Due to a lack of a quorum, the Board meeting for January, 1974 was cancelled.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held February 21, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Crane, Brewster and Rhodes.

The minutes of the November 29, 1973 meeting were approved as presented.

Due to a lack of a quorum at the December 20, 1973 meeting the Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition by eminent domain of Racoon Island 3 acres more or less in Quincy, Massachusetts, owned by Reverend Gerald J. O'Leary, making an award of $20,700 for damages sustained as a result of the taking.

VOTED - to approve the purchase of Lots 27, 57 and 58, 0.47 acres, with improvements, fronting the Taunton River within the Dighton Rock State Park in Berkley, Massachusetts, owned by Francis E. Sullivan and Ruth E. Sullivan in the amount of $3,900.

VOTED - to approve the acquisition by eminent domain of 77 acres of unimproved land, supposedly owned by the Estate of John J. Kelley, on the New Ashford-Williamstown town line in Williamstown, Massachusetts, for the sum of $10,000; amending the vote of September 21, 1970 by which the Board of Natural Resources approved the purchase of this land for the sum of $10,000.

In reporting on legislation, Commissioner Brownell said the Department did not file any significant bills this year. The Reorganization Bill (House 4000) is again before the Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture with the disposition of the Division of Fisheries and Game still undetermined.

The Commissioner reported that he had submitted the Department's Capital Outlay request, totalling $53 million, to Secretary Foster. If approved, he said, the expenditure of funds will be extended over a three year period.

Commissioner Brownell gave the Board members a copy of Governor Sargent's 1975 fiscal year budget and referred them to that section applying to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. The total request, he said, is $75 million with $21 million ear-marked for the Department of Natural Resources.

In commenting on personnel matters the Commissioner informed the Board that he had reappointed Gilbert Bliss, Chief of Recreation for a five year period. He then referred the request of Director Frank Grice for the designation of Arthur P. Chesmore

as Acting Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries in the event of his absence from duty. He explained that the Commissioner and each Director are authorized by statute to name an alternate.

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

VOTED - to approve the designation of Arthur P. Chesmore as Acting Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries in the event of the Director's absence from duty.

Commissioner Brownell then presented for the Board's approval projects recommended to receive financial assistance under the Self-Help program. He stated that the projects being presented were considered critical and all were accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The combined total of the projects, he said, is $724,692.25 which will leave a balance of $106,196.75 in the 1974 fiscal year appropriation of $1 million.

Following a review of the projects, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Professor Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - to approve the following self-help projects and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Acton #16	14.8	$ 9,500.00	$ 4,750.00
Acton #17	37.0	52,000.00	13,000.00 (BOR)
Acton #18	33.0	39,600.00	9,900.00 (BOR)
Acton #19	13.44	23,000.00	5,750.00 (BOR)
Acton #20	12.8	19,200.00	4,800.00 (BOR)
Acton #21	90.0	58,500.00	28,500.00
Amherst #13	26.2	21,500.00	10,750.00
Amherst #14	13.8	32,500.00	16,250.00
Andover #11	13.7	7,350.00	3,675.00
Andover #13	10.0	14,000.00	7,000.00
Arlington #5	1.0	5,500.00	2,750.00
Bolton #2	48.1	84,275.00	21,068.75 (BOR)
Harvard #7	43.0	52,625.00	9,950.00 (BOR)
Concord #16	16.4	16,640.00	8,320.00
Concord #17	16.0	25,000.00	12,500.00
Dedham #2	23.33	25,000.00	12,500.00
Dedham #5	50.82	39,600.00	17,600.00
Dennis #9	68.89	77,650.00	19,412.50 (BOR)
Dennis #11	1.0	2,000.00	1,000.00
Duxbury #17	19.62	9,810.00	4,905.00
Duxbury #18-24	26.6	12,905.00	6,452.00

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Duxbury #23	35.0	$ 35,000.00	$ 17,000.00
Grafton #3	6.35	8,000.00	4,000.00
Harvard #6	85.6	169,250.00	42,312.50 (BOR)
Harwich #4	4.96	3,000.00	1,500.00
Lexington #22	10.38	30,000.00	11,500.00
Lexington #23	24.83	92,000.00	46,000.00
Lunenburg #31	72.5	16,000.00	8,000.00
Marblehead #3	24.22	177,412.00	41,750.00 (HUD)
Marshfield #2	4.0	4,000.00	2,000.00
Marshfield #3	10.4	20,800.00	10,400.00
Marshfield #4	3.85	23,500.00	11,750.00
Millbury #2	119.0	31,300.00	15,650.00
Norwell #4	190.95	70,000.00	27,121.50
Reading #6	18.5	27,000.00	6,750.00 (BOR)
Reading #7	13.86	26,000.00	6,500.00 (BOR)
Scituate #2	33.0	60,000.00	30,000.00
Sharon #8	35.0	17,500.00	8,750.00
Springfield #14	12.1	7,100.00	3,450.00
Stoughton #4	58.80	60,500.00	15,125.00 (BOR)
Stoughton #5	19.38	19,000.00	4,750.00 (BOR)
Sudbury #8	30.0	26,900.00	13,450.00
Wayland #8	85.7	171,400.00	42,850.00 (BOR)
Wayland #9	16.0	37,000.00	9,250.00 (BOR)
Wayland #10	32.0	16,000.00	8,000.00 (BOR)
Wayland #11	20.0	50,000.00	25,000.00
Wayland #12	18.95	65,000.00	16,250.00
Wellesley #4	10.0	50,000.00	25,000.00
Westwood #3	14.86	100,000.00	49,750.00

Commissioner Brownell then brought before the Board the proposed adoption of several orders under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105 regulatingand restricting coastal wetlands in the Towns of Cohasset, Gay Head, Oak Bluffs, West Tisbury, and Tisbury. He indicated on maps the areas to be restricted and stated that public hearings have been held in each of the respective towns.

Following a review of the orders, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Professor Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - to adopt the order as presented under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105 regulating and restricting coastal wetlands in the town of Cohasset, County of Norfolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to file the order with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds.

VOTED - to adopt the order as presented under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105 regulating and restricting coastal wetlands in the Town of Gay Head, Dukes County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to file the order with the Dukes County Registry of Deeds.

VOTED - to adopt the order as presented under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105 regulating and restricting coastal wetlands in the Town of Oak Bluffs, Dukes County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to file the order with the Dukes County Registry of Deeds.

VOTED - to adopt the order as presented under General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 105 regulating and restricting coastal wetlands in the Town of West Tisbury, Dukes County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to file the order with the Dukes County Registry of Deeds.

VOTED - to adopt the order as presented under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105 regulating and restricting coastal wetlands in the Town of Tisbury, Dukes County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to file the order with the Dukes County Registry of Deeds.

The Board members signed the orders of restriction.

In reporting on the Cut-A-Cord program the Commissioner stated that it had been terminated as of February 10, 1974 due to the fact that it had reached its peak demand. As was expected, he said, the heaviest demand was on forest and park areas nearest the large urban centers of Boston such as the Harold Parker, Myles Standish and Willowdale State Forests, Wompatuck and Hopkinton State Parks. It has been estimated that 2500 cords of wood was sold, and to our knowledge, only 27 live trees were cut. All in all, he said, the Department feels that the program was a success. He added that a total evaluation through an environmental assessment is being undertaken by the Department at the present time and when completed the Department will know whether or not the program should be resumed next year. The Board indicated that they would be interested in learning of the final results.

Commissioner Brownell brought before the Board the proposal to exchange 2½ acres of land within the Borderland State Park in Sharon, which, he said, is isolated from the main portion of the Park, for 6 acres of land associated with an interior private holding within the Park itself, owned by Stanley J. Sreda, Trustee of Knob Hill Trust.

He asked the Board's approval to have an appraisal made of the 6 acre parcel for purposes of establishing a fair market value for the purchase, by transfer, of the 2½ acre portion of Borderland. The Board authorized the Department to have an appraisal made of the Sreda property.

