permits are generally for week end use of the Department's areas by groups, and the Department is concerned with groups of 200 people or more and snowmobile groups, in the winter, which should be carefully controlled. He also added that many requests are received for use of state lands by military groups for maneuvers for particular week ends as other lands are not suitable or available. In connection with these maneuvers, the Commissioner said, the area used is often bulldozed or altered in a detrimental manner and is not repaired.

Following considerable discussion of military group use of the Department's areas, Chairman Fulham suggested that the Department explore with the National Guard the possibility of working out specifics for use of state land for military maneuvers. It was also his opinion that a more coordinated system of military use of state lands and a stricter control of their use might result if various military units checked with the National Guard before applying for a use permit from the Department.

In commenting on the Division of Water Pollution Control, Commissioner Yasi said a hearing has been held on water standards, and the intrastate and interstate and coastal water classification hearings will start next week which will consist of seven hearings throughout the state.

The Commissioner further informed the Board that 38 new positions have been recommended in the budget for the Division of Water Pollution Control.

Mr. Richard Correira, Acquisition and Construction Chief, was then asked by the Commissioner to attend the meeting to review the Department's bond issues.

Mr. Correira stated that from the 1965 bond issue of $3.3 million, there remains $406,000, of which $300,000 is allocated for the coastal wetlands. The 1967 bond issue of $5 million, he said, has been allocated as follows - land acquisition $1.75 million; new development $2.25 million; rehabilitation (new sanitary facilities in existing areas) $1 million. He also added that $40,000 remains from all bond issues previous to 1965, which will be allocated before the expiration date of the funds.

Relative to the Massasoit State Park, in Taunton, Mr. Correira brought before the Board the proposed land takings necessary for conservation and recreation purposes involving a 70 acre tract of land on both sides of Kings Road, Taunton, and showed the area on a map to the Board. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Brewster, it was -

VOTED - to approve the taking for conservation and recreation purposes of a 70 acre tract of land on both sides of Kings Road in Taunton shown on plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND IN TAUNTON TO BE TAKEN BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FEBRUARY 13, 1967, SCALE 1" = 200'," and to authorize Commissioner Robert L. Yasi to execute an order of taking of said land under the authority of Section 3, Chapter 132 A of the General Laws and to award damages as follows:-

LOT NO.	SUPPOSED OWNER	AWARD
1	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	None
2	Wendell G. Allen, et ux	$ 150
3	" " " " "	$15,000
4	" " " " "	$ 500
5	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	None
6	Wayne R. Allen, et ux	$ 700
7	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	None
8	" " "	None
9	" " "	None
10	" " "	None
11	" " "	None
12	" " "	None
13	" " "	None
14	" " "	None
15	John S. Horta	$ 4,000
16	Ada M. Macomber	$ 800
17	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	None
18	Wendell G. Allen	$ 3,000
19	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	None
20	Edward J. Lee, et ux	$11,500

Commissioner Yasi asked Director Albert H. Zabriskie and Arthur Brownell to attend the meeting.

Director Zabriskie told the Board that the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has just informed the Department that federal participation in the Land and Water Conservation Fund is in the process of being implemented, and discussed the problems

of fiscal procedures. He also stated that the Department will request an opinion from the Attorney General as to the reimbursement of the funds.

Commissioner Yasi said that since the Department is the agency authorized to distribute funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, it is now, through the Recreation Advisory Council, establishing the ground rules for cities and towns for participation in this Bureau of Outdoor Recreation program. He added that the Department's new outdoor recreation master plan will be used in the planning of the projects and reimbursement of funds.

Mr. Brownell presented the Board members with a summary of the activities of the self-help program since 1961 and showed on a chart the 255 towns which have conservation commissions, the towns which have applied for self-help funds and received funds. The Board commended him for his summary and presentation.

The Commissioner asked Mr. Brownell to present self-help conservation projects.

The Andover #1 project, Mr. Brownell stated, 18 acres costing $7,000, is to protect the water supply and preserve open space and a wildlife area.

Mr. Brownell stated that the Acton #2 and Acton #3 projects, 22.76 acres costing $11,000, and 27.7 acres costing $13,865, respectively, are to obtain land which will be allowed to remain in its natural state for passive recreational uses, enjoyment of nature and preservation fo wildlife habitat.

The Bedford #4 project, 20.5 acres costing $15,000, Mr. Brownell said was appraised for $14,000, $13,700 and $13,300. He noted that Bedford received a 50% federal grant on the $13,700 appraisal from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The area, he said, will be used for passive recreation and nature study area for a school as well as preservation of wetland.

In commenting on the Brewster #1 project, 225 acres costing $114,500, Mr. Brownell stated that the acreage adjoins Nickerson State Park and will serve as an extension of a green belt area created by the Park. He added that the acquisition

will protect the watershed area of town wells and is being planned as a town forest for hiking and nature study.

The Lexington #6 project, Mr. Brownell stated, consists of 24 acres costing $56,000, and added that Lexington has applied for and received favorable approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal reimbursement. He said the area being acquired is an extension on an existing park in the town, Willard Woods, and will serve as a protection of wetland and nature area for a school.

In presenting the Natick #2 project, 8.5 acres costing $4,000, Mr. Brownell said this area is being acquired for protection of wetland and extension of an existing conservation area.

The Holbrook #1 project, Mr. Brownell stated, 29.5 acres costing $19,000, will provide for an extension of the town forest, afford protection of wetlands, and protection against pollution. He noted that the Holbrook Conservation Commission is working with the Braintree Conservation Commission to tie in their town forest lands and this acquisition will create a 400 acre conservation area for these towns.

The Scituate #1 project, 63.5 acres, costing $53,000, Mr. Brownell said was being acquired for preservation of an area for passive recreation. He added that this is an historical site as the last battle of the King Phillip War took place in this area.

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.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Estimated State Reimbursement
Andover #1	18	$ 7,000	$ 3,500.00
Acton #2	22.76	11,000	5,500.00
Acton #3	27.7	13,865	6,932.50
Bedford #4	20.5	15,000	3,425.00
Brewster #1	225	114,500	57,250.00
Lexington #6	24	56,000	14,000.00
Natick #2	8.5	4,000	2,000.00
Holbrook #1	29.5	19,000	9,500.00
Scituate #1	63.5	53,000	26,500.00

Relative to the DeMatteo dump in Saugus, Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that both he and Director Wilbour had been served with a summons in connection with a court case commenced by Mr. DeMatteo. He said the case will be heard in the Suffolk Superior Court in about ten weeks.

Commissioner Yasi told the Board of meetings with the Lieutenant Governor on the matter of a zoo and mentioned that a special commission has been established to investigate this matter. He also reported on meetings regarding the Boston Harbor study.

Relative to water pollution control and the Metropolitan District Commission, the Commissioner said the Department must approve the Commission's plans for federal and state grants as set by law, as the Department is the enforcement agency.

In commenting on the Neponset River, the Commissioner said the Department favors the plan of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for safeguarding the area rather than the plan of the Metropolitan District Commission.

The date for the next meeting was set for March 23, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Fred G. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held March 23, 1967 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 February 27, 1967 were approved without correction.

The Commissioner reported on hearings being held by the Division of Water Pollution Control on the classification of rivers and streams, which he said had been quite successful, and mentioned that a total of eight hearings will be held.

Commissioner Yasi then informed the Board that he and the Department's counsel had met on several occasions with the Governor's attorney on the problem of certain necessary amendments to the water pollution control legislation enacted in September, 1966. He stated that these amendments would involve minor changes in the language of the original legislation and are intended merely to perfect the initial purpose and provisions of Chapters 685 and 687. The Commissioner added that the Governor will submit the amendments in a special message in the near future, and because of the non-controversial nature of this amended legislation no difficulties are anticipated in its passage.

For the information of the Board, the Commissioner brought to its attention the problem that has arisen at Paradise Pond, Leominster, relative to use of the area for recreational purposes. He mentioned that in 1959 the Water Division of the Metropolitan District Commission had worked out the use of this pond with the Department, but upon presentation of the design plans for the pond to the Department of Public Health for approval, the Department was informed that since Paradise Pond flows into Wachusett Reservoir, a water supply of the Metropolitan District Commission, it cannot be used for recreational purposes because it would pollute the reservoir. The Commissioner added that several meetings have been held to resolve this problem and that he has requested the Department of Public Health to assist in resolving the impasse.

Commissioner Yasi reported on the Federal Estuarine Protection Bill, filed by Senator Kennedy, which he said will probably go through the Senate and has the support of the Department. House Bill, H.R. 25, relative to protection of

estuarine areas of the nation, the Commissioner said it is controversial in one part since it is a new federal jurisdiction over the states which empowers the federal government to acquire estuarine areas if a state does not act on estuarine protection. He then told of his oral testimony in support of H.R. 25 before the Committee on Merchant and Marine Fisheries and added that he had filed a complete redraft of the bill with this Committee.

Relative to offshore oil exploration, the Commissioner said he had met with officials of the Department of Interior in Washington, D.C., and as a result of the meeting the Department will now have a direct line of communication with the Department of Interior on this matter. He further stated that the Department of Interior will put out to bid the proposed areas for exploration, which will be non-explosive explorations, and added that the Interior Department is looking at only three locations off the Massachusetts' coast, off the Continental Shelf. The Governor has given his approval to the federal-state coordination activity, the Commissioner said.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board of his meeting with the New England Fisheries and Conservation Committee and representatives from the Humble, Chevron, and Mobil Oil Companies to discuss seismic operations on the Georges Banks area this summer. He added that representatives of a seismic company were also present to discuss methods and procedures which the Humble Oil Company wishes to follow in its exploration work in the Georges ~~Bay~~ Banks area. The Commissioner said that as a result of this meeting, the oil companies will work out regulations with this Department and the Department of Interior.

In reporting on the Boston Harbor Study Commission, the Commissioner said three meetings have been held to discuss the dredging and filling of about 600 to 1,000 acres around the Boston Harbor Islands and construction of bridges to South Boston, Dorchester and Squantum relative to the "Freedom 75" World Fair project. He said it is felt by the Committee that there should be a study of the effects of the engineering in creating this land, especially on adjacent shorelines where ecological values

may be affected. Commissioner Yasi also stated that the Department will be ready to enforce its coastal protection law, Chapter 768, in the Quincy Bay area when this project starts. Following the World Fair, the Commissioner said, the ultimate objective of reuse of the land is for a housing development, cultural and community facilities and new recreation areas.

Considerable discussion followed on the ecological values of the shoreline, the natural assets on the Islands and the recreation potential of the land when the area has fulfilled its purpose for a World Fair.

In commenting on pending legislation, the Commissioner said the bill to transfer the Division of Beaches from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Natural Resources is in House Ways and Means, but it does not seem likely that this transfer will be accomplished in this session although both Departments are in favor of such a move. It may pass with a 1968 effective date, the Commissioner said. In reporting on the coterminous legislation, the Commissioner said the Governor submitted a special message to the House and Senate providing that key department heads serve coterminously with the Governor, and the Department of Natural Resources was included in this message. However, he added, although this legislation has not been reported out of Committee, the Chairman of the Committee has informed us that the Department will not be included in the Committee's recommendation to the House. The Governor's bill is dormant, the Commissioner said, but his staff agreed to changes.

The inland wetlands bill, the Commissioner reported, will be filed shortly by the Governor and this legislation will give the Department similar authority on inland waterways as it now has on coastal wetlands.

In reporting on the marine research station to be built at Cat Cove, Salem, Commissioner Yasi said Salem State College has requested that a classroom laboratory be built next to the Department's facility, and an amendment has been attached to the

Department's appropriation for planning for an additional $10,000 for the planning of this educational facility with the money to be paid from the marine fisheries fund. He added that there was a firm agreement with the College that it would not delay the Department's plans for the research station and that no money for this classroom laboratory would come out of the marine fisheries fund. The cost of the marine research station, the Commissioner said, was originally $300,000, but the proposed classroom laboratory will bring the cost to $1.2 million. He further stated that he felt that the Department would be acting in bad faith to the fishing industry if it allowed $10,000 of marine fisheries funds to go into the educational field. The Commissioner said there would be no difficulty in seeing that this $10,000 appropriation did not pass, but in doing so the Department would lose its own facility and the only area of compromise is to see if the whole project could be built out of non-marine fisheries funds next year. He added that this decision means that the Department's marine research station will have to remain in the design stage.

Considerable discussion followed as to what Salem State College has in mind for use of this classroom laboratory, and Chairman Fulham stated that it was his feeling that the Commissioner should do all necessary to conclude the present problem without jeopardizing the project.

The Commissioner reported on meetings of the Study Commission on the underground installation of power lines and stated that although it will be impossible to put all overhead lines underground the utility companies realize that something must be done.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Bruce S. Gullion to attend the meeting for a discussion of permits for television installations on state land.

Director Gullion said that he and Mr. Lund had met with officials of an engineering firm connected with cable television relative to standards which might be

included in permits for cable television installations. He stated that at this meeting it was suggested that the Department set the standards for the building of the facility, not the applicant, and there was discussion about a flat rate of from $25 to $100 per month for the site and access to the television tower. Also brought up at the meeting, Mr. Gullion said, was a cost plus charge which would be 2% of the gross.

Discussion followed on the rate and cost plus charge, and Chairman Fulham said it was his opinion that the Department should receive enough money from a television installation to be able to restore the area when the facility moved out. Mr. Crane said he felt the television company should pay a price for public land comparable to that of private land. Mr. Lund commented that if a fee were set now it could go on interminably if the permit was not renegotiated. Commissioner Yasi suggested that included in the permit could be a request for a review of the approval of the rate, in approximately two years, which would enable the Department to renegotiate the permit.

Director Gullion then told the Board that he had discussed the flat rate plus cost basis with the High Fidelity Company which is seeking a permit to erect a television facility on Warner Mountain, and the Company was not adverse to such an arrangement. Following discussion of the installation of this facility, the Board agreed to let the High Fidelity Company proceed with the development of the television facility on state land until a formal agreement has been drafted and agreed upon by both parties.

Director Gullion brought to the Board's attention offers of sale of 456 acres of land south of the Thunderbolt ski trail which would protect the Department's access to the Thiel Farm area at Mount Greylock. He said that 150 acres are being offered by a Mr. Foisey for $40,000, which are assessed for $12,000 for the land and $12,400 for the buildings. Another offer by a Mr. Ruebam, he said, is for 106 acres of land for $50,000, which are assessed for $30,000. The balance of the

acreage, Mr. Gullion stated, is a 200 acre piece of property owned by a Mr. Picard who has not indicated any sale price. He added that basically this is about the only area which could be used for day-use facilities.

Following discussion by the Board of the acquisition of these properties, it was felt that the asking prices were too high and it was suggested that the Department negotiate further with the owners and also notify them of the Board's interest in the properties.

The offer of the Crane Company to make a gift of Ashmere Lake, Hinsdale, to the Department was brought to the attention of the Board by Director Gullion. Mr. Crane stated that because of his personal interest in the property he would refrain from voting on this offer. The area was shown on a map, and Mr. Crane explained how the land was acquired and mentioned that the dam has been used for flood control and that the Department would have the water rights to the dam if the lake was accepted. Mr. Crane also mentioned that the Selectmen of the town are aware of the offer of this land to the Commonwealth as a gift.

Discussion followed as to the use of the lake and it was the consensus that the first project should be the establishment of a public access site to the lake. The Board then instructed the Department to contact landowners in the area of Lake Ashmere relative to a public access site and deferred the acceptance of this gift of land to a future meeting.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Albert H. Zabriskie and Mr. Arthur Brownell to attend the meeting to present self-help conservation projects.

The Arlington #1 project, Mr. Brownell stated, 6.18 acres costing $42,000, will provide a natural, hilly, wooded area to view the Boston skyline, and will be used for walking, picnicking and special nature study activities within the school program. He added that Arlington has received a 50% federal grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for this acquisition.

In commenting on the Seekonk #1 project. 18 acres costing $1,800, Mr. Brownell said this is being acquired to expand the existing town forest and will be used for nature trails and riding trails.

Mr. Brownell stated that the Ipswich #1 project, 76.4 acres costing $15,070, was appraised for $40,000 and $39,800. This area he said will protect the watershed, wildlife, provide an excellent fishing area and be developed for passive recreation usage.

The Lexington #3 project, Mr. Brownell stated consists of 11 acres costing $24,200, and added that Lexington has applied for and received favorable approval from the Department and Housing and Urban Development for federal reimbursement. He said this area will preserve meadowland and woodland for conservation; suitable recreation; and winter sports in an area of very small lots adjacent to Arlington. He also stated that this land forms an integral part of a greenbelt trail across public and institutional lands.

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

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

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Estimated State Reimbursement
Arlington #1	6.18	$42,000	$10,500.00
Seekonk #1	18	1,800	900.00
Ipswich #1	76.4	15,070	7,535.50
Lexington #3	11	24,200	6,050.00

Commissioner Yasi told the Board that he has been invited by the state of Wisconsin to be one of the five state Commissioners to assist its Department of Administration on the oral examination board in the selection of a Conservation Administrator 1-Law Enforcement, and noted that this position is under Wisconsin Civil Service.

The Commissioner informed the Board of his meeting with the Mount Greylock Protective Association,which he said was very successful, and added they are aware that the Department is handling Mount Greylock in a good resource manner.

Copies of the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation field investigation report were given to the Board members by Commissioner Yasi.

The meeting of the Department with the Department of Public Works relative to the relocation of Route 128 at the Cohasset Annex was reported by the Commissioner.

The date for the next meeting was set for April 20, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr.Rhodes, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held April 20, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane, Lund and Rhodes.

Chairman Fulham presented the minutes of the March 23, 1967 meeting for approval, and Mr. Lund submitted the following corrections to be made in the minutes:-

1. On page 2, second paragraph, the word "off the Continental Shelf" should be changed to "on the Continental Shelf."

2. On page 5, end of first paragraph, after "Mr. Gullion said," should be changed to "was a fixed rent plus a charge of 2% on the gross volume exceeding the fixed rent."

3. On page 5, second paragraph, first line after "Discussion followed on the," should be changed to "rate plus percentage charge."

4. On page 5, third paragraph, first line, following..."he had discussed the," should be changed to "fixed rent plus percentage charge."

Following the approval of the corrections, as submitted, the minutes of the March 23, 1967 meeting were approved.

In reporting on the considerable oil deposits washed ashore on Cape Cod April 16 and 17, the Commissioner informed the Board that he was attending a meeting of the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission in the western part of the state at the time and had assigned Director Albert H. Zabriskie and Director Kenneth A. Crossman to carry out his directions relative to this problem, and added that he was in constant touch with them during this emergency. He also told the Board that he was in contact with the Civil Defense Agency to establish joint efforts on this matter.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Zabriskie and Director Crossman to attend the meeting to inform the Board of the Department's activities relative to the oil deposits washed ashore on Cape Cod.

Director Zabriskie said the Commissioner had directed him to contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Coast Guard and the Federal Water Pollution Control Commission in order to coordinate efforts to combat and correct the situation.

He added that personnel and apparatus from the Department's Bureau of Forest Fire Control were assigned to the Cape Cod area in the event of a fire emergency; that marine biologists from the Division of Marine Fisheries investigated possible damage to marine life and wildlife; and that Mr. Henry G. McCarthy was assigned to the headquarters of the Cape Cod National Seashore, So. Wellfleet, to work with officials of that agency and to coordinate the area activities of the Department.

Director Crossman reported that he had flown, by helicopter, over the area from Monomy to Nauset to make an on-sight investigation of offshore and coastal waters to determine the extent and origin of the oil pollution. He said no oil slicks of any importance were found offshore nor was the origin of the oil found. He added that several landings were made to take samples of the oil which could, because of its congealed condition, be easily picked up by hand. Director Crossman also told the Board that about 120 birds were counted which had been harmed by the oil, but no oil was found in the productive shellfish areas. He said that the Cape Cod National Seashore personnel had informed him that they could probably clean up the shore in two or three weeks by mechanical means without using chemicals. For the information of the Board, Director Crossman said the town of Chatham volunteered equipment to the Department and the Barnstable County Commissioners cooperated with portable radios.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Bruce S. Gullion and Richard Correira to attend the meeting to present land matters.

Mr. Correira presented the taking of a 6.65 acre tract of land in Lee owned by Arnold L. Pratt which has been appraised for $1,700, and for which the Department is awarding damages in the amount of $1,200. He said the land is presently an abandoned piggery on Beartown Road, South Lee, at the entrance road to the Beartown State Forest. He added that this is a corrective taking.

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

VOTED - to approve the taking of a 6.65 acre tract of land in Lee shown on plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Lee to be taken by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Natural Resources, Scale 1" = 100', April 17, 1967," and to award damages in the amount of $1,200.00 to Arnold L. Pratt, et ux and to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts--NONE.

Director Gullion then brought before the Board the proposal of Dr. John F. Hoell, Upton, to exchange 25 acres of his land for a 10 acre parcel of state owned land in Upton, which was shown on a map, and Director Gullion added that the 25 acres would tie into already owned state land. The report of the field examination stated that the values of the land are comparable, Director Gullion said, but noted that no appraisals have been made of the properties. Discussion followed relative to having outside appraisals made on such small areas which have a low cost value. Mr. Lund was of the opinion that appraisals by qualified Department personnel would be sufficient in this case. The Board then gave its approval to have Department personnel appraise the two parcels of land.

The Board gave its conditional approval to the exchange of 25 acres of land owned by Dr. John F. Hoell for a 10 acre parcel of state owned land in Upton pending investigation by appraisers in the Department.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the major construction program at the Wells State Park has been put out to bid, and then asked Richard Correira to report on the construction projects contemplated.

Mr. Correira reviewed briefly the background of Wells State Park and the construction work which has been completed. He then said in order to provide facilities for the park bids were let for the construction of a comfort station, contact station, power line, additional water facilities, sewerage system and parking area. Mr.Correira said the low bid was $191,000 and the alternate, retaining wall, coffer dam and beach, $72,000, making a total bid of $263,000.

Mr. Correira further stated that there are 109 camping sites in the park which will be ready for use this season, but temporary sanitary facilities will have to be employed which have the approval of the Department of Public Health.

Commissioner Yasi said a field examination is being made relative to the acceptance of Ashmere Lake, Hinsdale, as a gift of Crane and Company. Following discussion of the acceptance of the property, the Board suggested to Mr. Crane that on future public inquiries on this property he could say that a survey of the area is in progress and further details can be procured from the Department.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Gullion to present the request of the Algonquin Gas Transmission Company for an additional right-of-way through the Freetown State Forest in order to supply natural gas to Cape Cod, New Bedford, Fall River and parts of Rhode Island.

Director Gullion showed on a map the area requested for the pipeline and stated that the Company already has a 30 foot easement in the area and this request is for a further 35 feet on the southwesterly side of the present easement. Director Gullion noted that this 35 foot easement will come close to Profile Rock, which is an historic site. He further added that he and the Commissioner had met with officials of the Company relative to this additional easement and had suggested that the Company consider long-range planning of construction of utility facilities through public lands. In accordance with this suggestion, the Commissioner said the Company replied that it appears reasonably certain that it will be necessary to build a third pipeline in this area within the next five years.

Following considerable discussion on the granting of further easements to the Company and the protection of state land, Chairman Fulham instructed the Commissioner to inform the Algonquin Gas Transmission Company that the Board will grant permission for another pipeline but that there is a limit to its expanding in this area.

Director Gullion informed the Board that the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges had requested the use of facilities at Quinsigamond State Park for the annual rowing regatta which would be held at the Regatta Point facility on May 12 and 13, 1967.

Commissioner Yasi advised the Board that similar arrangements would prevail as in the past and that the event has always been conducted satisfactorily.

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

VOTED - to authorize the Commissioner to issue a permit to the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges for the exclusive use of the facilities at Regatta Point, Quinsigamond State Park, Worcester, on May 12 and 13, 1967, for the express purpose of conducting a championship rowing regatta.

In commenting on legislative matters, the Commissioner said the coterminous bill has been reported out of the Committee on State Administration with the Department exempted and with one legislator dissenting; the amendments to the water pollution control legislation have been approved by the Governor's legal aid and will be submitted shortly by the Governor in a special message; the Special Commission to study the underground installation of power lines met with four experts on the subject who also informed the Commission how to fund the operation; the Department has been requested to put the position of Deputy Commissioner in its deficiency budget, and the House Committee on Ways and Means will report shortly on pay raises.

Commissioner Yasi said as a result of his meeting with Secretary Stewart L.Udall relating to off-shore oil explorations, the Secretary has appointed Dr. Thomas Bates, a member of his Department, to coordinate with the Department of Natural Resources on all matters of offshore oil resources. He further stated that he will meet with Dr. Bates and other division heads of the Department of Interior in Washington tomorrow to work out all details on offshore legislation.

The Commissioner also said that the Governor and he will meet with Secretary Udall in Washington relative to the President's recommended cutback in appropriations for state-federal water pollution control programs; the cutbacks in the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund; federal conference on water pollution control; New England regional training school for operators in water

pollution control;upgrading of the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission; off-shore oil explorations, and oil pollution of shores.

Commissioner Yasi told the Board that the inland wetlands legislation will be filed with the Governor within ten days.

The DeMatteo Company dump case against the Department, the Commissioner said, has not been moved and added that he is in touch with the Attorney General's office on the matter.

A disciplinary matter in the Department was then brought to the Board's attention by the Commissioner. As a result of legal proceedings, he said, two men are being demoted. The Commissioner added that these demotions will be approved by the Division of Civil Service.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that he will be away from the office for the first two weeks in May as Governor Volpe selected him to attend the Brookings Institution educational conference for officials of the New England states which will be held in Exeter, New Hampshire.

The Commissioner asked Mr. Arthur Brownell to attend the meeting to present self-help conservation projects.

The Stow #1 project, 300 acres costing $150,000, Mr. Brownell said, is being acquired for a town forest, open space and recreational development, and added that Stow has applied for and received favorable approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal reimbursement. As of interest, Mr. Brownell mentioned that this area is the former Fletcher estate and was a Tree Farm.

In presenting the Walpole #6 project, 8.5 acres costing $850, and the Walpole #7 project, 10 acres costing $1,000, Mr. Brownell stated that the areas are a flood plain for the Neponset River and are being acquired in accordance with the town master plan to protect the wetlands and watershed of the Neponset River.

The Pepperell #2 project, 50 acres costing $7,500, Mr. Brownell said, is being acquired for the protection of the watershed of Heald's Pond, and to provide access to the pond and protect the scenic part of the town for aesthetic value and open space.