The Commissioner then requested the Board's approval to transfer a portion of the Upton State Forest, containing 19.6 acres, to the Mendon-Upton School District for school purposes, in exchange for land of equal value known as the Van Bossyut and Cardinale property. He informed the Board that the transfer was authorized by special legislation under Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1973.

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

VOTED - to approve the transfer, as authorized by Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1973, of that portion of the Upton State Forest as described in Chapter 447 of the Acts of 1973, and to accept from the Mendon-Upton School District the so-called Van Bossyut and Cardinale property as land of equal value.

Director Correia was asked to attend the Board meeting to present land matters.

Director Correia first presented the proposal to purchase 10.7 acres of land in Westport, Massachusetts, from Claire Rhea Sabourin, Yvonne Sabourin and Fred Azar for the sum of $16,000. The parcel, he said, is within the bounds of the Horseneck Beach State Reservation, and since it is the Department's ultimate goal to acquire all inholdings within this area, it is considered essential that this parcel be under DNR ownership.

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

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 10.7 acres of unimproved land owned by Claire Rhea Sabourin, Yvonne Sabourin and Fred Azar, on John Reed Road, Horseneck Beach, Westport, Massachusetts, for the sum of $16,000.

Director Correia then presented the proposal to purchase, by eminent domain, 500 acres of land in the Town of Hancock, Massachusetts, for the sum of $170,000. At this time, he said, the land is under option to the Berkshire Natural Resources Council or

its designee. He added that the parcel will extend the Pittsfield State Forest to the New York State line. He further stated that the Board, under date of September 20, 1970, authorized the purchase of the property.

Mr. Crane stated that he would refrain from voting due to his personal involvement with the Berkshire Natural Resources Council. Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that he had discussed the acquisition proposal with Mr. Joseph W. Lund and that he had given his approval. He also said that the Town of Pittsfield has authorized the Department to take the property by eminent domain.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition by eminent domain of approximately 500 acres of unimproved land in Hancock, Massachusetts, payment to be made to the Berkshire Natural Resources Council or its designee, in the amount not to exceed $170,000; amending the vote of September 20, 1973 by which the Board of Natural Resources approved the purchase of this land for the sum not to exceed $170,000.

The proposal to purchase 50 acres of land in Rockport, Massachusetts, was brought before the Board by Director Correia. He said the parcel is located at Halibut Point at the most northerly end of the Town of Rockport, and once under ownership by the federal government. He also said that the Department has been unable to come to a purchase price agreement with the owner, Dr. Richard C. Webster; however, we will seek eminent domain proceedings if an equitable agreement cannot be reached.

Professor Rhodes raised the question as to its suitability due to the fact that the area is so rocky. Commissioner Brownell said that it is a unique parcel of coastal shoreline and the Department is interested in acquiring the land primarily to protect the open space, and for its scenic aspect. Also, it would make an exceptional day use area, he said. Following discussion, the Board authorized the Commissioner to continue negotiations in order to work out an equitable agreement with Dr. Webster.

Director Correia then brought the matter of the Farnham Smith property acquisition before the Board, and in so doing stated that a discrepancy has developed relative to the actual number of acres involved in the purchase. The difference lies with what

Mr. Smith claims he actually owns and what the Department's title search and the Town's assessors maps indicate. At this point, he said, the Department does not have sufficient reliable information to confirm the number of acres as attested to by the appraisals. Commissioner Brownell stated that because federal reimbursement is being sought the exact number of acres must be determined.

The Board instructed Commissioner Brownell to continue negotiations in order to work out an equitable agreement with Mr. Smith.

Director Gullion was asked to attend the Board meeting.

Director Gullion brought the Board up to date on the status of the proposed improvements to the Mt. Wachusett ski area. He indicated that a meeting had been held, jointly, with the Wachusett Advisory Council and the general public to discuss the Advisory Council's recommendations.

The Advisory Council, he said, recommends that Stage I of the Sno-engineering report be instituted which indicates a 1900 person capacity, to which the general public reacted favorably. However, concern was expressed relative to the traffic load and waste disposal. He stated that both items appear to be justifiable questions and the Department will pursue the matter and determine solutions before the next step is considered.

Commissioner Brownell indicated that as far as the actual construction and operation of Stage I was concerned, the Department was leaning heavily towards private cost and operation under tight Department control.

Mr. James Branch, President of the Sno-engineering, Inc. of Franconia, New Hampshire, was introduced to the Board and was asked to explain the feasibility study of the ski development potential associated with Mt. Greylock, specifically in the Saddleball and Thunderbolt Trail areas.

Mr. Branch first stated that the objectives of the study were to evaluate and report on Saddleball Mtn., basically within the framework of Mountain Road, Peck's

Brook, the Saddleball Mtn. summit ridge line, and the reservation boundary to the south; the basic environmental characteristics of the site; potential market demand; alternative uses of the lands within the study area; and assessment of the physical condition and the potential of the Thunderbolt Trail and its base lands.

Mr. Branch said the Saddleball Mtn. area was subjected to intensive environmental analysis during the summer, fall and winter of 1973, and it was determined that generally poor soil and shallow depth to bedrock place moderate to severe restraints on all forms of construction throughout the area. He said the water quality on site is generally good and can support trout fisheries, and because of its high quality, the water could easily be adversely affected by poor construction practices. Also, the primary drainage of the section of Saddleball Mtn. which has identified ski development potential is into the Town of Adams water supply. Therefore, environmental conditions, although not truly negative in nature, would appear to indicate a cautionary approach to the construction of a ski development on Saddleball Mtn. He indicated further that the lack of snow within the past three years and the energy crisis have had a major impact on the skier activity in the Berkshires.

He continued by stating that Saddleball Mtn. and surrounding lands were walked extensively during the fall and winter of 1973 and an irrefutable and enduring concept was established. It was proven physically feasible to construct a well balanced ski facility with a vertical drop of approximately 1000 feet, which could comfortably support 3000 skiers at one time with five chair lifts, one trainer lift, and 19 slopes and trails, but the facility would require extensive snowmaking and night lighting. He added that due to the general lack of soil, presence of bedrock, required water protection procedure, and generally moderate to severe construction limitations, the cost of building the facility would be so high as to make the project economically unfeasible at the present time. Also, compounding the problem of generally high construction costs is the requirement for an expensive access road approximately four miles in length,

connecting the ski base at the 2260 foot elevation to West Road at approximately 1130 feet, a vertical differential of over 1000 feet. In spite of its physical feasibility and potential, he said, Sno-engineering recommends that the area not be constructed at this time, due primarily to extremely high costs of construction which would negate economic viability of the project.

Mr. Branch further stated that alternative land uses were considered, and because of the physiographic complexion of the proposed site, the restraints of extreme grade, access problems, and lack of extensive level terrain in surrounding lands, alternative uses for the area in question are extremely limited. Therefore, it is recommended that the site have interim designation (not an irrevocable commitment) as a natural reserve for light recreational uses such as picnicking, hiking (on good, well drained trails) and advanced ski touring and snow shoeing.

Mr. Branch reported that an analysis of the very limited published and proprietory data relating to the Berkshire skier market was undertaken, and since the ski industry in the Berkshires is in economic peril, and since true demand is far below its theoretical level, Sno-engineering suggests strongly that it would be quite inappropriate for the Department to consider the construction of a ski facility at Saddleball Mtn. at this time.

Mr. Branch further indicated that growth in new ski facilities over the past several years was charted for the Berkshires and compared to growth in Massachusetts, the East and all of North America. It was noted that the rate of growth of new lift facilities in all categories has declined rather steadily since 1964. The East now accounts for only 16% of new growth in uphill transportation, and in 1973 Massachusetts could claim only 6% of that figure, with the Berkshires accounting for 70% of the Massachusetts growth since 1968. It was also noted from a limited sampling that up until 1971 skier visits in the Berkshires were increasing steadily and that utilization reached a peak of 45% of comfortable capacity in 1970-1971. However, due to poor weather, utilization rates have dropped markedly in the past years. He added that at the present time,

the addition of significantly more uphill capacity (supply) would further endanger the economic health of the existing industry.