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

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

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Estimated State Reimbursement
Stow #1	300	$150,000	$37,500
Walpole #6	8.5	850	425
Walpole #7	10	1,000	500
Pepperell #2	50	7,500	3,750

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the Boston Redevelopment Authority had sent the Department its report on Mill Pond and Mother Brook, Hyde Park, which it is attempting to purchase for a recreation area, and said that this project is endorsed by the Department. He further mentioned that the Department will probably be contacted for funds and there is a possibility that this project may be eligible for assistance under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

The date for the next meeting was set for May 22, 1967, at 10:00 a.m., in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Fred P. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held May 22, 1967 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 April 20, 1967 were approved without correction.

Commissioner Yasi asked Director Albert H. Zabriskie, Arthur Brownell and Cornelius Foley to attend the meeting, and then asked Mr. Brownell to present self-help conservation projects.

The Dover #2 project, 7.928 acres costing $30,000, Mr. Brownell said is being acquired for conservation and open space and will add to an adjacent 52.6 acre parcel owned by the town.

In presenting the Duxbury #1 project, 53 acres costing $54,000, Mr. Brownell said this area is being acquired to extend the existing town forest, establish bridle trails, nature trails, a nature study area and greenbelt area. Mr. Joseph Lund said that since he and others own land next to this acreage he would abstain from voting on this project.

The Lexington #5 project, 4.5 acres costing $11,200, Mr. Brownell said is being acquired for open space, preservation of woodland, preservation of one of the few undeveloped remaining hills in Lexington, and protection of a watershed area. As of interest, he added that the Lexington conservation plan calls for the acquisition of all of Whipple Hill. Mr. Brownell also stated that Lexington has applied for and received favorable approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal reimbursement.

Commissioner Yasi informed Mr. Lund that the appraisals for the Lincoln #8 project were undertaken by his firm, and Mr. Lund then stated that he would refrain from voting on the Lincoln #8 project.

Mr. Brownell then presented the Lincoln #8 project, 19.2 acres costing $66,850, and added that Lincoln has applied for and received favorable approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal reimbursement. The area is being acquired to preserve a wet area, open fields and open space, and will serve as a connector between two large parcels owned by the town, Mr. Brownell said. He also added that this acquisition is part of the conservation master plan of the town.

The Quincy #1 project, Mr. Brownell said is 49.8 acres costing $76,700, and the City has voted to purchase the land. He added that this area is known as Black's Creek and is being acquired to preserve the land as a natural salt water marsh and the area is valuable for finfish. Mr. Brownell stated that the Department is placing restrictions on this land under Chapter 768. He also said that this acquisition was recommended in the conservation plan of Quincy and also by the Department in the Quincy Bay Study. Mr. Brownell further stated that Quincy has submitted an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal reimbursement.

In presenting the Stoughton #2 project, 55 acres acres costing $80,000, Mr. Brownell stated that this acquisition will tie into the present and proposed acquisition of the conservation commission and the area will be used for recreation purposes such as skating and swimming, as the stream will be developed into a pond, and a wildlife study area.

Following discussion, 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.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Estimated State Reimbursement
Dover #2	7.928	$30,000	$15,000.00
Duxbury #1	53	54,000	27,000.00
Lexington #5	4.5	11,200	2,800.00
Lincoln #8	19.2	66,850	16,712.50
Quincy #1	49.8	76,700	19,175.00
Stoughton #2	55	80,000	40,000.00

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the Department, with the approval of the Board,is now ready to initiate restrictions, under Chapter 768, on two parcels of land adjacent to Quincy Bay, and asked Mr. Foley to apprise the Board of the details concerning these restrictions.

Mr. Foley gave a detailed account of the meetings held relative to these two salt marsh areas and said that the Mayor of Quincy was recorded in favor of placing

a restriction on both areas, which Mr. Foley showed on a map. Mr. Foley added that these orders do not apply to any area under the control of the Metropolitan District Commission.

Commissioner Yasi stated that these orders may be amended, modified or repealed by written order of the Commissioner with the approval of the Board. Mr. Lund asked if Quincy could come in at a later date with a request to install a marina, and the Commissioner answered affirmatively with the qualification that Board approval would be necessary.

The Commissioner further informed the Board that these restrictions relate to the protection of wildlife and marine fisheries, flood control, hurricane damage, pollution, public health and welfare, and aesthetic values. He added that these restrictions will insure the Department's role in the planning phases of the Boston Harbor Development.

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

VOTED - to authorize Commissioner Robert L. Yasi, under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105, to adopt an order prohibiting dredging, filling, removing or otherwise altering or polluting coastal wetlands in, on or upon those portions of land adjacent to Quincy Bay, Quincy, Norfolk County, described as follows:

Parcel #1. That certain parcel of land lying northeasterly of East Squantum Street and northwesterly of Quincy Bay in said Quincy, Massachusetts, being shaded in red on plan entitled "Plan of land in Quincy, Massachusetts (Squantum Section) showing land to be restricted by the Department of Natural Resources under authority of Chapter 130, Section 105, of the General Laws, dated May 11, 1967" which said land is duly recorded herewith.

Parcel #2. That certain parcel of land lying northeasterly of the Southern Artery and southwesterly of Quincy Bay in said Quincy, Massachusetts, being shaded in red on plan entitled "Plan of land in Quincy, Massachusetts, (Black's Creek), showing land to be restricted by the Department of Natural Resources under the authority of Chapter 130, Section 105, of the General Laws, (Reduced from City of Quincy Assessor's Maps), dated May 11, 1967," which said plan is duly recorded herewith.

The Board members and the Commissioner signed the order of restriction.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Zabriskie to report on activities of the Department. Director Zabriskie, in reporting on budget requests, said that the self-help request for $1 million and the $700,000 request for the Public Access Board had both passed the House and were in the Senate; that the hearing on the Chapter 768 restriction of the Montclair Marsh, Quincy, will be held within thirty days; that Mr. Evans Hawes has been chosen as the new Planner in the Division of Conservation Services and will work on the SuAsCo project and coastal restriction acts with Mr. Foley; and that Mr. Thomas Lynch, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Coordinator, will attend a meeting in Denver, Colorado, with Bureau of Outdoor Recreation officials relative to funds available under the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Commissioner Yasi added that there are $4½ million federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funds, matching funds, which the Department is authorized to designate the use of for cities, towns and other agencies.

Director Zabriskie further mentioned meetings of the Lands Committee to review the self-help programs and noted that the Director of the Division of Fisheries and Game made known his concern relative to the Department's activities in marsh areas.

Professor Rhodes asked if the Department had any long range plans as to when it would have all marsh land restricted, and Director Zabriskie replied that there will be about twenty hearings before the end of this year. Commissioner Yasi said it was his opinion that it would take about three to accomplish this project, which would be two years ahead of the anticipated schedule.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the S. Volpe case, Wareham, will be coming up for trial again next week.

The Commissioner told the Board that Mr. John E. Sullivan, Executive Assistant, will be leaving the Department in the near future to enter private law practise and engage in trial work.

Director Gullion was asked by the Commissioner to attend the meeting to present the field report on Ashmere Lake, Hinsdale, which is being offered to the Department

as a gift from Crane and Company. Director Gullion stated that the report recommends that additional land be acquired in the area to provide public access to the lake. Commissioner Yasi added that the Department will probably make a title examination of the land to be acquired and should there be any problems in the acquisition the Department will make takings of the land.

Following discussion of the acquisition of additional land, it was the consensus of the Board that it should accept Ashmere Lake, Hinsdale, and expressed its gratitude for the generosity of Crane and Company in making this gift to the Commonwealth.

Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr. stated that he would refrain from voting on the acceptance of Ashmere Lake.

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

VOTED - to accept offer of Crane and Company of Dalton to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by gift, all their their land at Ashmere Lake in Hinsdale and Peru, together with all water rights, and to authorize the acquisition of any additional land deemed necessary to provide access to Ashmere Lake.

Commissioner Yasi asked Mr. Richard Correira to attend the meeting to present land matters.

Mr. Correira presented the proposal of the Department to enter into a lease agreement with the Western Massachusetts Electric Company for certain land at the Red Bridge section of the Chicopee River situated in Ludlow. He said this will be a five year renegotiable lease for the sum of $1 a year and will give the Department use of the area for recreational purposes. He added that any improvements made by the Department in the area will belong to the Department.

Chairman Fulham questioned the advisability of executing a five year lease for this property, and Commissioner replied that the Company does not want to just turn the land over to the Department and reviewed a similar lease the Department has with the New England Power Company on the Deerfield River. He also stated that the Department would have shore and water rights under this lease. Director Gullion

added that this Red Bridge section has been reviewed by the Lands Committee with a favorable recommendation to lease the property.

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

VOTED - to approve a proposal to lease from the Western Massachusetts Electric Company, for recreational purposes, for a period of five years with the right to renegotiate, certain land at the Red Bridge section of the Chicopee River situated in Ludlow.

The proposed taking of land at Dighton Rock State Park for conservation and recreation purposes was then presented by Mr. Correira, who said this was to clean up the area around the park where there are still some private cottages and give the Department full control over the 7.82 acres which have been in private ownership. He further stated that appraisals of the property have been made and the Department is awarding a total of $17,500 in damages, and noted that the Selectmen are in agreement that the Department should take the land.

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

VOTED - to approve the taking for conservation and recreation purposes of 7.82 acres of land near Dighton Rock State Park in Berkley as shown on plan entitled, "PLAN OF LAND IN BERKLEY TO BE TAKEN BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, May 1, 1967, Scale 1"=100'," and to award damages as follows:

Lot No.	Supposed Owner	Award
19	Roy M. Huntley	$ 500
20, 21	Alfred R. Rose, et ux	$8,200
27	Francis E. Sullivan, et ux	$1,000
55, 56	Heirs of George Trefry	$1,400
57, 58	Francis E. Sullivan, et ux	$2,700
85	Joseph W. Borges or Roy M. Huntley	$ 500
86, 87, 88A	Miguel Corte Real Memorial Society, Inc.	$2,700

Mr. Correira presented the proposed taking of 69.5 acres of land in New Marlborough, owned by Mrs. Edwina Plummer, in order to gain a good access to the former Cookson property now owned by the Department. He said two appraisals have been made on this property, one in 1966 for $5,700, and the other in 1967 for $38,000. Chairman Fulham said that since there is such a discrepancy in the

appraisals, and this transaction is a taking, the Department should have a third appraisal made. Mr. Correira commented that Mrs. Plummer has never indicated a price for her land. Commissioner Yasi asked the Board if a conditional approval could be given for this taking pending the results of the third appraisal.

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

VOTED - to approve conditonally the taking of 69.5 acres of land in New Marlborough owned by Mrs. Edwina Plummer pending the results of a third appraisal of the property.

Commissioner Yasi asked Director Gullion to report on the field investigation and recommendations for the skiing development proposed by Mr. Joseph DeLiso at Saddleball Mountain, Mount Greylock.

Director Gullion showed on a map the general area which Mr. DeLiso desires for his skiing development. He said the field report indicated that a skiing facility is basically feasible in the area, but due to the type of soil there are opportunities for erosion and slippage which might affect the water supply, and there are some areas which should not be altered in any manner because of erosion possibilities He added that the Soil Conservation Service made a study of the soil in the proposed trail area and found that there is sufficient depth of soil to support a ski facility with proper safeguards. Director Gullion stated that since the ski trails will be on state owned land the Department will have control over their location and proper maintenance, and once the trails are cleared will insist that some type of vegetation be planted to prevent soil slippage, erosion and destruction of the general aesthetics of the mountain, and also that the area shall be maintained during the summer. He mentioned that the field report recommended the protection of the Appalachian Trail and also the acquisition of Mr. DeLiso's land in order to have full control over the facility.

There is some concern, Director Gullion said, over the provisions in the zoning ordinances of the town of Adams which are felt would not give adequate protection to the area, and it is proposed to meet with officials of Adams relative to this matter.

Commissioner Yasi said that it was his opinion that the Department should have as much control as possible over the developments on Mr. DeLiso's land, power to approve his total plans for the area as well as to know his time schedule for installation of the facility, other persons who will be involved in the project, and the financial structure of the undertaking.

Chairman Fulham said the Department should impose a performance obligation on Mr. DeLiso to insure operation of a good area for public skiing, and, also, that the Department should have the power to limit the number of ski trails to be constructed.

Following considerable discussion on the development of the skiing facility, the Board gave its approval to the suggested restrictions and proper safeguards to be imposed and authorized Commissioner Yasi to negotiate further with Mr. DeLiso and request him to submit a detailed engineering plan for the entire area, and to apprise him of the restrictions and safeguards approved by the Board for the installation of skiing facilities.

Director Gullion stated that the Department plans to have a crew of forestry students make a basic investigation of the resources of this area this summer relative to the aesthetics, soil and geological values. He also said the Department plans to clear up the area during the summer with manpower from the Monroe Forestry Camp.

Chairman Fulham asked Mr. Gullion if there were any other plans for Mount Greylock, and Mr. Gullion replied that an overall master plan for the entire area is being ~~planned~~ recommended and that architects are now working on plans for the War Memorial to be built on the summit of Mount Greylock, with the approval of the Bureau of Building Construction. He further stated that the design for the Memorial will be ready for inspection within a week.

In commenting on legislative matters, the Commissioner stated that with reference to legislation to establish a division of mineral resources and a position of

state geologist, the Department has worked out a compromise with the Department of Public Works to set up some type of commission on mineral resources with a state geologist at the University of Massachusetts. The legislation to transfer the Division of beaches from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Natural Resources will probably be enacted, the Commissioner said, but might not become effective for 18 months. He added that this will create a problem in that no one agency will be able to acquire shoreline for public beaches within that period of time, so the Governor will now have to determine whether this Department can acquire ocean property.

On the legislative matter of transferring the Division of Waterways to the Department, the Commissioner said he had met with the Commissioner of Public Works and other officials and it was the consensus that this Division should not be transferred but that the Department of Natural Resources ought to be permitted to enforce the Department of Public Works regulations on Great Ponds and foreshores.

Commissioner Yasi said he has been informed by the Trustees of Reservations of their interest in an area in the town of Hingham known as World's End and that the Department will probably be requested to give financial assistance in acquiring the area. He added that the Metropolitan Area Planning Council is also very much interested in the area and will have detailed plans for the area.

In commenting on a meeting of the Boston Harbor Study Commission, the Commissioner said that within thirty days the Boston Redevelopment Authority will have prepared a basic plan for the whole harbor.

Professor Rhodes inquired as to the status of the Bourne Scenic Park project, and Durector Gullion replied that the Department is awaiting notification from town officials of Bourne as to the disposition of this matter at its Town Meeting.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the Governor has filed a message amending the water pollution control laws which will make certain corrections. He also stated that the Governor will file a message on inland wetlands, which will

make the new inland wetlands legislation comparable to Chapter 768.

Mr. Lund inquired as to the status of the Department's budget, and the Commissioner replied that it is proceeding satisfactorily with the exception that since the Department had requested a position of Deputy Commissioner, the position of Assistant to the Commissioner had been deleted, but efforts are being made to restore this position.

In reporting on the Commissioner's salary, Commissioner Yasi said this will probably be acted upon after the state budget has been signed.

Professor Rhodes asked about the status of the coterminous legislation, and Commissioner Yasi said the Chairman of Senate Ways and Means will recommend many additions.

In commenting on the Parkland Conference being sponsored by the Trustees of Reservations, Commissioner Yasi said he would be unable to attend as the Governor had requested him to attend a meeting of the Public Land Law Review Commission in New Orleans, Louisiana, at that time, but Chairman Fulham and Mr. Lund would be participants.

Commissioner Yasi reported on the Brookings Educational Conference which he attended the first two weeks in May in Exeter, New Hampshire, and stated that it was most worthwhile.

The date for the next meeting was set for June 14, 1967 as a field trip.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Frederick J. Crane, Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held June 14, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane, Lund and Rhodes.

Chairman Fulham presented the minutes of the May 22, 1967 meeting for approval and Mr. Lund submitted the following corrections to be made in the minutes:-

On page 8, fifth paragraph, third line, the word planned should be changed to recommended.

On page 9, end of line six, the word one should be changed to agency.

Following approval of the corrections, as submitted, the minutes of the May 22, 1967 meeting were approved.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that as a result of the Parklands Conference sponsored by The Trustees of Reservations, the Trustees are proposing the creation of a Governor's Committee on Open Space and Recreation, a citizen's committee,which would review and help coordinate present planning programs involving open space and recreation produced by the Department of Natural Resources, Metropolitan Area Planning Council and the Metropolitan District Commission. He added that a meeting with the Governor will be held shortly to apprise him of the precise goals of this Committee.

The Commissioner then asked Director Gullion and Richard Correira to attend the meeting to present the proposal of the Algonquin Gas Transmission Company for an easement for the installation of an additional gas transmission pipeline on land in the Freetown State Forest.

Director Gullion reviewed previous discussions by the Board relative to the granting of this additional 35 foot easement for a gas pipe line, and Mr. Correira said that the actual acreage required for this installation is 3.61 acres. Mr. Correira further stated that the marketable price of this land is $520 per acre but the Algonquin Gas Transmission Company said it would consider the price at $600 per acre, making the value of the land to be exchanged $2,400.

In exchange for this easement at the Freetown State Forest, the Commissioner said the Department will inform the Company as to the area where it wishes land purchased in the amount of $2,400.

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

VOTED - to approve a proposal to convey to the Algonquin Gas Transmission Company an easement for the installation of a gas transmission pipe on 3.61 acres of state forest land in Freetown in exchange for land valued at $2,400.00 to be purchased for the Department at the direction of the Commissioner.

Commissioner Yasi then brought to the Board's attention the recent decision handed down by the Supreme Judicial Court, Sacco vs Department of Public Works, relative to the filling of a portion of Spy Pond, Arlington, for highway purposes, and asked Director Gullion to show on a map the area proposed for the highway. The Commissioner stated that he had been asked by the Governor to submit a legal brief on the court decision which requires specific legislative authority to fill for highway purposes any portion of Spy Pond or any other Great Pond under the control of the Commonwealth. He said he had also met with the Governor and the Commissioner of Public Works relative to this court decision as the Department is concerned with this decision since by legislative act the law forbids the lowering of the water of a Great Pond without the permission of the Commissioner of Natural Resources. As a result of the meeting, the Commissioner said, the Governor requested a study by the Attorney General, Commissioners of Public Works and Natural Resources concerning the many other Great Ponds, their future management and control as well as devising a method of determining under what circumstances a Great Pond should give way to public necessity and convenience of an order higher than the present use.

Considerable discussion followed as to the Department's role in this conflict, and it was the consensus of the Board that the Department should not lose sight of the fact that it is a resource agency and that it is committed to carrying out its conservation functions as designated by law.

Commissioner Yasi asked Mr. Arthur Brownell to attend the meeting to present a self-help conservation project.

Mr. Brownell then presented the Walpole #2 final application, 30 acres costing $28,000. He said the preliminary application for this project was approved by the

Department's Lands Committee on February 18, 1963, and the approval of the application was based on a reimbursement of $9,000 as the town of Walpole had received a $10,000 gift toward the purchase of this parcel by a resident of the town. He also said that no appraisals were made as they were not required at that time. Mr. Brownell stated that the area includes both highland and pond bottom and will be developed for swimming and fishing. With this acquisition, he added, the town of Walpole will control all of the land around Cobb's Pond.

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

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

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Estimated State Reimbursement
Walpole #2	30	$28,000	$9,000

In commenting on the S. Volpe case, the Commissioner said he had met with the judge before the trial as it was necessary to decide the value of the land before the restriction was put down and the value after the restriction was made. He added that the case was tried for five days and the Department will probably go to the Supreme Judicial Court.

In reporting on legislative matters, the Commissioner said the Water Resources Planning Act, a 10 year program which will fund the search for reservoir and water sites, will probably move out of House Ways and Means next week; the only remaining issue in the transfer of the Division of Beaches from the Department of Public Works to the Department is the question of the transfer date, with the Department of Public Works requesting the date of January 1, 1969 and the Department June 1, 1968; House 1895, an act to establish a Massachusetts Conservation Fund, would add 50¢ to the transfer tax on real estate with the money going into a fund to be earmarked for land acquisition. Mr. Lund asked how much money would be raised if this legislation was enacted, and the Commissioner replied that the Department would receive between $800,000 and $1 million a year.

In further commenting on legislative matters, the Commissioner said funds for the purchase of a helicopter will be in the capital outlay; the Commissioner's pay raise is till in House Ways and Means at $18,000 with the possibility that when it goes to Senate Ways and Means it may be raised to $20,000; the Cat Cove, Salem, research station project has been re-activated with the stipulation that the Department put a 20 student classroom within its own building with the Department having total control, total cost of the building will be $400,000, exclusive of planning, and the Department will receive approximately $200,000 for the laboratory from the federal Bureau of Commercial Fisheries; the Governor has established a special commission on offshore exploration of mineral resources consisting of legislative members, Secretary of State, Attorney General and Commissioner of Natural Resources; the legislation to establish a division of mineral resources went through House Ways and Means and is now in Senate Ways and Means and will give the Department a division of 2 to 3 people coordinating with the University of Massachusetts, and since this division will have a bearing on off shore oil exploration the Department will become the agency to deal with the Department of Interior on such matters; the coterminous bill is still in Senate Ways and Means.

Commissioner Yasi said that the Governor has filed another bill for Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funds and increased the Department's $3½ million bond issue to $5 million so that any additional money coming from the federal government can be released for allocation among state agencies and cities and towns.

The Commissioner said that the Recreation Advisory Council will hold its final meeting as soon as the legislation is enacted and will dispense $2,300,000 in federal funds. Involved in this amount, he said, may be swimming pools to be constructed and sites designated by the Department of Public Works. He added that the Department of Public Works has met with the Governor relative to turning over the maintenance and operation of the swimming pools to the Department of Natural Resources and should this be agreed upon the Department would have to request

funds for their operation and maintenance. Following discussion of the Department's jurisdiction over swimming pools, the Board was of the opinion that they should be controlled by the municipalities.

The Commissioner then brought to the Board's attention the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp now located in Spencer and run jointly by the Department and the Division of Fisheries and Game. He said the Department had made a field study for a new camp in Rutland based on the premise that it should be a year-round conservation camp. He then asked the Board if the Department should involve itself in the conservation camp business. Chairman Fulham was of the opinion that this should be a public-private operation with the Department building the camp, supplying the facilities and instructors but with no management responsibilities. Discussion followed on this and it was the consensus of the Board that this operation should be a public-private enterprise and the facility should not be designated as a "camp."

Commissioner Yasi then asked direction from the Board relative to requesting a general development bond issue of $15 to $25 million to be spent over a period of five years. He said the Department has five major area to be developed - Mount Greylock, Otis Reservoir, Hingham Annex, Mount Wachusett, conservation camp in Rutland - each costing between $3 and $5 million to develop.

Considerable discussion followed as to how the Department should present its request for the bond issue funds. Professor Rhodes asked if Bureau of Outdoor Recreation money could be used, and the Commissioner replied this would be difficult as the money should be allocated to cities, towns, and other agencies and about all the Department could expect to receive each year would be $200,000.

The Board then authorized the Commissioner to proceed with development plans for the five areas.

The Commissioner said that the Boston Harbor Commission will view the area by boat next week and Chairman Fulham will be present.

Commissioner Yasi told the Board that Mr. Frederick Bowers had retired after 40 years with the Department, and the Board was unanimous in its desire to write him a letter of appreciation for the excellence of his performance in carrying out the responsibilities of his office.

The date for the next meeting was set for July 31, 1967.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Crane, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Fred G. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held July 31, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Rhodes and Brewster.

Chairman Fulham opened the meeting stating that due to the absence of the Secretary it would be necessary to elect a Secretary pro tem, and Arnold D. Rhodes was unanimously voted Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the June 14, 1967 meeting were approved without correction.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the Department has now been allowed a position of Deputy Commissioner and that he is recommending Mr. Albert H.Zabriskie, Director of Conservation Services, to fill this position.

Following discussion of Mr. Zabriskie's appointment, upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the recommendation of the Commissioner that Mr. Albert H. Zabriskie be appointed to the position of Deputy Commissioner.

The Commissioner then brought to the Board's attention his recommendation for Director of the Division of Conservation Services, Arthur W. Brownell, who now holds the position of Assistant to the Director of Conservation Services.

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

VOTED - to approve the recommendation of the Commissioner that Mr. Arthur W. Brownell be appointed as Director of the Division of Conservation Services.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Mr. Zabriskie and Mr. Brownell to attend the meeting and the Board congratulated them on their new appointments.

Mr. Brownell was then asked by the Commissioner to present self-help conservation projects.

Mr. Brownell stated that the Athol #2 and Athol #3 projects, 14 acres costing $400, and 104 acres costing $2,680, respectively, are in the same general area and are being acquired for conservation purposes, hunting, fishing and forest development.

The Danvers #2 project, 29 acres costing $15,000, is next to land owned by the town and will be developed as a park, Mr. Brownell said, and will also preserve valuable waterfront property. He added that Danvers has applied for and received favorable approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal reimbursement.

In presenting the Stoneham #1 project, 5 acres costing $4,500, Mr. Brownell said the area is being acquired to enlarge an existing town park and will tie in with town owned land of Wakefield. He further stated that the area will be kept in its natural state.

Mr. Brownell said the Sharon #3 project, 14.5 acres costing $2,400, is being acquired for open space, protection of wetlands and wildlife.

The Natick #3 project, Mr. Brownell said, 8 acres costing $4,000, is being acquired for a wildlife refuge, protection of wetlands and will tie into the town forest.

In presenting the Leicester #1 project, 112 acres costing $95,000, Mr. Brownell said two appraisals were made - $71,400 and $67,850 - and since both appraisals were lower than the asking price the Lands Committee approved the reimbursement on the highest appraisal figure, $71,400. He added that the town had already voted to purchase the acreage for $95,000. A town recreational area with bathing beach, picnic area and camping area will be developed on the property, Mr. Brownell said.

The Taunton #1 project, 29 acres costing $40,000, Mr. Brownell said is an old summer estate with a summer house which will be used for a nature study area. He added that the acquisition is for preservation of open space and will be used for passive recreation.

In presenting the Sudbury #4 project, 90 acres costing $58,500, Mr. Brownell said the area is being acquired for protection of the watershed of Hop Brook and as part of the planned greenbelt and nature study area.