Mr. Branch then reviewed with the Board the investigation of the Thunderbolt Trail area. He stated that a detailed on-the-ground study of the Thunderbolt Trail was conducted during the late fall of 1973. The Trail, which is an historic landmark, can be restored to a reasonably good skiable condition which would hold appeal for the upper 30-35% of the ski market. Significantly widening, blasting and recontouring will be required, but the basic layout should remain the same. The Trail can be utilized in part from the Greylock Glen lift system with minimal expense involved. However, he added, due to terrain and gradient limitations the Thunderbolt Trail should not be extended to the Thiel Farm at the lower end.

Mr. Branch then discussed the Thiel Farm study. He stated that the Thiel Farm lands, although restricted in extent, appear to be basically well suited for selected low impact summer and winter public use such as swimming, hiking, picnicking, novice ski touring, snowshoeing, etc. He emphasized that no motorized vehicle use of the lands should be allowed. He indicated that public access to the area will be a major consideration, and that further detailed investigation of three proposed access routes should be undertaken to determine the extent of problems relating to land ownership and cost.

In conclusion, he said, although the development of an attractive ski area of quite some magnitude is physically feasible on Saddleball Mtn., Sno-engineering recommends that such an undertaking not be considered at the present time due to a combination of circumstances as follows:-

"Inordinately high construction costs would appear to preclude economic viability; environmental considerations, especially the possible negative impact on the Adams water supply require further study; the skier market has been depressed since 1971, and it appears that the current winter will amplify this negative growth; the private sector can expand up to 30% to meet possible future demand; and the unknown and unforseeable

consumer reaction to the energy shortage could further complicate the overall economic picture. Therefore, until such time as the factors noted in the report can be resolved, and until such time as the economic health of the Berkshire ski industry improves, Sno-engineering suggests that the site in question be preserved for quiet use and natural improvement under some land designation which will not prevent its future development as a fine ski recreation area."

Mr. Branch informed the Board that he had been asked to review the Butternut Basin ski area with respect to operation and consideration of Department contol of Butternut Basin activities on state land.

Butternut Basin, he said, runs an exceptionally good facility and has taken extreme care to protect the environment of the State Forest. He said, he felt that more Department control is needed in the actual business operations of the facility to assure that the Department of Natural Resources maintains proper and adequate monitoring on a year to year basis.

Director Gullion stated that a meeting to discuss the entire Sno-engineering report would be held at the Visitors Center at Mt. Greylock on the evening of February 26, at which time the Director, Chief Bliss and Mr. Branch would go through the study in detail. Copies of the study will be made available at Greylock, Department regional headquarters and the local library for those who desire to review it in detail, he said.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Branch for an exceptionally well presented detailed account of Sno-engineering's study of Saddleball Mtn. They indicated their interest in learning of the general public's reaction when presented on the 26th.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for Friday, March 29, 1974 in the office of the Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held March 29, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Lund, Brewster and Rhodes.

In the absence of Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr., Secretary, Mr. Joseph W. Lund was elected Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the February 21, 1974 meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Brownell reported briefly on the Reorganization bill. Technically, he said, the bill is the House Ways and Means Committee, but in actuality, it is before the Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture. It is understood, he said, that a redraft of the bill will be reported out by April 1st.

The Commissioner reported that within the next month the Governor will submit the Capital Outlay budget which includes a recommendation of $31 million for the Department. Originally, he said, the Governor was recommending a $50 million appropriation with the expenditure of funds to be extended over a three year period; the policy now is a $31 million appropriation for a one year period. $9.6 million is designated for acquisition, design and construction (includes $3.3 million for the Holyoke Range); $12 million for the Boston Harbor Islands; $250,000 for a small flood control project in Avon and Braintree; $1 million for the Public Access Board; $1 million for wetland mapping; and $7.5 million for the Self-Help program.

Professor Rhodes questioned the increase in the request for the Self-Help program. The Commissioner stated that due to the back log of projects the Department has been unable to satisfy and for all future projects in 1975 it was felt that this amount would be necessary to cover the reimbursement cost.

As a note of interest, the Commissioner said that all up-grading checks have been distributed to the employees and he commended the payroll section for accomplishing this goal with efficiency and alacrity.

Commissioner Brownell then presented for the Board's approval projects recommended to receive financial assistance under the Self-Help program.

Following a review of the projects submitted, upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the following self-help projects and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Andover #10	9.6	$16,500.00	$ 8,250.00
Burlington #15	29.0	53,000.00	26,500.00
Carlisle #7	55.22	85,000.00	40,616.00
Carlisle #8	9.0	7,500.00	3,750.00
Carlisle #9	36.5	28,000.00	14,000.00
Carlisle #10	8.02	7,500.00	3,750.00
Marshfield #8	10.8	15,000.00	7,500.00

The Commissioner asked the Board members for suggestions of topics for discussion at future Board meetings. The Commissioner suggested that the Board review the Forestry Camp and coho-salmon programs. Mr. Brewster stated that the Board would be pleased to have an overview of the Department's programs presented at future meetings. Professor Rhodes asked that the gypsy moth program be reviewed. The Commissioner said that a program will be presented each month for the Board's review.

Directors Gullion and Correia were asked to attend the Board meeting to present land matters.

Director Gullion first asked the Board's approval to allow the Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges the use of the facilities at Quinsigamond State Park for the annual rowing regatta which is to be held at the Regatta Point facility on May 11, 1974.

Upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, 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 11, 1974 for the express purpose of conducting a championship rowing regatta.

Director Gullion then presented the proposal to acquire three interior lots plus a right-of-way within the Walden Pond Reservation in Concord, owned by James G. Sliman. The lots, he said, consists of 43,701± square feet; 44,350 square feet; 4½ acres; and the right-of-way averaging 775 feet long and 10 feet wide. The area in question, he said, is known as 'Walden Breezes' and is, at the present time, essentially a trailer park for the elderly. The owner, Mr. Sliman, is phasing out the park and is desirous

of selling the land to the Commonwealth and has given permission for appraisals to be made. He indicated that the area was one of the last interior holdings within the Reservation. He asked the Board's approval to have appraisals made of the Sliman property.

Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to have appraisals made of the Sliman property for purposes of future acquisition.

Director Gullion asked the Board's approval to have suitable legislation drafted which will authorize the Department to lease or grant a permit to the High Fidelity Division of the Billboards Publishing Company to utilize approximately one acre of land located on the top of Warner Mountain within the East Mountain State Forest, for the purpose of cable television transmission to service the people of the Great Barrington area. He indicated that the Board authorized this use in 1966 but that a formal agreement had never been finalized and therefore no fee has been realized from the Company. He added that before any agreement can be entered into between DNR and High Fidelity Division, Article 97 of the Constitution must be satisfied. (Article 97 is a recent amendment whereby any change in the utilization of state land requires a 2/3 vote of both branches of the Legislature.)

Following a review of the proposed legislation, the Board authorized the Commissioner to submit suitable legislation that will authorize a lease or permit to the High Fidelity Division for purposes of receiving and transmitting television signals on a portion of the East Mountain State Forest, Great Barrington.

Director Gullion also indicated that legislation would also be required to issue a lease or permit to the Butternut Basin, Inc., for purposes of continued use of a portion of Commonwealth land on the East Mountain State Forest for skiing facilities. He said their permit has expired and before a new permit can be issued Article 97 must be satisfied. This permit will be for a ten year period, he said.

In discussing the proposed legislation, Mr. Brewster suggested that the permit or lease should not specify a permittee or leasee, but that it should be written so as to give the Department sole discretion in naming the permittee or leasee. The Board concurred with Mr. Brewster's suggestion.

Following further discussion, the Board authorized the Commissioner to submit suitable legislation that will authorize a permit or lease for the operation of a ski facility on a portion of the East Mountain State Forest, known as Butternut Basin, for a ten year period.