Mr. Brownell told the Board that the Springfield Conservation Commission had hired a professional planner to assist in its self-help open space acquisition program and has decided to purchase eleven lots all at one time. He then presented the eleven projects as follows:

Springfield #1, 23 acres costing $32,750 being purchased for preservation of the most northwestern stand of coastal white cedar for educational and wildlife values.

Springfield #2, 74.5 acres costing $38,500, being purchased for nature study area and preservation of flood plain area.

Springfield #3, 9.15 acres costing $5,000, being purchased for educational purposes and nature study area.

Springfield #4, 15.2 acres costing $9,900, being purchased for preservation of the area for aesthetics and passive recreational usage.

Springfield #5, 5.6 acres costing $5,500, being purchased for fishing access and possible swimming development.

Springfield #6, .7 acres costing $6,000, being purchased for greenbelt and for future expansion of existing park.

Springfield #7, .6 acres costing $9,350, being purchased to create a small aesthetic park in that part of the city.

Discussion followed on the Springfield #6 and Springfield #7 projects, and it was the consensus of the Board that the price of the land was too high for the small acreage involved and that approval of these projects should be deferred until further investigations have been made.

Springfield #8, 18.16 acres costing $45,500, being purchased to preserve a good wooded area and to develop the area for passive recreational usage.

Springfield #9, 24.5 acres costing $12,250, being purchased for preservation of one of the few remaining wetlands in Springfield.

Springfield #10, 62.24 acres costing $33,500, being purchased for passive recreational development and scenic value.

Springfield #11, 11.5 acres costing $15,000, being purchased for extension of existing open land.

Mr. Brownell then presented the Weston #1 project, 40 acres costing $85,000, stating that the two appraisals made - $70,000 and $65,132 - were both below the

asking price so the Lands Committee approved the reimbursement on the highest appraisal figure, $70,000. He stated that the area is being acquired as an extension of town owned greenbelt in conjunction with Weston's master plan, and the varied character of the land ranging from mature pines to the headwater of the Sudbury River tributaries makes the land valuable for ecological studies and flood control.

The Walpole #8 project, 5 acres costing $500, Mr. Brownell said, is being acquired for protection of the flood plains and wetlands of the Neponset River.

In presenting the Winchester #1 project, 1.6 acres costing $11,000, Mr. Brownell said this area is being acquired for part of a greenbelt along a brook from the Lexington line to the Woburn town line and will make a better access to conservation commission land.

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

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

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Estimated State Reimbursement
Athol #2	14	$ 400	$ 200
Athol #3	104	2,680	1,340
Danvers #2	29	15,000	3,750
Stoneham #1	5	4,500	2,250
Sharon #3	14.5	2,500	1,200
Natick #3	8	4,000	2,000
Leicester #1	112	95,000	35,700
Taunton #1	29	40,000	20,000
Sudbury #4	90	58,500	29,250
Springfield #1	23	32,750	16,375
Springfield #2	74.5	38,500	19,250
Springfield #3	9.15	5,000	2,500
Springfield #4	15.2	9,900	4,950
Springfield #5	5.6	5,500	2,750
Springfield #8	18.16	45,500	22,750
Springfield #9	24.5	12,250	6,125
Springfield #10	62.24	33,500	16,750
Springfield #11	11.5	15,000	7,500
Weston #1	40	85,000	35,000
Walpole #8	5	500	250
Winchester #1	1.6	11,000	5,500

Commissioner Yasi asked Mr. Richard Correira to attend the meeting to present the matter of selling .54 acres of state land in Natick to Silvano A. Melchiorri for $1,000. The Commissioner said the Department acquired this land from the Metropolitan

District Commission through a special act and it is a sloping tract along the highway. He added that Mr. Melchiorri has been trying to purchase this land for some 4 or 5 years, and finally an act was passed authorizing the Commissioner to sell this parcel to Mr. Melchiorri.

Mr. Correira said the land was appraised for $1,000 as it stands, and later the Department found out that with betterment it was worth $90,000. He said Mr. Melchiorri intends to culver it, spending around $90,000 for this betterment, and it is believed the area will be made into a parking lot and will have access to an industrial site.

Considerable discussion followed as to selling land for $1,000 which would become worth $90,000 following betterment, and it was the consensus of the Board that action be deferred on this transaction until further investigations are made.

Director Gullion was asked by the Commissioner to attend the meeting to present the proposed plans for the recreational bond issue.

Commissioner Yasi said the Department has been asked by the Executive Office for Administration and Finance to present plans for the recreational bond issue as soon as possible.

Director Gullion then outlined the specific projects to be submitted for the recreational bond issue and the amounts to be expended as follows:-

Mount Greylock	$1,660,000
Otis Reservoir - Buckley Dunton	1,430,000
Mohawk Trail	570,000
Mount Wachusett	1,050,000
Conservation Center	500,000
Cohasset - Myles Standish	3,750,000
Engineering costs	655,000

The Commissioner said the Department will recommend a $10 million recreational bond issue to be expended over a five year period.

Following discussion on the areas to be developed and the method of presenting the plan, the Board authorized the Commissioner to submit the specified projects and seek a $10 million recreational bond issue to be expended in five years.

In commenting on Departmental matters, the Commissioner said it now appears certain that the Department will receive funds for the purchase of a helicopter; that plans are being made to transfer the Newburyport shellfish purification plant to the Department of Public Health as this is strictly a health measure; and that the Department may qualify for 50% federal reimbursement for its Cat Cove project.

Concerning legislative matters, the Commissioner said H. 5076, Water Pollution bill, is in Senate Ways and Means; H. 1766, Water Planning bill, is in House Ways and Means; the transfer of beaches from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Natural Resources may be recommended by the Governor in a special message; the coterminous bill is in Senate Ways and Means; the Commissioner's salary raise is in Senate Ways and Means; the mineral resources bill is in Senate Ways and Means; and the inland wetlands bill is in the Committee on Natural Resources.

The next meeting was set for August 25, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner to be followed by a joint luncheon meeting with the Fish and Game Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. to reconvene at 11:30 a.m. on board the Department's law enforcement patrol boats for a luncheon meeting and a trip around Boston Harbor to view the proposed sites for the FREEDOM 75 World Fair and to review the Boston Harbor portion of the open space study for the metropolitan area.

Arnold D Rhodes

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held August 25, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane, Lund and Brewster.

Chairman Fulham presented the minutes of the July 31, 1967 meeting for approval and Mr. Lund submitted the following corrections to be made in the minutes.

On page 5, paragraph 2, line 3, after "Melchiorri intends to," should be changed to read "fill and install a drainage culvert."

On page 5, paragraph 2, line 5, the word <u>industrial</u> should be changed to <u>commercial</u>.

Following approval of the corrections, as submitted, the minutes of the July 31, 1967 meeting were approved.

Commissioner Yasi asked Director Arthur W. Brownell to attend the meeting to present self-help conservation projects.

Mr. Brownell stated that the Ashburnham #1 project, 38 acres costing $7,000, is being acquired to create a swimming area, camping and picnicking area, and also will be managed for timber production.

In commenting on the Barnstable #2 and Barnstable #3 projects, 8.2 acres costing $1,800, and 20 acres costing $4,000, respectively, Mr. Brownell said both areas are being acquired for forest management, nature walks, trail riding, hunting and wildlife management.

The Middleboro #1 project, 132 acres costing $4,500, Mr. Brownell said is being acquired for a water impoundment for low flow augmentation to Nemasket River which will provide a multi-use water recreation area for fishing and wildlife management.

In presenting the Sandwich #3 project, 8.9 acres costing $45,000, Mr. Brownell stated that this acquisition is for the preservation of open space for the scenic and historical value of the town, and for the protection of the creek and salt marsh from possible pollution.

Commissioner Yasi informed Mr. Lund that one of the appraisals on the Sharon #4 project was undertaken by his firm, and Mr. Lund stated that he would refrain from voting on the Sharon #4 project.

Mr. Brownell then presented the Sharon #4 project, 49 acres costing $129,000, which he said is being acquired to preserve the water front and whole area for recreational purposes and conservation values.

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

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

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Estimated State Reimbursement
Ashburnham #1	38	$ 7,000	$ 3,500
Barnstable #2	8.2	1,800	900
Barnstable #3	20	4,000	2,000
Middleboro #1	132	4,500	2,250
Sandwich #3	8.9	45,000	22,500
Sharon #4	49	129,000	64,500

Commissioner Yasi asked Director Bruce S. Gullion and Mr. Richard Correira to attend the meeting.

Mr. Correira informed the Board that the results of further on-site investigations of the .54 acres of state land in Natick, which the Department has been authorized by legislative action to sell to Mr. Melchiorri, appear to indicate that the property has no use in its present state; is a danger spot to the community; is now a small pond due to the recent rains; and is an area which the Department has difficulty in keeping cleared.

The Commissioner said that if the land is conveyed to Mr. Melchiorri certain conditions of compliance should be set forth and agreed upon by Mr. Melchiorri. Following considerable discussion of these conditions, it was the consensus of the Board that if Mr. Melchiorri agreed to the following conditions the Department would convey the .54 acres of land in Natick to him for $1,000. - follow the Schofield Engineering plans to fill and install a drainage culvert for approximately $82,000; pay the Schofield Engineering Company for supervision; agree to Hatch Act procedures; consult with the Metropolitan District Commission; agree to inspection by Department of Natural Resources; agree to certification from Schofield Engineering Company that the plan has been complied with; post a $100,000 performance bond;

complete work one year from date of transfer of title with provision of extension in writing; and reversion of title if conditions are not complied with.

Commissioner Yasi and Director Gullion discussed the interagency procedures concerning funding of recreational development in and around flood control pools. The Board, on recommendation of the Commissioner and Director, approved the policy which would require recreation costs to be included in the Public Law 566 bond issue requests hereafter.

The Commissioner then asked Director Gullion to present preliminary land acquisition proposals.

Director Gullion presented the following offers to sell land to the Department-offer of Olive Copp to sell 19.3 acres of land in Townsend for $7,000 which would fill in an area of already owned state property and protect Pearl Brook; offer of Alden Rice to sell 100 acres of land in Hopkinton for $15,000 which would protect a watershed; and offer of Carl Sternagle to sell 180 acres of land in Middlefield for $10,700 which would become part of the Factory Brook site.

Following discussion of these proposed land acquisitions, the Board gave preliminary approval to negotiate further with the owners.

Land use requests were then presented by Director Gullion as follows:

Director Gullion stated that the Mitre Corporation is requesting permission to install radar equipment on Woodchuck Hill, Harold Parker State Forest. Following discussion of such a permit, the Board disapproved this request.

The Western Massachusetts Electric Company, Director Gullion said, is requesting a change of an existing easement for a road relocation in Farley Forest at Erving State Forest. Following discussion, the Board approved this request and instructed the Commissioner to proceed with the necessary arrangements for a permit.

Director Gullion said that the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company is requesting a temporary easement, 20 feet wide on the westerly side of the Granville State Forest, and a cathode unit installation in the Tolland State Forest. Following discussion,

the Board approved these land use requests and instructed the Commissioner to proceed with formal arrangements for issuance of the permits.

The state Civil Defense Agency, Director Gullion said, has requested the use of an existing potato cellar on Mount Washington for a fallout shelter. He added that only internal alterations will be necessary and the building will be used for storing food and to house the population of the town of Mount Washington in case of disaster. As of interest, Director Gullion said, this is the only town in the United States which can house its entire population under one roof. Following discussion of this request, the Board authorized the Commissioner to proceed with the arrangements for this land use permit.

Director Gullion then presented the request of the Daniel Mordecai Co. for a road easement through a portion of Cochituate State Park. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Mordecai has ample land under his ownership to construct a road and his request was disapproved.

The Department of Public Works, Director Gullion said, is requesting a transfer of 1.1 acres at the Brimfield State Forest for the construction of a rest area which, when constructed, would be under its care and control. Director Gullion said there is a question about the sanitary facilities which will have to be checked by the Department of Public Health. Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to this transfer of 1.1. acres, pending the results of the investigation by the Department of Public Health, and instructed the Commissioner to proceed with the formal arrangements for the transfer.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that Mr. Kenton A. Beaujean, Chief of the Bureau of Recreation, has notified him that he would like to resign from this position, as soon as a replacement can be found, and return to his former position of forester. The Commissioner said that since this position calls for a person with an engineering background he had selected Mr. John P. King, now employed by

the Department of Public Works, as the most qualified candidate among those interviewed for this position. He added that Mr. King will probably join the Department by the end of September. The Board indicated approval of this appointment.

The next meeting of the Board was set for September 21, 1967 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 at 12:15 p.m. to reconvene at 12:30 p.m. as a joint luncheon meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Fish and Game at the Hampshire House, 84 Beacon Street, Boston.

Fred G. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A joint meeting of the Boards of Natural Resources and Fish and Game was held August 25, 1967 at 12:30 p.m. at the Hampshire House, 84 Beacon Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Brewster and Lund, Board of Natural Resources, and Messrs. Darling, Burns, Tierney, Colombo and Gage, Board of Fish and Game.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held September 21, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane, Lund and Rhodes.

Chairman Fulham presented the minutes of the August 25, 1967 meeting for approval and Mr. Lund submitted the following correction to be made in the minutes.

On page 1, paragraph 6, line 2, after the word low, the word flow should be inserted.