Director Correia brought before the Board the proposal to purchase 51 acres of land in Rockport, known as Halibut Point. He informed the Board that he had been unable to contact Dr. Richard Webster, the owner of the property, to negotiate the final purchase and that the Department has determined to go forward with eminent domain proceedings. The appraisals, he said, were in the amounts of $325,000 and $350,000. The Department will seek 50% reimbursement from the Land and Water Conservation Fund on the acquisition figure of $325,000. He asked the Board's approval to acquire the Webster property by eminent domain making an award of $325,000.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition by eminent domain of Halibut Point, 51 acres of land, more or less, with improvements thereon, in Rockport, Massachusetts, supposedly owned by Dr. Richard C. Webster, et ux, making an award of $325,000 for damages sustained as a result of the taking.

Director Correia then brought before the Board the Farnham Smith property acquisition. He said the Department has met with Mr. Smith and his attorneys and that final agreement has been reached on final acreage and cost of acquisition. The Department will acquire 860 acres of land for an amount not to exceed $4,300,000.

Director Correia stated that in the final negotiations the Department has agreed to the following terms.

(a) life estate on the Lincoln office building with one acre of land associated with it;

(b) five year tenancy to continue operation of the farm which includes buildings associated with the farm and 147 acres of pasture land and crop;

(c) five year tenancy of the North House (nursery school) with barn and four acres of land; and

(d) five or eight year tenancy of the parcel of land known as East Farm containing the Farnham Smith camp.

Mr. Correia indicated that the main house, known as Fermhame, with 22 acres of land associated with it is also to be retained by Mr. Smith. This portion, he said, is not included in the 860 acre acquisition; however, the Department will have first refusal on this particular parcel.

Director Gullion stated that he had met with the town officials and they have indicated that they would consider abandoning two interior town roads within the property (North Road and Curve Street) which would give the Department excellent interior control. Mr. Brewster suggested that the Department obtain the agreement in writing should the town officials make this a final determination.

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

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 860 acres of land, more or less, with improvements thereon, in Carlisle and Chelmsford, Massachusetts, owned by Farnham W. Smith and/or Farnham W. Smith Realty Trust for an amount not to exceed $4,300,000.

Commissioner Brownell asked Mr. Luke Thompson to attend the Board meeting to review the Department's fiscal 1975 budget.

Mr. Thompson gave the Board members a copy of a combined summary of the 1974 appropriation, 1975 request, and the Governor's recommendation. He pointed out the 1974 appropriation - $17,385,000; 1975 request - $22,139,210; and the Governor's recommendation - $18,700,000. He noted that the Governor's recommendation did not include the Capital Outlay recommendation of $31 million. He stated that the Department requested the combination of accounts in certain Divisions so as to allow more flexibility in expenditures. This concept was rejected, he said.

Mr. Thompson then outlined the areas where substantial increases occurred.

Within the Division of Forests and Parks, he said, the bulk of their request is for personnel and equipment in the recreation account to satisfy new areas such as the Boston Harbor Islands, Hawksnest and South Cape Beaches, rinks and pools, and for additional personnel and equipment for new facilities within existing areas. Two new foresters positions - one to administer the RC&D program in Berkshire Franklin Counties, and a Forest Product Utilization Specialist - both recommended by the Governor. He said a new account was also requested in the Division of Forests and Parks entitled 'equipment'. This request is to cover the cost of two trail grooming machines and the replacement of 10 snowmobiles. He pointed out that $74,000 was requested and $58,000 was recommended.

In discussing the budget for the Division of Conservation Services, Mr. Thompson pointed out the $1,250,000 item requested for the Self-Help program. The Governor, he said, has recommended the Self-Help program as a Capital Outlay item.

Mr. Thompson reported that within the Division of Law Enforcement, four new natural resource officers positions were recommended in the Governor's budget. This is the first time in ten years, he said, there has been any additional personnel requested for this Division.

In summary, Mr. Thompson said the Department is quite satisfied with the Governor's recommendations for the Department, and we have written to the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees expressing this feeling.

The Board accepted the budget report as submitted and thanked Mr. Thompson for his excellent presentation.

The date for the next Board meeting will be announced at a later date.

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

Joseph W. Lund

An Act authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to grant the continued use of certain lands situated on the East Mountain State Forest in Great Barrington, County of Berkshire, Massachusetts.

Be it enacted, etc. as follows:

Section 1

The Department of Natural Resources is hereby authorized to grant a ten (10) year lease which may be renewable from time to time for additional ten (10) year terms and which shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Natural Resources for the continued use of a portion of land on East Mountain State Forest for the support of skiing facilities provided however, that said lease shall contain a fair rental fee as determined by the Commissioner of Natural Resources. Any and all buildings and equipment used in connection with the said use shall be subject to the approval of the said Commissioner of Natural Resources.

The following is a description of the 375 acre parcel of land in said County of Berkshire, within the town of Great Barrington, County of Berkshire, Massachusetts, located upon the East Mountain State Forest, to be used in connection with this authorization, excepting and excluding the one (1) acre more or less of land to be used by High Fidelity Division of the Billboard Publishing Company.

Beginning at the southeast corner of the parcel, granted to the Commonwealth by R. K. Wheeler in Book 354, Page 199, thence southerly along land formerly of one Crippen and in the line of parcel #2 granted to the Commonwealth by F. H. Wright in Book 259, Page 139 and known as the "Richmond Iron Company Lot" to the land of one Hoder; thence westerly, southeasterly, and southerly in the line of Hoder common to the said "Richmond Iron Company Lot" to the "Bound on the top of the mountain" so called at the southwesterly corner of the parcel granted to the Commonwealth by John Avery in Book 259, Page 157 and referred to as the "20 acre wood lot", thence westerly crossing the "Richmond Iron Company Lot" to another corner of a parcel granted to the Commonwealth by John Avery in Book 259, Page 157; thence westerly in the line of said Avery parcel common with the said "Richmond Iron Company Lot" crossing a small brook to the southeast corner of a parcel of land of the Commonwealth supposed to contain 32.8 acres; thence northerly and easterly in the line of said 32.8 acre parcel in common with the said Richmond Iron Company lot to the southwesterly corner of another parcel granted to the Commonwealth by said Avery in Book 259, Page 157; thence northwesterly in a diagonal line crossing said 32.8 acre parcel to the easterly line of said parcel; thence northwesterly, and northerly in said westerly line to another small brook; thence northerly and northeasterly following the said brook crossing parcels granted to the Commonwealth by F. H. Wright in Book 259, Page 139 and known as the Pixley Lot, one by C. A. Ritz in Book 337, Page 404 and others by F. H. Wright in Book 259, 139 and Book 259, Page 241 to a point where the said brook meets the line of land of one Kirchof and Holohan as recorded in Book 321, Page 313; thence easterly in the line of said Kirchof and Holohan to the line of land of the grantee; thence easterly, southerly, easterly along the southerly line of land of the grantee to the point of beginning, containing about 375 acres of land.

Section II

This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

An Act authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to grant the continued use of certain lands situated on the East Mountain State Forest in Great Barrington, County of Berkshire, Massachusetts.

Be it enacted, etc. as follows:

Section I

The Department of Natural Resources is hereby authorized and directed to grant to High Fidelity Division of the Billboard Publishing Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, with a principal office in Great Barrington, County of Berkshire, Massachusetts and its agents and assigns, a renewable ten (10) year lease whose terms and conditions shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Natural Resources, for the continued use of a site on East Mountain State Forest for broadcasting and re-broadcasting of television signals provided however that said lease shall contain a fair rental fee, as determined by the said Commissioner and the agreement by High Fidelity Division of the Billboard Publishing Company that all subleases it may grant shall be subject to the prior approval of the Commissioner of Natural Resources and the agreement by High Fidelity Division of the Bill board Publishing Company to assume all costs and liabilities that may arise from said use including any and all expenses, damages and costs that may arise from any interference with communications systems the Commonwealth may erect in the future on East Mountain State Forest and further, the agreement hat any and all additions shall be subject to the written approval of the said Commissioner of Natural Resources.

The following is a description of the parcel of land in said County of Berkshire, within the town of Great Barrington, located upon the summit of Warner Mountain, to be used in connection with this authorization.

Section II

This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held April 26, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Lund, Crane and Brewster.

Mr. William S. Brewster was elected chairman for the meeting.

The minutes of the March 29, 1974 meeting were approved as presented.

In discussing legislation, Commissioner Brownell reported that House 4000 (Reorganization bill) is still before the Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture. There have been several versions of the bill, he said, and as yet no decision has been made.

The Commissioner reported that the House Ways and Means Committee has made several serious cuts in the 1975 fiscal year budget, particularly in the 02 account which includes all new temporary positions and all new positions for the Boston Harbor Islands. In all Divisions, he said, the equipment accounts were cut almost in half. He added that the budget is now in the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Commissioner Brownell brought before the Board several self-help applications and in so doing stated that the self-help funds are virtually exhausted, but that the Lands Committee has given preliminary approval to the projects being presented. He requested the Board's preliminary approval so that the towns could be notified that their project has qualified.

Following a review of the projects, the Board gave preliminary approval, pending the receipt of funds in next year's budget, for the following self-help projects.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Andover #14	17.8	$ 9,000.00	$ 4,500.00
Andover #15	4.0	13,000.00	6,750.00
Boston #2	5.15	45,000.00	11,250.00
Boxford #1	279.0	110,000.00	55,000.00
Chelmsford #8	2.9	2,000.00	1,000.00
Concord #18	15.64	120,000.00	30,000.00
Dennis #14	41.0	8,200.00	4,100.00
Duxbury #16	97.7	60,000.00	30,000.00
Foxboro #9	8.5	8,500.00	4,250.00
Granby #1	77.0	12,000.00	6,500.00
Georgetown #3	7.2	10,500.00	5,250.00

Commissioner Brownell then brought before the Board the proposed adoption of two orders under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105 regulating and restricting 371 acres of coastal wetlands in the Town of Chilmark, and 1,443 acres of land in the Town of Edgartown. He indicated on maps the areas to be restricted.

Following a review of the orders, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to adopt the order as presented under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105 regulating and restricting coastal wetlands in the Town of Chilmark, Dukes County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to file the order with the Dukes County Registry of Deeds.

VOTED - to adopt the order as presented under General Laws Chapter 130, Section 105 regulating and restricting coastal wetlands in the Town of Edgartown, Dukes County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to file the order with the Dukes County Registry of Deeds.

The Board members signed the orders of restriction.

Director Correia was asked to attend the Board meeting to present certain land matters.

Director Correia first presented a proposal to acquire 0.74 acres of land in the Town of Westfield, from Rita M. and Alfred M. Pezzine for $23,000. He stated tha the parcel is necessary for the overall development of the so-called Lamberts Beach on Hampton Pond.

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

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 0.74 acres of land, more or less, with improvements thereon, in Westfield, Massachusetts, Hampton Pond area, owned by Rita M. and Alfred M. Pezzine for the amount of $23,000.

Director Correia then brought to the attention of the Board the matter of the Farnham Smith property. He said that in presenting the proposal for approval of the Board at the March 29, 1974 meeting, the Department, at that time, had anticipated that the deduction of the $500,000 gift would be made prior to the actual purchase of the property. However, he said, since negotiations are not finalized and not knowing if the deduction would be made prior to or following the consummation, it was felt that the Department should anticipate the necessity of awarding the highest figure at this time.

He requested the Board's approval to amend the vote of March 29 to purchase the 860 acres of land for a sum not to exceed $4,300,000 and to approve the acquisition of the property in the amount not to exceed $4,600,000.

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

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 860 acres of land, more or less, with improvements thereon, in Carlisle and Chelmsford, Massachusetts, owned by Farnham W. Smith and Susan W. Smith and/or Farnham W. Smith Realty Trust for an amount not to exceed $4,600,000; amending the vote of March 29, 1974 by which the Board of Natural Resources approved the purchase of this land for the sum of $4,300,000.

Director Gullion and Chief John Lambert were asked to attend the Board meeting to review the Department's forestry programs.

In reviewing the Forestry Camp program, Director Gullion stated that there are three forestry prison camps located on Department property - Myles Standish, Monroe and Warwick State Forests. These camps, he said, are operated by the Department of Correction and for many years the major improvement program was under the direction of this Department. However, in recent years, the Department of Correction has undertaken a new approach to the rehabilitation of the prisoners through work study and work release programs. Because of this, he continued, little work is being accomplished on our forests and parks with the exception of the construction of picnic tables, signs and fireplaces which are constructed during inclement weather.

Director Gullion further stated that the Department is now in discussion with Mr. James Mahoney, Director of the prison camps to see if there is a possibility of re-establishing some of this program. Also, we are looking at the potential for placing men in the camps at the time they have three years left to serve, with the hope that 18 months will be devoted to the work program on state forests and parks and the last 18 months devoted to the new approach to rehabilitation. Mr. Brewster asked if the Myles Standish camp provided any service to the Myles Standish State Forest. Director Gullion replied that all three camps have provided thousands of dollars worth of repair work, new construction and maintenance. Director Gullion added that he hoped the cooperative program would continue with a more balanced approach.

Chief Lambert then discussed the Cooperative Forestry Management program. He said the program was a joint Forest Service-Division approach to forestry service to private landowners. The U. S. Forest Service reimburses the Commonwealth up to 50% of the cost, but that it has yet to reach 50%. He said that there are 12 Service Foresters covering the entire Commonwealth and in recent years the type of service required of these men has expanded not only to private landowners but assistance to communities in planning, acquisition and management of open space and conservation lands. He added that the program has been in operation since 1951 but the forerunner of the program started in the late thirty's. He noted that the strength of the program lies in the fact that many woodlands have been under continuous forest management since the late thirty's and forty's.

Chief Lambert then reviewed the Forestry Incentive program, which, he said, is a subsidy to private forest landowners for forest planting and improvement work. It has been decided in this State, he said, that most of the emphasis will be placed on forest improvement work. The program is limited to good growing sites and also units of land under 500 acres. In essence, it is oriented to small woodland owners. He added that the Department will be responsible for the examination of the proposed project, assistance to the owners in finding personnel to do the work, and final inspection for payment.

Chief Lambert then presented a progress report on the Timber Harvesting on State Lands. He stated that a year ago the Department established a cutting program to be assured that suitable wood products would contribute to the market demand. He said the harvesting of forest products has risen in two years from one million board feet to 5.2 million board feet. The major increase is directly related to the major thinning operation which occurred on the Martha's Vineyard State Forest. He added that the value being received from stumpage has risen markedly in the past few years due to the increasing demand for wood products. Director Gullion reported that the Department has received $45,000 from stumpage of white pine at the Lowell Dracut State Forest.

Director Gullion then explained the proposal to establish two Youth Conservation Corps camps under a new federal program, and in so doing, he said that they would be day camps for youths between the ages of 15 though 18, starting July 1 and ending August 30. There will be basically 50 youths to a camp and the selection of the students will be made by the Executive Office of Manpower Affairs. Also, the camps will be co-educational. It is hoped, he said, that those youths interested in conservation would be given priority. He added that they would be paid at the rate of $1.85 per hour for a forty hour work week. It is proposed that the camps will be based at the Freetown State Forest and the Mt. Wachusett State Reservation. Director Gullion noted that there are two federal camps now in operation located at Hartsville Stage in the Berkshires and Plum Island. He indicated that the Secretary of Environmental Affairs has made application to the Federal Government.