Following approval of the correction, as submitted, the minutes of the August 25, 1967 meeting were approved.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that Mr. Frank Gregg was appointed Chairman of the New England River Basins Commission by the President on September 7, 1967, and gave the Board a brief outline of Mr. Gregg's background. He stated that before the Commission is activated a Vice Chairman must be elected from among the Governors' representatives to the Commission from the six New England states and New York state. Mr. Lund asked how the Commission is financially supported, and Commissioner Yasi replied by 50% federal funds and 50% by funds from the seven states which comprise the membership of the Commission.

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

Director Brownell said that further investigations were made on the Springfield Conservation Commission's No. #6 and #7 self-help conservation projects, as requested by the Board at the July 31, 1967 meeting, and then outlined the proposed uses of these areas as follows:-

The Springfield #6 project, .7 acres costing $6,000, is a heavily wooded area which adjoins a school plus a park and will be developed as a green field park and is well suited to nature and conservation study.

The Springfield #7 project, .97 acres costing $9,350, is about one and one-half blocks away from an elementary school and would provide an opportunity for nature and conservation study, and the development of the site with various vegetation types could be the subject of successive school projects over a period of years.

Commissioner Yasi said the Department will watch the Springfield #7 closely and will have a Regional Supervisor check on it a year from now to see what is taking place. Director Brownell assured the Board that the Springfield Conservation Commission members will also keep a close watch on this area.

Following considerable discussion of these projects, 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.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Estimated State Reimbursement
Springfield #6	.7	$6,000	$3,000
Springfield #7	.97	9,350	4,675

The Commissioner then brought to the attention of the Board the matter of Nathan D. Aron, Trustee of the Kenwood Realty Trust, Framingham, which involved a relocation of a brook. The Commissioner stated that an application under the Hatch Act for the relocation of the brook was approved by the Department. At the time of the processing of the application under Chapter 220, the Commissioner said, Mr. Aron's attorney did not know the Commonwealth had title to the brook, but, in the course of registering the land in the Land Court, the attorney was informed that the Commonwealth had title to the brook and also the records in the Land Court did not show the location of the brook as shown on the plan as submitted by the attorney. Commissioner Yasi said the Attorney then asked the Department if it would assent to one of the two portions of the brook to be relocated and after consulting with other members of the Department and the office of the Attorney General assent was granted by letter. The Commissioner then stated that later on, after the attorney had obtained further survey information concerning the two relocations of the brook, he inquired if the Department would be willing to exchange title of the second relocation. At that time, Commissioner Yasi said he became concerned because the title of the brook was conveyed by legislative act to the

Department and, thus, the Department did not have the authority to exchange title except by legislative act.

The Commissioner said one solution to the problem was his assent of a second request of the attorney which had, in fact, indicated to the Land Court that the Department had assented to the location of the brook under its existing location.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Mr. Richard Correia to attend the meeting to show on a map the brook relocations. Mr. Correia explained in detail the relocation of the brook. He also said that he had visited the area and had reported to the Commissioner that he felt that essentially the owner had reclaimed land which was to his economic advantage and the work done had improved the area. He recommended that a consideration of an amount of $1,000 be paid to the Commonwealth by Mr. Aron for the privilege of relocation.

The Commissioner said that should the Department accept this consideration for the land it would not lose title to the land and could retract the use of the land at any time.

Considerable discussion followed as to the solution of this matter, and the Commissioner asked the Board for ratification of his assent to the first of the two relocations of the brook and the Board was unanimous in its ratification of this action by the Commissioner.

Chairman Fulham then recommended, on behalf of the Board, that the Department negotiate with Mr. Aron for a consideration of $1,000 for the assent to relocation of the brook at both points.

In commenting on personnel activities, the Commissioner said an assistant, Mr. Joel A. Lerner, has been hired for Director Arthur W. Brownell, and that John P. King was appointed Chief of the Bureau of Recreation on September 18, 1967 for a period of five years.

Commissioner Yasi referred the request of Director Bruce S. Gullion for the designation of John H. Lambert, Chief Forester, as Acting Director of the Division of Forests and Parks in the event of his absence from duty.

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

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

The Commissioner then asked Mr. Richard Correira to comment on the construction plans for Massasoit State Park.

Mr. Correira stated that bids have been opened for the construction of buildings and site development at Massasoit State Park, with the low bid for the buildings, $214,643, submitted by L. M. Witherell & Son, Taunton, and the low bid for site development, $513,000, submitted by Montaup Sand & Gravel Co., Swansea. He added that bond issue funds allocated last spring will be expended for these projects. He mentioned that this area was master planned which calls for a long access road to a parking area which will also service a day-use area. Mr. Correira also said that the utilities will be underground; that the water system will tie into the Taunton water system on a cart road; that the power line will be overhead on the cart road; sewage will be taken care of by leeching pits which have been approved by the Department of Public Health and the regulations of Chapter 220. He further stated that there will be approximately 126 camp sites, which includes trailer sites, constructed and about 20 of the sites will have individual power, water, and sanitary facilities. Mr. Correira showed the Board members on a map the type of buildings to be constructed.

The Commissioner asked Director Bruce S. Gullion to attend the meeting.

In discussing the plans for the ski area at Mount Greylock to be developed by Mr. Joseph DeLiso, the Commissioner said the Department had not heard from Mr.DeLiso until recently about his further plans for the area, and at a meeting held a short

time ago Mr. DeLiso asked that a draft lease be prepared by the Department so he could start on the area.

Director Gullion discussed the layout of the trails submitted by Mr. DeLiso which he said appeared to be drawn too hastily but is adequate to lay against the topographic sheet in order that the Department can plan its controls. He added that personnel from the Department have plotted the whole area of Mount Greylock.

Commissioner Yasi said the area should have usage but precautions should be taken as to its use.

Chairman Fulham added that if a natural site is destroyed it is destroyed forever so all planning should be undertaken with extreme care.

The Commissioner said he felt the Department should prepare a basic draft lease, and Professor Rhodes stated that if a lease is granted there should be a stipulation included as to when the work will be started so that the developer cannot just hold the area without developing it.

Discussion followed as to what should be included in the lease, and the Board authorized the Commissioner to prepare a basic draft lease.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that he has just been advised by the Governor's fiscal representative that the Governor intends to submit a $10 million recreation bond issue for the Department next week and has requested the Department to submit detailed plans for the 5 areas to be developed and to also state that matching federal funds will be forthcoming.

The date for the next meeting was set for October 24, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

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

Fred P. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held October 24, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane and Lund.

Chairman Fulham presented the minutes of the September 21, 1967 meeting for approval and Mr. Lund submitted the following correction to be made in the minutes.

On page 4, paragraph 4, line 8, the word permanent should be inserted before the word utilities.

Following approval of the correction, as submitted, the minutes of the September 21, 1967 meeting were approved.

The Commissioner reported on the condition of Arnold D. Rhodes who met with an accident at EXPO on October 12, and stated that Mr. Rhodes will probably not be able to attend the Board meetings for another two months.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the Department expects a release of title to the Plummer House for Boys, Salem, through its attorneys, for use as a biological research laboratory in connection with the Cat Cove project. He also mentioned that the Department will be an applicant for the Coast Guard Station, which abuts Cat Cove, when it is declared surplus.

For the information of the Board, the Commissioner said that due to the growth of the Department and the probability of receiving the Division of Beaches from the Department of Public Works, it has become necessary to seek more office space and to rearrange its space to accommodate the Division of Water Pollution Control. He stated that it is planned to have the Division of Water Pollution Control located adjacent to the Water Resources Division, and that all personnel concerned with acquisition and construction in the Department will be relocated on the 13th floor. He added that funds are available from the Water Pollution Control account to take care of the expenses of the additional space and relocations.

Commissioner Yasi then asked Director Bruce S. Gullion and Richard Correia to attend the meeting to present the Department's proposed plans for Mount Wachusett.

Director Gullion said that personnel of the Department are master planning the area with assistance from the Division of Fisheries and Game and the Soil Conservation Service, which will make soil studies. He stated that after an inventory is made of

what is now existing in the area the Department will make plans as to how the area could be developed; make a road and control map; plan for recreational facilities; consider the acquisition of additional land, approximately 1600 acres, adding that contact has already been made with several individuals relative to the sale of their lands. In addition, Director Gullion said, it is contemplated that the old hotel at the summit will be destroyed and a new building erected below the summit, and that the Department's fire tower will be taken down and a fire tower observation deck will be built as well as a pylon which will take care of the various agencies using the tower.

Commissioner Yasi said that the Department will operate the ski area this winter using personnel from other areas, with the former Superintendent of Mount Wachusett running the skiing operation under the supervision of the Department. He added that eventually the Department intends to lease the ski area out as a concession.

The Commissioner also informed the Board that since the water areas of Mount Wachusett are part of the Wachusett watershed it will be necessary to receive permission from the Metropolitan District Commission to use some of the waters for recreational purposes.

Chairman Fulham inquired as to the progress at Paradise Pond, and Mr. Correia said the Department is still trying to work out plans with the Metropolitan District Commission, and Departments of Public Works and Public Health, and it is now proposed to raise the body of water 5 feet which will entail dam construction.

Commissioner Yasi gave copies of the Western Massachusetts Electric Company's Recreation Plan and Report to the Board members and then asked Richard Correia to present the request of the Company for a 300 foot easement on the Montague State Forest for a transmission line. Mr. Correia said the Company proposes to initiate a system of acquiring easements on state property for transmission of power and will grant fees to other lands in exchange.

Chairman Fulham said that he did not approve of granting easements one at a time and felt that a total plan of easements should be presented to the Board for its consideration. Following considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Board

that it was not adverse to granting such easements, but felt the proper method would be to present all easement requests at one time.

The Board deferred action on the Company's request for a 300 foot easement on the Montague State Forest.

Mr. Correia informed the Board that he and Director Gullion had met with officials of the City of Chicopee relative to its request to lay pipe lines to supply water to its Industrial Park, and mentioned that when the Department received the land from the city, under Chapter 516, Acts of 1960, for the establishment of a state park, the city reserved an easement for its water department. He stated that the city is now asking for the right to dig up its present water lines and lay new ones, and noted that their work will not go over any land not covered by the easement. He added that the proposed route of the pipeline will cut diagonally across the parking lot at Chicopee State Park, which they will restore, and there will be a minimum amount of inconvenience for this project.

Discussion followed on this request, and Chairman Fulham stated that the city should preserve the aesthetics of the park when performing this work, and it was the consensus of the Board that the city should be given permission to lay the new pipe lines.

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

VOTED - to allow the City of Chicopee, through its Water Department, to install a water line lateral through Department land which the city retained as an easement for such purposes. The city shall restore the damaged area to its original condition.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that at its meeting on September 27, 1966 it had voted to convey to The Felician Sisters, for purposes of putting in a road to a large nursing home which they are building in Ludlow, 17.8 acres of state land in exchange for 79.3 acres of adjacent land. He said that when the Sisters sought permits for the sanitary facilities for the home, they found they had given the Department 18 acres which they now need and are requesting the Department to return this acreage to them. The Commissioner added that they are also becoming

involved in Hatch Act procedures. Several meetings have been held, the Commissioner said, with the Sisters and other interested parties to try to work out an equitable solution which he feels may be accomplished by an easement. He added that the Department is trying to cooperate in every way possible.

The Commissioner invited Director Arthur W. Brownell to attend the meeting to present self-help conservation projects.

The Arlington #3 project, Mr. Brownell said, .67 acres costing $6,000, is to preserve a scenic vista and be used for nature study and aesthetics. He also said that the status as tax title land has been cleared and the city desires to incorporate this parcel within a larger one recently purchased for conservation purposes.

Mr. Brownell said the Barnstable #5 project, 13.18 acres costing $4,613, is in the master plan which was approved at Barnstable's last town meeting, and will provide open space for future generations, This parcel, he added, will be incorporated into a larger Barnstable conservation area which is to be used for a variety of outdoor recreation activities.

The Chicopee #1 project, 31.49 acres costing $70,000, was appraised for $67,000 and $65,000, and the Department is basing its reimbursement on the appraisal figure of $67,000, Mr. Brownell said. This is an important outdoor recreation area for the city, Mr. Brownell stated, and the only outdoor area in the particular neighborhood which will include day-use, camping, nature study, swimming and picnicking.

In presenting the Dracut #1 project, 1 acre costing $6,000, Mr. Brownell said it was appraised for $13,940 and $14,000. He said it is being acquired for beach development and the plan is to relocate an existing shoreline roadway to permit development of a swimming area as Dracut has limited swimming facilities.

The Lunenburg #20 project, 50 acres costing $5,000, Mr. Brownell said was appraised for $10,000, and adds 50 acres of land to adjacent 210 acre Malpus-Swamp Reservation. He added the area will be used for water and wildlife (beaver) conservation.

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.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Estimated State Reimbursement
Arlington #3	.67	$ 6,000	$ 3,000.00
Barnstable #5	13.18	4,613	2,306.50
Chicopee #1	31.49	70,000	33,500.00
Dracut #1	1	6,000	3,000.00
Lunenburg #20	50	5,000	2,500.00

In commenting on legislation, Commissioner Yasi said the coterminous bill is now heading for the House, and the Department, Division of Fisheries and Game and the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission are excluded from the bill; the water pollution bill is doing fairly well and it is hoped that the amendments to the bond issue will be approved shortly; the recreational bond issue, $5 million, should get through the House; the inland wetlands bill is in a precarious position; the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation bill, which permits the Department to designate the use of the federal funds received from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, is on the Governor's desk for signature so the Department will be designating funds in the next month; the Commissioner's pay raise has been added to a bill amending inland conservation laws.