Director Gullion then brought before the Board the matter of the consulting forester versus state cooperative forest management forester. In past years, he said, a federal ad hoc committee had been established between the Forest Service and the National Association of Consulting Foresters to assess the problems on the conflicts between the service forester and the consultant. It appears, he said, that in some areas there is conflict in that the service foresters are doing work that is better oriented towards consultant. It is known, he added, that the National Association of Consulting Foresters is establishing committees in each of the New England States to resolve the problem. He further stated that due to the tension, he would hold a meeting with the Department foresters on May 8 to assess where the conflicts are and then he would meet with the consultants. It is my feeling, he said, that much of the conflict is not justified. He added that the service forester program pre-dated the consultant coming into the field of forest management.

Mr. Brewster asked if the Department felt the consultant was needed in Massachusetts. Director Gullion replied that they were and the Department supported the consultant forester

wherever possible. Chief Lambert added that in order to reduce the conflict, the Department has limited two days of service per landowner, per year.

Commissioner Brownell asked the Board members if they would be willing to meet with the Board of Fisheries and Game on May 18. The Board, he said, is invited to the Division of Fisheries and Game's dedication ceremony of the new fish pier at Cooks Pond, and the possible opening ceremony of the Department's Horseneck Beach camping area in Westport. The Board members declined the invitations.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for May 30, 1974 at the Myles Standish State Forest.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Frederick G. Crane Jr.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held May 30, 1974 at 12 noon at the Department of Natural Resources' Skating Rink in Plymouth. Present were Messrs. Crane, Brewster, Lund and Rhodes.

Previous to the Board meeting, the Board members met at the Myles Standish State Forest to view a demonstration of water bombing for the control of forest fires through the use of a helicopter and attached water bucket. This was followed by a tour of the Forest to inspect the new bicycle trails being constructed throughout the Forest.

The minutes of the April 26, 1974 meeting were approved as presented.

In reporting on the 1975 fiscal budget the Commissioner stated that it had been reported out of a Conference Committee and that the Senate Ways and Means Committee had restored most of the recommendations struck out by the House. The Commissioner said that the Reorganization bill is at a standstill.

Commissioner Brownell gave the Board members a copy of H.5906 - the Governor's Capital Outlay Budget. He noted that over half of the budget recommendations is earmarked for the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. He highlighted some of the more important items - $1 million for Public Access; $8.6 million for acquisition and construction on recreation areas which includes $3.3 million for the acquisition of the Holyoke Range; $11.5 million for the Boston Harbor Islands which is in accordance with the MAPC study report. He indicated that the $11.5 million did not include the transportation system funds which will be in cooperation with the MBTA. He said the money will provide for major work on all Islands excluding Lovell, Paddocks and Georges Islands which are under the control of MDC. He stated that $7.5 million has been recommended for the Self-Help program. At this time, he said, there are over $4 million worth of projects on hand. He added that $1 million has been recommended for wetland mapping which will allow the Department final completion of wetland mapping for the entire state.

Commissioner Brownell then brought several self-help matters before the Board for their consideration.

The Commissioner first asked the Board's approval to de-encumber funds for two projects which cannot be completed for this fiscal year - Lexington #21 - $3,000, and Marshfield #2 - $2,000. The Board gave its approval of this action.

Commissioner Brownell then asked the Board's approval for additional funding on several preliminary approved self-help projects due to increased acquisition costs to the towns. Following a review of the projects, upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve additional funding on the following self-help projects.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Original Reimbursement	Increase	Reimbursement
Acton #19	13.14	$23,664.54	$ 5,750.00	$ 166.63	$ 5,916.63
Duxbury #17	19.62	11,620.00	4,905.00	195.00	5,100.00
Duxbury #18	26.6	13,783.75	6,452.50	197.50	6,650.00
Norwell #4	170.28	57,348.00	27,121.50	1,552.70	28,674.00
Reading #6	18.5	27,500.00	6,750.00	125.00	6,875.00
Stoughton #5	19.38	19,380.00	4,750.00	95.00	4,845.00

Commissioner Brownell then presented for the Board's approval two projects recommended by the Lands Committee to receive financial assistance under the self-help program.

Following a review of the projects presented, upon motion of Professor Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lund, it was -

VOTED - to approve the following self-help projects and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Dennis #14	41.0	$8,200.00	$4,100.00
Marshfield #10	18.4	9,450.00	4,700.00

Director Correia informed the Board that the final purchase and sales agreement for the acquisition of the Farnham Smith property in Carlisle has been executed. The final figure agreed upon, he said, excluding the gift of $200,000, is $4,116,300.

Commissioner Brownell informed the Board that the Department has instituted a program, whereby each Division, on a monthly basis, will hold informational meetings on their individual activities. These meetings will be held at strategic points throughout the state, he said, and the next such meeting will be conducted by the Division of Marine Fisheries at their Cat Cove Marine Laboratory in Salem.

The Commissioner invited the Board to participate at the meeting and asked if they would be willing to hold the Board meeting at the same time. The Board accepted the invitation and agreed to hold the Board meeting at the Cat Cove Laboratory on June 28.

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

The Board members then inspected the new camping area at Scusset Beach in Bourne.

Joseph W Lund

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held June 26, 1974 at 12 noon at the Division of Marine Fisheries Cat Cove Marine Laboratory, Salem. Present were Messrs. Rhodes and Lund.

Messrs. Rhodes and Lund joined Department personnel in attending the informational seminar conducted by the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Due to a lack of a quorum, an informal Board meeting was held. Approval of the May 30, 1974 minutes of the meeting was postponed until the July meeting.

Commissioner Brownell gave the Board members copies of House 6376 - Capital Outlay Program, and Senate 1801 - Reorganization bill. He informed the Board that the Reorganization bill was reported favorably out of the Senate and is now in House Ways and Means Committee. It is anticipated, he said, the bill will be approved by both branches and will take effect July, 1975. He reported that the 1975 fiscal year budget and the deficiency budget are on the Governor's desk.

The Commissioner reported that the $1 million request for the Public Access Board has been transferred from the Capital Outlay to the deficiency, and that the $7.5 million request for self-help was reduced to $5 million. He also reported that the $8.6 million for acquisition and development is still in the budget which includes $3.3 million for the Holyoke Range. Unfortunately, he said, the $11,500,000 for the Boston Harbor Islands has been stricken in total. But we still have a $2.6 million bond issue which will enable the Department to begin the design for docking facilities. The Commissioner noted that a $2 million item for two skating rinks in Berkshire and Central Hampshire Counties has been included in the budget.

As a matter of interest the Commissioner gave the Board members copies of House 6379 - amendments to the wetlands protection act; House 6047 - a bill to protect land and water on Martha's Vineyard; and House 6055 - transferring Walden Pond from the County Commissioners to DNR. No problems are foreseen with passage, he said.

Commissioner Brownell then referred to the Board his recommendation to appoint Joel Lerner the Director of the Division of Conservation Services. Mr. Lerner, he said, has been Acting Director since the resignation of Matthew Connolly. Due to a lack of a quorum, the Board could not officially approve Mr. Lerner's appointment. Commissioner Brownell suggested that a "conference call" be placed to the Board members on Monday next to present his recommendation to appoint Mr. Lerner. His suggestion was met with approval.

The Commissioner then presented self-help matters. He first asked approval to de-encumber $7,625 for the Wayland #10 project, due to the fact that the town is unable to complete the transaction within the time frame. He also presented the Walpole #13 project, 13.0 acres at a cost of $9,500.

Since formal Board approval is not required by statute, following a review, the Board authorized the Commissioner to make the decision on the Wayland and Walpole projects.

Commissioner Brownell approved the de-encumbrance of $7,625 for the Wayland #10 project.

Commissioner Brownell approved the following self-help project.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Walpole #13	13.0	$10,000.00	$9,500.00

Commissioner Brownell asked the Board members if they would again be willing to hold the July Board meeting on the same day as the Division of Forests and Parks holds their informational seminar which, he said, will be on July 26 at the Wompatuck State Park. The Board members present gave tentative approval to hold the Board meeting on July 26 at the Wompatuck State Park.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Josephine Tunnel

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held July 26, 1974 at 12 noon at the Wompatuck State Park in Hingham. Present were Messrs. Lund, Brewster and Rhodes.

Mr. William S. Brewster was elected Chairman pro tem; Mr. Joseph W. Lund, in the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr., was elected Secretary pro tem, for the meeting.

The minutes of the May 30 and June 26, 1974 meetings were approved.

In reviewing legislation, Commissioner Brownell reported that the Department did exceptionally well in the 1975 fiscal year budget, with the exception of losing the $11 million for the Boston Harbor Islands. However, he said, the Department received $8.6 million for acquisition and development which includes $3.3 million for the Holyoke Range. He said the Self-Help appropriation request was reduced from $7.5 million to $5 million which is a sizable increase over last year; and $1 million was appropriated for wetland mapping. He added that the wetlands amendment bill was in Senate third reading.

In reporting on the Reorganization bill, the Commissioner gave the Board members a copy of the Conference Committee's revision of the bill. It is expected, he said, the bill will be reported out favorably next Monday. He said that the Conference Committee's proposal, with respect to the disposition of the Division of Fisheries and Game, is that there will be a Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Recreation Vehicles, headed by a commissioner to be appointed by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, with each division retaining its own board and including the Public Access Board.

The Board questioned its role with respect to Reorganization. The Commissioner reported that it remains the same with its present duties and responsibilities within the Department of Environmental Management.

Commissioner Brownell referred to the Board his recommendation to appoint Joel A. Lerner as Director of the Division of Conservation Services. Mr. Lerner, he said, has been Acting Director of the Division since the resignation of Matthew Connolly.

Following a review and discussion of Mr. Lerner's background and capabilities, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Professor Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - to approve the recommendation of Commissioner Arthur W. Brownell that Joel A. Lerner be appointed to the position of Director of the Division of Conservation Services.

Commissioner Brownell then referred to the Board his recommendation to appoint Walter R. Boehmer as Acting Director of the Division of Mineral Resources replacing Robert Blumberg who recently resigned as Director. Mr. Boehmer, he said, has been working with Mr. Blumberg in that Division since 1972. He gave the Board members a copy of Mr. Boehmer's resume.

Following discussion and review of the resume, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Professor Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - to approve the recommendation of Commissioner Arthur W. Brownell that Walter R. Boehmer be appointed to the position of Acting Director of the Division of Mineral Resources.

Commissioner Brownell asked the Board's approval to increase the Commissioner's salary in line with the recent 6.2 percent cost of living increase.

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

VOTED - to approve a 6.2 percent cost of living increase for Commissioner Arthur W. Brownell, effective December 31, 1973.

Commissioner Brownell then brought before the Board numerous self-help applications for their consideration.

The applications as presented were reviewed by the Board and met with their approval with the exception of the City of Boston's Self-Help Project #1. Approval of this project was deferred until additional information regarding ownership was forthcoming.

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

VOTED - to approve the following self-help projects and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Andover #14	17.8	$ 9,000.00	$ 4,500.00
Andover #15	4.0	13,500.00	6,750.00
Boston #2	5.15	45,000.00	11,250.00 (BOR)
Boxford #1	279.0	110,000.00	55,000.00
Burlington #11	35.0	90,000.00	45,000.00
Burlington #12	26.6	22,600.00	11,300.00
Burlington #13	7.5	9,000.00	4,500.00
Sandwich #9	253.0	1,355,500.00	338,875.00 (BOR)
Sandwich #10	57.4	200,000.00	46,250.00 (BOR)
Springfield #16	2.95	15,500.00	3,875.00 (BOR)
Stoneham #5	6.7	90,000.00	45,000.00
Westwood #4	12.31	73,860.00	34,650.00

The date for the next Board meeting was set for August 14, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Joseph W. Lund
Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held August 14, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Lund, Brewster and Rhodes.

Mr. William S. Brewster was elected Chairman pro tem; Mr. Joseph W. Lund, in the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Frederick G. Crane, Jr., was elected Secretary pro tem, for the meeting.

The minutes of the July 26, 1974 meeting were approved.

Commissioner Brownell reported that Chapter 806, Establishing an Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (Reorganization) was signed by Governor Sargent on Monday, August 11, 1974. In presenting a copy of Chapter 806 to the Board members, the Commissioner stated that sections 1 through 38 will become effective on July 1, 1975, sections 39-40 goes into effect immediately. Sections 39-40, the Commissioner said, spells out the responsibilities of the Secretary's office and the various studies that must be undertaken immediately by that office and reports submitted by December, 1974. One of the studies, he said, under section 40 (d) is the study of regionalization in which the Department will be very much involved. He also reported that the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs now has complete control of all budgets, and outlined the procedures to be followed in appropriating, allocating and expending of budget monies. The Board requested a reorganizational chart of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. The Commissioner assured them that their request would be complied with as soon as one becomes available.

Director Joel Lerner was asked to attend the Board meeting to present self-help projects.

Director Lerner, in presenting numerous self-help projects, stated that most of the applications have been on file for sometime pending the 1975 fiscal year appropriation which amounted to $5 million. Also, he said, each application has been extensively reviewed and approved by the Department's Lands Committee.

Following a review of the applications presented, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Professor Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - to approve the following self-help projects and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement	
Andover #16	7.0	$ 4,900.00	$ 2,450.00	
Barnstable #34	143.0	450,000.00	114,400.00	
Chelmsford #7	3.6	20,000.00	10,000.00	
Chelmsford #8	2.9	2,000.00	1,000.00	
Concord #18	15.64	120,000.00	30,000.00	
Concord #19	11.62	83,000.00	37,500.00	
Dennis #12	10.15	100,000.00	50,000.00	
Duxbury #16	97.7	60,000.00	30,000.00	
Foxboro #9	8.5	8,500.00	4,250.00	
Georgetown #3	7.2	10,500.00	5,250.00	
Hanson #3	4.5	2,500.00	1,250.00	
Holliston #3	72.0	8,900.00	4,450.00	
Lincoln #19	7.0	80,000.00	40,000.00	
Lincoln #20	17.0	59,500.00	29,750.00	
Littleton #8	1.6	20,000.00	10,000.00	
Littleton #9	15.5	53,000.00	26,500.00	
Marblehead #4	26.0	140,000.00	70,000.00	
Marshfield #5	49.5	54,000.00	22,012.50	
Marshfield #6	60.18	70,000.00	35,000.00	
Marshfield #7	77.0	35,000.00	17,500.00	
Marshfield #9	20.6	20,000.00	10,000.00	
Marshfield #12	9.5	42,500.00	20,550.00	
Marshfield #13	21.3	55,900.00	26,100.00	
Marshfield #14	56.4	99,505.00	45,912.50	
Marshfield #15	67.1	105,745.00	52,602.50	
Marshfield #16	50.4	141,550.00	70,775.00	
Methuen #2	8.7	45,000.00	18,750.00	
Needham #3	222.0	925,000.00	231,250.00	(BOR)
Newton #4	1.63	40,000.00	20,000.00	
Norton #2	80.0	120,000.00	60,000.00	
Scituate #4	41.0	61,500.00	30,750.00	
Sharon #9	30.0	15,500.00	7,750.00	
Sherborn #5	46.0	32,000.00	16,000.00	
Walpole #14	26.0	50,000.00	25,000.00	
Wayland #13	11.21	55,000.00	13,250.00	(BOR)
Wayland #14	43.0	250,000.00	125,000.00	
Wilbraham #10	144.0	115,000.00	57,500.00	
Wilbraham #11	70.0	65,000.00	32,500.00	
Wilbraham #12	30.0	45,000.00	22,500.00	
Total	1616.43	$3,666,000.00	$1,427,502.50	

Directors Gullion and Correia were asked to attend the Board meeting to present land matters.

Director Gullion first presented a proposal to acquire 314 acres of land located in the Towns of New Braintree and North Brookfield, under ownership of Mr. Richard Kemp. Mr. Kemp, he said, is faced with a critical financial situation in obtaining mortgage monies to continue the operation of his dairy farm due to the fact that it is situated within the proposed Meadow Site, Public Law 566 complex. Since the State will, most probably, take the land by eminent domain at some future date, the Department would consider acquiring the property at this time. For this reason, he said, an appraisal of Mr. Kemp's property would be in order. Following discussion, the Board gave its approval to have an appraisal made of the Kemp property to determine its value for purposes of future acquisition.