The transfer of beaches and swimming pools from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Natural Resources, the Commissioner said, is still under discussion as he feels the Department should have some part in the design of the swimming pools as well as the acquisition of areas for the proposed pools. Chairman Fulham stated that the Department should not be involved in municipal swimming pools as this is a municipal and not a Department function, and, also, the Department would not have sufficient staff to operate them. He asked the Commissioner if an admission charge would be made to the pools, and the Commissioner replied that under the Department's statutes it would have to charge an admission fee, which, in all probability, would have to be scaled down if the pools were under its jurisdiction. He added that all of the swimming pools which would come under the jurisdiction of the Department would be outside of the Metropolitan Parks district.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board of the meeting held by Senator Edward M. Kennedy in Chicopee to which local officials, industry representatives, and state and federal officials were invited to discuss water pollution control and federal grant programs. The Commissioner stated that Director Thomas C. McMahon attended and reported to him that federal officials had stated that the state should not depend on receiving federal funds for its water pollution control program, which is very disturbing since the Department's whole water pollution control program is geared to federal grants.

In reporting on the New England River Basins Commission, the Commissioner said the Chairman is now looking for an office location in Boston. He also said that he was Chairman of the Subcommittee to elect the Vice Chairman of the Commission and Commissioner Austin H. Wilkins, Forest Service, Maine, was unanimously elected Vice Chairman for the term of one year.

Commissioner Yasi told the Board that, at the request of the Governor, he had held a meeting with representatives of the four New England states concerned with the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation's proposed operation on the shores of the Connecticut River to discuss its future plans and recommendations on problems concerning the use of water from the River. He said that the Corporation is proceeding with the construction of its plant, and the consensus of the meeting was that that the problem of using water from the Connecticut River as a coolant in its nuclear operation should be resolved by the New England River Basins Commission.

In commenting on offshore explorations, the Commissioner said that it is the first time in the history of the U. S. Department of the Interior that a three-Bureau memorandum of understanding has been prepared relative to conditions which must be complied with before a drilling permit will be granted. He said this memorandum of understanding has now made the fishermen feel they are being consulted on offshore explorations.

Commissioner Yasi told the Board that the Department is having problems with the Marine Fisheries Fund and meetings are being held to determine what should be done legislatively for the next session to resolve the problems. He added that

there are not sufficient monies coming out of the fund to match the federal grants and it may be necessary to seek additional sources from which to get funds by legislative action.

Chairman Fulham reported on the New England Fishing Industry Exposition held at Suffolk Downs recently which he said was most successful and well attended. The Commissioner stated that the Department in cooperation with the Massachusetts Seafood Council and the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries had a presentation at the Exposition which received very favorable comment.

Commissioner Yasi said that due to the expiration of the term of Thomas J. Rouner on the Water Resources Commission on November 29, 1967, a new candidate is being sought, and it has been suggested that when the appointment of the Executive Director to the New England Aquarium is announced it might be well to consider his qualifications for a candidate to the Commission.

In connection with the seizure of approximately 4,000 lobsters, by the Division of Law Enforcement, coming from New Brunswick, the bulk of which were egg bearing, a fine of $4,000 was imposed by the Superior Court, and another seizure of short lobsters in Haverhill, which case is being considered in the Supreme Judicial Court, could result in a $20,000 fine, the Commissioner said. He also stated that the latter case is being appealed as an illegal search and seizure. He added that the Department stands to receive the monies from these fines.

The Commissioner told the Board that the Department has been involved in the proposed dumping on Lovell's Island, Boston Harbor, and the findings from its field examination report showed that dumping on the Harbor Island would not be feasible. He also said that he had attended several meetings relative to alternative dumping grounds where strong feelings were expressed that there should be dumping at sea at the edge of the Continental Shelf which, he said, gave him cause for concern.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board that the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, has established a Federal Interagency Study Commission and that the Secretary of the Interior has appointed him as the state representative

on this Study Commission. He said the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation selected the Elizabeth Islands for its first island study with the permission of the Forbes Trustees and Forbes family, owners of a major segment of the Elizabeth Islands. A meeting was held recently in our offices, the Commissioner stated with officials from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and representatives of the Forbes Trust for the purpose of collecting detailed information required to support protective efforts, including possible federal legislation to achieve island conservation. The Commissioner added that the Department has assigned a full-time man to study this area and a five-man team from the Department will visit the Elizabeth Islands shortly with officials of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation to make an on-site examination of the area to determine how it can best be preserved for the future, gather ownership data, evaluate possible island development alternatives, and make identification of recreation and other conservation possibilities. He stated that this study report should be completed by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation by the middle of December, 1967.

Commissioner Yasi said that the Saugus dump case, DeMatteo Co., is coming up in the Superior Court today.

In reporting on additions to the Department's staff, the Commissioner said Mr. John F. Sisk, a lawyer, has been hired to handle all legal problems on land acquisition, transfers and exchanges; and Mr. Stephen F. Ells has been appointed to the position of Executive Assistant to the Commissioner. He added that Mr. Ells was formerly associated with the law firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart, and has been very active in the field of conservation as legal consultant on Open Space and Conservation Law for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council; served on the Special Legislative Commission to Oversee the Water Pollution Control program; and in addition served as a Director of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions and vice chairman of the Lexington Conservation Commission.

The date for the next meeting was set for November 27, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Frederick J. Crane Jr
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held November 27, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham and Lund.

In the absence of a quorum, the corrections submitted by Mr. Lund in the minutes of the October 24, 1967 meeting were deferred until the December meeting.

The Commissioner brought before the Board the further request of The Felician Sisters for a strip of state land, approximately 3.6 acres, in Ludlow, for an access road to their proposed nursing home. He said meetings have been held relative to working out a mutually satisfactory solution to this request, and it now appears that the Department could agree to cooperate with stipulations that they construct and maintain the road, and that it be open to the Commonwealth and all the public. He added that the Department would continue to own the road. Commissioner Yasi then asked the Board if it felt the Department should proceed with further negotiations on these conditions and on the theory that access should be provided to the nursing home.

The Board, after discussion, instructed the Commissioner to continue to attempt to work out an equitable arrangement with The Felician Sisters.

Commissioner Yasi briefed the Board on pending legislation affecting the Department stating that the Commissioner's pay raise has been added to a bill to recodify the inland conservation laws; that the sentiment is in favor of having swimming pools transferred to the Department, which would probably result in also having the Division of Beaches transferred to the Department; the water pollution control amendments will be on the Governor's desk shortly for signature, which will authorize the Department to start constructing water pollution control plants; that the Department will have site approval, its only responsibility, under the solid waste disposal bill which is being suggested by the Governor; the Governor has signed the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation bill which designates the Department, by statute and Executive Order, to allocate the use of federal funds received from

the Land and Water Conservation Fund; that the inland wetlands bill is still in active form, but still is a problem; and the legislation to establish a geological commission, which relates to offshore oil explorations, has been reactivated and there is a possibility it may be passed this legislative session.

The date for the next meeting was set for December 21, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

Since no formal business could be conducted because of the lack of a quorum, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held December 22, 1967 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Fulham, Crane, Lund and Rhodes.

Chairman Fulham resubmitted the corrections made by Mr. Lund, at the November 27, 1967 meeting, in the minutes of the October 24, 1967 meeting as follows:

Page 2, line 8, after the word care add of the existing requirements.

Following approval of the corrections, as submitted, the minutes of the October 24, 1967 meeting were approved.

The minutes of the November 27, 1967 meeting 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 Yasi informed the Board that the Governor signed into law, on December 20, 1967, Chapter 802, Acts of 1967, which sets the salary of the Commissioner of Natural Resources at $18,000 annually, effective immediately.

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

VOTED - that the salary of the Commissioner be established at $18,000 annually.

The Commissioner then informed the Board that the Attorney General has assigned Assistant Attorney General Henry S. Healy to the S. Volpe Co., Inc. case, and added that he had asked Mr. Healy to attend the meeting to present his opinion as to the disposition of the case.

Chairman Fulham then asked Mr. Henry S. Healy to attend the meeting and called the meeting into Executive Session.

Mr. Healy reviewed the findings of the Master and of Judge Robert Sullivan in the case of the Commissioner of Natural Resources vs S. Volpe Co., Inc. and stated that the Department is now faced with adverse findings from the Superior Court. He further stated that he had met with the attorneys of the S. Volpe Co., Inc. and they are willing to agree that the pending case in the Supreme Judicial Court may be dismissed without prejudice. Mr. Healy said it would be his recommendation that the case be dismissed, which will necessitate the revocation of the order issued under Chapter 130, Section 27A, the Jones Act. He further recommended, as was agreed to by the Volpe attorneys, that

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the Department proceed with the adoption of an order under Chapter 130, Section 105, the new coastal wetlands act. The adoption of an order under the coastal wetlands act, Mr. Healy said, might eventually entail an actual taking of some land.

Considerable discussion followed as to the procedures to be taken if the case were dismissed, and as to the amount of land to be restricted. Chairman Fulham was of the opinion that the Department should make the best legal decisions possible in order to move in the right direction. It was the consensus of the Board that the recommendations of Mr. Healy be approved, and upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - that the case of the Commissioner of Natural Resources vs S. Volpe Co., Inc. be dismissed; that the Chapter 130 Section 27A order on the land of S. Volpe Co., Inc. in Wareham, Massachusetts, be revoked; and that a Chapter 130, Section 105 order covering the filling, removal or dredging of the subject land be adopted.

Chairman Fulham called the meeting out of Executive Session.

Commissioner Yasi asked Director Bruce S. Gullion and Mr. Richard Correia to attend the meeting.

Director Gullion presented the request of Butternut Basin, Inc. for a renewal of its ski facility permit and expansion of the permit area.

Mr. Crane said he would abstain from participating in any discussions or vote relative to Butternut Basin, Inc.

Mr. Joseph W. Lund was elected Secretary pro tem of the Board of Natural Resources for the Butternut Basin, Inc. requests.

Director Gullion said that Mr. Channing B. Murdock, President of Butternut Basin, Inc. has requested an extension of his permit area for additional skiing facilities and wishes to expand primarily to the west on a woods road which is used by the Department for a fire control road. He said Mr. Murdock proposes to have three chair lifts and one T Bar lift on this location, and stated that Mr. Murdock would like to cut his own trails.

The Commissioner said that he and Director Gullion met with Mr. Murdock and his attorney, Mr. George Kidder, relative to this proposal and feel that it has merit.

However, the Commissioner said the Department should have authority to regulate what Butternut Basin, Inc. proposes to have at the base of the trail.

Considerable discussion followed as to the expansion of the permit area and renewal of the lease.

Commissioner Yasi said that Mr. Murdock and Mr. Kidder were in the office and asked the Board if it would like to meet with them. Chairman Fulham invited them to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Yasi informed Mr. Murdock that the Board had reviewed his requests and concurred that there should be language in the lease permit which would give the Department authority over what Butternut Basin, Inc. intends to do on property adjacent to the trails.

Mr. Kidder stated that the Department would be notified of any operations at the base of the trails which will draw the public to the ski area.

Mr. Murdock said his major concern is to issue an order for the lift line and receive permission from the Board to start clearing the land.

The Board then, upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund -

VOTED - to approve the permit for the extension of a ski lift on East Mountain State Forest as shown in the request as submitted by Butternut Basin, Inc.,Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and for the Department to proceed with the proposal for enlargement of the ski facility permit area as submitted by Butternut Basin, Inc.

Joseph W. Lund

Joseph W. Lund, Secretary pro tem

Director Gullion presented the request of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for installation of a cable on Mt. Wilcox, Beartown State Forest, for service and communications, on existing poles owned and maintained by the Department and stated the Company proposes to incorporate Department lines into the cable. He said a microwave unit will be housed in the county mutual aid structure at the base of the Department's forest fire tower. He added that the Company proposes to pay the Department $5.00 per pole per year, for 114 poles, which would make the total annual fee $570.00. Director Gullion further stated that the Department will maintain the poles and surface of ground

under the poles, but all cable maintenance will be the responsibility of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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

VOTED - to approve the request of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to erect a telephone cable and necessary equipment to provide microwave communications to be located at Mount Wilcox in the Beartown State Forest.

Director Gullion informed the Board that a request has been received from a Mrs. Dorothy Stewart, 34 Crestwood Road, Brimfield, who acquired a house recently adjacent to the Brimfield State Forest, for an electric power easement on Department land in order to supply power to her house.

Following discussion of this request from Mrs. Stewart, Chairman Fulham, on behalf of the Board, advised the Commissioner to take such action as he deemed necessary.

The request of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health for a formal permit to allow this agency to conduct a summer camp facility for 400 patients, epileptics, at Woodman Pond, Brimfield State Forest was brought to the attention of the Board by Director Gullion. He noted that the Department of Mental Health has never had a formal permit from the Department to use the area. He stated that in 1966 the legislature passed a bill authorizing the Department of Mental Health to expend $20,000 for this camp and they now propose to improve the swimming area, develop the entrance road and field for sports. He added that the hostel type building on the site will be developed with donated money.

The Commissioner said that should the Department of Mental Health wish to do further construction on the area or enlarge it, they would have to request another permit from the Department.

Following discussion of this request and the establishment of permanent facilities on Department land, upon motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - that a permit be issued to the Department of Mental Health to conduct a summer camp facility for 400 patients at Woodman Pond, Brimfield State Forest.

Director Gullion brought to the Board's attention another proposal from Dr. John F. Hoell, Upton, for an exchange of land with the Department and reviewed Dr. Hoell's previous request which was to exchange a 40 acre parcel of land owned by him for a 10 acre parcel of state owned land on Walnut Street, Upton. He stated that the vote of the Board on this request at its February 27, 1967 meeting was that the matter undergo further study to determine the purpose of acquisition of the state land before proceeding further. Director Gullion said a field survey of Mr. Hoell's land was made and it was found to contain about 20 acres rather than 40 acres. He said Mr. Hoell has recently acquired an additional 10 acres of land abutting the Upton State Forest and would now like to exchange 28.5 acres of his land valued at $14,250. for 10 acres of state-owned land valued at $7,600 in the Upton State Forest. Director Gullion said the Department would be getting comparable value from this exchange and this land would help to round out some of our holdings at the State Forest.

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

VOTED - to approve the exchange of 28.5 acres of land owned by Dr. John F. Hoell, Milford Road, Upton, for a 10 acre parcel of state-owned land on Walnut Street, Upton.

Commissioner Yasi brought to the Board's attention the proposed land acquisition project at Wild River along the East Branch of the Westfield River which is being promoted by The Nature Conservancy, and which has been recommended by this agency as an area which should be acquired and managed by this Department. He read the letter from The Nature Conservancy concerning this acquisition. The Commissioner added that The Nature Conservancy had asked the Department to sit with its committee to study the acquisition of the area, and Director Gullion had participated in the meetings.

The Commissioner said that this is one of the most unique natural wilderness areas in the state, containing about 1300 acres, 62 of which are now owned by the Department and 80 acres owned by the Division of Fisheries and Game. He said he had talked with the Division of Fisheries and Game about the Department acquiring this land and there seemed to be no opposition from the Division to this acquisition. He also said that

if this area were acquired it would be left in its natural state and would provide hiking, trail camping, fishing, canoeing in high water, and hunting and birding.

Commissioner Yasi said that The Nature Conservancy can hold this land under its options until someone else can acquire it, but since two of its options expire in January and February and further negotiations for land are being planned, it is necessary that they receive approval from the Department for this Wild River cooperative acquisition project.

The Commissioner stated that the estimated cost of this acquisition is $100,000., but no allocation of funds is necessary at this time, but if the Board should approve of the project the Department could start working on plans for the area.

Considerable discussion followed on this matter, and Chairman Fulham stated that it was his opinion that such a project falls within the area of the Department's functions and fills the definition of a usable wilderness area.

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

VOTED - to authorize and direct the Commissioner to proceed with a cooperative acquisition program with The Nature Conservancy.

Commissioner Yasi then brought before the Board the matter of a draft lease of land situated within the Mount Greylock Reservation to be sent to Mr. Joseph Deliso relative to his proposed skiing development at the area.

Mr. Crane said he would prefer not to participate in the discussion of this draft lease nor in any vote made in consequence of the discussions.

Mr. Arnold D. Rhodes was elected Secretary pro tem of the Board of Natural Resources on the matter of the draft lease relating to Mr. Joseph Deliso and the Mount Greylock Reservation.

The Commissioner stated that this draft lease was drawn up at the request of Mr. Deliso and explained some of the important features and safeguards included in the lease, He then asked the Board as to how this draft lease should be released.

Mr. Lund stated that this is a private lease to Mr. Deliso and should not be released to anyone else. Chairman Fulham stated that it was his opinion that its existence and transmittal to Mr. Deliso could be announced publicly.

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

VOTED - that the Department should go forward and place the draft lease before the applicant.

Arnold D. Rhodes

Arnold D. Rhodes, Secretary pro tem

Commissioner Yasi then asked Mr. Richard Correia to present land matters to the Board.

Mr. Correia presented the request of the Felician Sisters for land for an access road to their proposed nursing home in Ludlow. He briefly reviewed previous meetings on this matter and stated that a mutually satisfactory solution to the problem has been reached whereby the Department will grant an easement of approximately two acres of land located on Minechoag Mountain, Ludlow, owned by the Department, in exchange for the reconstruction of a roadway extending from Tower Road through the land of the Department to and including the parking area. He added that this easement will be held mutually; that the Department will give them a well for their water, and they will receive access to their property. He further stated that it will be necessary to rescind the vote of the Board of September 27, 1966 should the Board approve of this proposed matter.

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

VOTED - to amend a vote of the Board of Natural Resources of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts adopted at a meeting of said Board on September 27, 1966 wherein it was voted -

> to approve a proposal to convey to the Felician Sisters a parcel of land on Minechoag Mountain in Ludlow, containing 17.8 acres, in exchange for 79.3 acres of adjacent land.

so that the amended vote shall read as follows -

> to approve a grant to the Felician Sisters of the Order of Saint Francis of Connecticut, Incorporated, of an easement in common with the Grantor, over approximately two (2) acres of land located on Minechoag Mountain, Ludlow, Massachusetts, owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in exchange for the reconstruction of a roadway extending from Tower Road through land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to and including

Mr. Correia said that by vote of the Board at its meeting on September 27, 1966 it approved the acquisition of approximately 150 acres of land in Amherst, Belchertown and Granby from Edward R. Market for $30,000, and following title examination it was found that 10 acres of the land in Granby were not in Mr. Market's name. He stated that it will now be necessary to amend this original vote to omit the approval of the purchase of 10 acres of land in Granby.

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

VOTED- to amend a vote of the Board of Natural Resources of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts adopted at a meeting of said Board held on September 27, 1966 wherein it was voted -

to approve the acquisition of approximately 150 acres of land in Amherst, Belchertown and Granby from Edward R. Market for the sum of $30,000.

so that the amended vote shall read as follows:-

to approve the acquisition of approximately 140 acres of land in Amherst and Belchertown, Massachusetts, from Edward R. Market for the sum of $30,000.

Mr. Correia presented the offer of Herbert August and Israel August to sell to the Commonwealth an 80 acre tract of land in Chesterfield in the vicinity of the Chesterfield Gorge on Westfield River for $6,000. He said the appraised value is $6,500.

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

VOTED - to approve the purchase of approximately 80 acres of land in Chesterfield, Hampshire County, in the vicinity of the Chesterfield Gorge on the Westfield River from Herbert August and Israel August for $6,000.00.

Mr. Correia said that the County of Middlesex is requesting an easement on land in Natick conveyed to the Department by the Metropolitan District Commission by a special legislative act in 1948 to construct a culvert, excavate the channel, construct wingwalls, install riprap, slope the banks and construct a temporary pedestrian footbridge at Beaverdam Brook.

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

VOTED - to approve the grant of an easement to the County of Middlesex to construct a culvert, excavate the channel, construct wingwalls, install riprap, slope the banks and construct a temporary pedestrian footbridge on land owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at Beaverdam Brook, Natick, Massachusetts.

Commissioner Yasi asked Director Arthur W. Brownell to attend the meeting to present self-help conservation projects.

The Amherst #5 project, 50+ acres costing $9,000, Mr. Brownell said will expand the presently owned conservation area, Self-help #4, to the ridge of the Mt. Holyoke Range. It will also preserve a Boy Scout encampment and wildlife range, and its greatest potential is to provide scenic vistas of valley panorama.

In presenting the Barnstable #4 project, 33.54 acres costing $10,900, Mr. Brownell said this acquisition is a segment of Barnstable's proposed Conservation Area consisting of typical Cape Cod terrain. The area will provide various outdoor recreation opportunities and conserve open space for future generations, he added.

The Burlington #1 project, 1.8 acres costing $2,700., Mr. Brownell said is to provide a buffer zone between residential and industrial land, and the town master plan recommends acquisition of land in this area. He added that this acquisition is also for preservation of wetlands bordering the town owned well-field. No appraisal of this area was necessary, Mr. Brownell said, because the price was less than $5,000.

The Burlington #2 project, 2.0 acres costing $3,200. will add to existing town owned land in order to protect the town owned well-field and to provide an outdoor laboratory for the new Junior High School, Mr. Brownell said. No appraisals were necessary, he added, because the price was less than $5,000.

In presenting the Ludlow #1 project, 29.16 acres costing $20,000., Mr. Brownell said that Ludlow has applied for and received favorable approval from the Department of Housing and Urban development for federal reimbursement. He said this acreage will provide a greenbelt within an urbanizing area, and the recreation potential consists of picnic groves, playground development and swimming.

The Lunenburg #22 project, 4 acres costing $7,900, will protect a unique open space area and the banks of Easter Brook which flows into the Shirley Reservoir, Mr. Brownell stated, and the area will be kept primarily in its natural state. He added that all structures will be torn down with the exception of two small sheds.

The Tyngsboro #1 project, 1/4 acres costing $17,000, Mr. Brownell said is next to town owned land and will add to the existing town beach and recreation area which is inadequate to meet projected population trends. He added that there are four cottages on the land which will be torn down with the exception of one. This acquisition, Mr. Brownell stated, will eliminate a serious source of pollution and provide greater public access to a Great Pond. He noted that this area fits into the Department's Master Plan for more swimming facilities.

In presenting the Walpole #9 project, 7.8 acres costing $800., Mr. Brownell said this purchase is part of an overall plan to acquire Cedar Swamp in accordance with the town Master Plan, and some 200 acres of this 500 acre swamp are under the ownership of the conservation commission. Preservation of inland wetlands for various purposes will be accomplished by this acquisition Mr. Brownell said. He noted that no appraisals were necessary because the price was less than $5,000.

The Wayland #5 project, 3.1 acres costing $2,100, will protect the flood plain of the Sudbury River and implement part of the overall plan of open space and greenbelt, Mr. Brownell stated. He added that the area is adjacent to a future school site and will be used for conservation education purposes.

The Woburn #2 project, 29.5 acres costing $35,000, Mr. Brownell said is to protect the Abbajona River and its flood plain from further pollution and to preserve an open space area which has a variety of aquatic life, waterfowl and wildlife. He added that the area was previously a cranberry bog with its accompanying riffles and ponds.

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

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

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Estimated State Reimbursement
Amherst #5	50+	$ 9,000.00	$ 4,500.00
Barnstable #4	33.54	10,900.00	5,450.25
Burlington #1	1.8	2,700.00	1,350.00
Burlington #2	2.0	3,200.00	1,600.00
Ludlow #1	29.16	20,000.00	5,000.00
Lunenburg #22	4	7,900.00	3,950.00
Tyngsboro #1	1/4	17,000.00	8,500.00
Walpole #9	7.8	800.00	400.00
Wayland #5	3.1	2,100.00	1,050.00
Woburn #2	29.5	35,000.00	17,500.00

Commissioner Yasi asked Director Brownell to apprise the Board of the meeting held in Ipswich relative to the proposed restrictions on the Ipswich marshes under the coastal wetlands act.

Director Brownell said that for over a year the Department has been interested in the protection of the Ipswich marshes and has had personnel attempting to find the names of the owners of the marsh lands. He said the Department now has a preliminary outline of what it proposes to restrict. In this connection, he said, a meeting was held with the Selectmen and Planning Board of the town of Ipswich as well as the conservation commission, in an executive session, as it was felt the Department has a responsibility to the owners of the land to let them know what it proposes to restrict. After the meeting, Director Brownell said the Chairman of the Selectmen of Ipswich held a press conference relative to what the Department intends to do under the coastal wetlands act.

Director Brownell said there is some opposition to the Department's intentions as a marina has been proposed in a part of the marshes and also a municipally owned atomic power plant is proposed which would use 700 acres of the marshland.

Commissioner Yasi said the proposal for an atomic power plant in Ipswich has resulted in many of the townspeople coming out in support of the Department's proposed restrictions on the marshes.

The Commissioner also said that the Department is now exploring aerial surveys of the entire Massachusetts coastline to map the marshes and road systems. The cost of this contemplated survey is approximately $65,000, which includes flying, he said, and should we wish to add owners of the land and their lines to the maps the cost would be $300,000. He added that the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the New England Power Company have evidenced interest in such a project. Information from this survey, the Commissioner said will give the Department a good indication of how much and how fast it can restrict other marsh areas.

The Commissioner asked the Chairman if items 8 and 9 on the agenda could be deferred until the next meeting, and Chairman Fulham assented.

Commissioner Yasi commented on legislation affecting the Department stating that the inland wetlands bill is in serious trouble; that the coterminous bill is ready for Governor's signature, but it is expected the House will recall it and make it applicable to the Department January 1, 1971; the geological commission bill is still active; that the legislation to transfer beaches and swimming pools to the Department has gone through the House and is before the Senate Ways and Means Committee; that the water pollution control amendment of the bond issue is through the Senate and back to the House; and that the recreation bond issue, $5 million, is through the House and is expected to be in trouble in the Senate.

Commissioner Yasi informed the Board of a recent meeting with officials of the U.S. Department of Interior and fishing and industry leaders relative to the issuance of permits for offshore exploration of oil, which, by a memorandum of understanding, will not be issued until reviewed by three agencies - the New England Fisheries and Conservation Committee, Advisory Citizens Committee and the Department of Natural Resources. Also, said, there was considerable discussion at the meeting as to the effect oil exploration y have on fishing operations, primarily in the Georges Banks area.

The Commissioner gave the Board members a copy of the new vacation-travel recreation brochure.

The date for the next meeting was set for January 26, 1968 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Fred G. Crane Jr.
Secretary