Commissioner Brownell brought before the Board the matter of the Thunderbolt Trail on the Mt. Greylock Reservation. He indicated that a supplemental budget had been passed allowing $65,000 for the rehabilitation of the Thunderbolt. He then asked Director Gullion to explain the situation.

Director Gullion stated that Sno Engineering had done a study of the Thunderbolt Trail to determine the feasibility of its repair and use. He said that at the time the Trail was constructed it was one of the first major downhill slopes in the United States and, because of its steepness and narrowness the number of people using it today is extremely limited.

Director Gullion said, in the Sno Engineering report, the repair and improvements of the lower section of the Trail was proposed to be tied into the so-called Elco property, and additional connecting trails were proposed from the top of the Elco ski area to the Thunderbolt. Sno Engineering has estimated the cost of repairs and improvements to be approximately $65,000. As the lower portion, roughly below the elevation of 2300 feet, would primarily benefit those utilizing the Elco ski area, the Department feels that the monies appropriated by the Legislature should be

utilized on that area above the 2300 feet and that section below the connection to the Elco property. It is further recommended, he said, that the Elco Corporation be approached and that they be required to rehabilitate and improve the Trail below the 2300 foot elevation and base area on the Thiel Farm. It is suggested that Sno Engineering be hired to do the detail design work for the entire trail as soon as possible.

Director Gullion indicated that special legislation would have to be submitted to allow this type of arrangement to occur between the Department of Natural Resources and Elco Corporation.

The Board, following discussion, gave its approval to the Department's proposal and recommended that the Department make contact with Sno Engineering and Elco Corporation to begin to work out the details.

Director Correia then presented an account of proposed expenditures of four on-going bond issues - $5 million (1968); $11 million (1970); $9 million (1972); and $8.6 million (1974), out of which, he said, is an available $21 million and, 30 percent of these funds is directed to two projects - South Cape Beach and Farnham Smith property. He gave the Board members a breakdown chart designating proposed acquisition, design and construction funds. He indicated that most of the projects appearing on the chart had been presented to the Board for review at one time or another.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for Tuesday, September 17, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner.

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

Joseph D. Lund

Secretary pro tem

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held September 17, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Crane and Rhodes.

Due to a lack of a quorum, approval of the August 14, 1974 minutes was deferred until the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Brownell reported on the progress of reorganization. He said, the Secretary of Environmental Affairs has established task forces to develop recommendations for the Phase II portion of reorganization and the implementation of Phase I. Key personnel of DNR have been appointed to the Environmental Management Task Force which consists of the Division of Forests & Parks, Acquisition and Construction, County Reservations, Water Resources and Solid Waste, with the directors of the respective divisions as its members being chaired by the Commissioner. Also, he said, the Department will play an important role in the regionalization study that is being done by Secretary Foster.

In reporting on the Farnham Smith acquisition the Commissioner said that the Governor's Council gave its unanimous approval and that final transactions have been completed. The actual cost to the state, he said, is $2.1 million.

The Commissioner reported that the Mt. Greylock memorial tower has been completed and dedication arrangements are in process.

In reporting on the progress of the Boston Harbor Islands, the Commissioner said that there has been a ten man crew on Grape and Bumpkin Islands during the summer months developing picnic and camping areas and establishing walking trails. It has been reported, he said, that about 1700 people visited these Islands during the month of August. He reported that the major concern at the present time is the rat problem. Hopefully, he said, within the next two weeks we will have an extermination crew on the Islands to eliminate the infestation. Also, a major consideration is the construction of docking facilities and we have been meeting with the Boston Redevelopment Authority discussing the possibility of utilizing Rowes Wharf to accomplish this aspect.

With respect to the South Cape Beach acquisition, the Commissioner reported that he would soon be meeting with the Mashpee Board of Selectmen to finalize negotiations

to either acquire the town's in-holdings or their authorization of a land swap. All indications are that they are in accord with our proposal.

Regarding the Holyoke Range proposal, the Commissioner stated that the Department had engaged the services of Mr. Robert Garvey, Selectman in the Town of Amherst, for the summer months to make personal contact with the various landowners. His report indicates that about fifty percent of the landowners are willing to sell. We will now move forward, he said, with appraisals.

Commissioner Brownell then brought brought before the Board several self-help applications for consideration. The Board reviewed the projects presented and no objections were raised. As approval of self-help projects by the Board is not required by law, the Board directed Commissioner Brownell to make the decision with respect to the projects being presented.

Commissioner Brownell approved the following self-help projects.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Dennis $15	5.12	$ 2,500.00	$ 1,250.00
Dennis #16	2.3	700.00	350.00
Dennis #17	6.45	2,600.00	1,300.00
Granby #1	77.0	13,000.00	6,500.00
Easthampton #1	13.0	1,950.00	975.00
Harvard #8	16.7	36,300.00	18,150.00
Haverhill #2	74.0	146,000.00	36,500.00
Ipswich #3	12.0	5,000.00	2,500.00
Lunenburg #32	35.0	5,250.00	2,625.00
Maynard #1	10.82	23,000.00	11,500.00
Maynard #2	13.3	27,000.00	13,500.00
Pepperell #4	18.2	15,000.00	6,000.00
Shrewsbury #7	13.5	12,150.00	6,075.00
Boston #1	10.7	419,200.00	77,577.00

Director Correia was asked to attend the Board meeting to present land matters.

The Director first presented a proposal to acquire 62 acres of land in New Marlboro from William C. and Eloise C. Koneazny, for the sum of $26,000. The property, he said, should be acquired to insure the protection of Campbell Falls within the State Park. Also, it will allow the Department control of the water frontage on Whiting River.

He noted that the property was actually comprised of 63 acres, but the owner wished to reserve 1 acre on the north side of Campbell Falls Road, to which the Department had no objection.

Following discussion, tentative approval was given to the acquisition of the Koneazny property, to be reviewed and confirmed by vote at the next Board meeting.

Director Correia then presented a status report of the proposed acquisition of the Shaker property in Hancock under trusteeship of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council.

Director Correia reported that the attorneys representing the owners of the property have partitioned the Court not to accept the conclusions reached by the Trustee representing the creditors, based on the fact that the awarded amount was substantially less than the amount previously approved by the Board of Natural Resources. Direction, he said, is being sought in the Department's effort to negotiate a final settlement. He added that the Department is willing to offer the sum of $202,102.35. It was Director Correia's suggestion that he be permitted to intervene directly with the presiding justice in representing the Department's interests.

Following considerable discussion, the Board agreed that the Department should attempt to conclude the transaction and tentative approval was given to Director Correia to follow through with his suggestion. Commissioner Brownell said that the matter would be reviewed and confirmed by vote at the next Board meeting.

Professor Rhodes inquired of the Commissioner, the matter of appointing a fifth member to fill the vacancy on the Board of Natural Resources. He felt, he said, that in order to be effective the Board should have full membership. The Commissioner replied that he would again bring the matter before the Secretary of Environmental Affairs.

The date for the next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Frederick G. Crane Jr.

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held October 17, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. Present were Messrs. Crane, Brewster, Lund and Rhodes.

The minutes of the August 14 and September 17, 1974 meetings were approved.

Deputy Commissioner Brown asked for a review of the land acquisition proposals tentatively approved at the September Board meeting.

Director Correia first reviewed the Koneazny property acquisition proposal consisting of 62 acres of land located within the Campbell Falls State Park. Following review, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Crane, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 62 acres of land, more or less, in New Marlboro, Massachusetts at Campbell Falls, owned by William C. and Eloise C. Koneazny for the sum of $26,000.

In reviewing the Shaker propoerty acquisition proposal, Director Correia reiterated that under date of February 21, 1974 the Board authorized the purchase of the 500 acres of land in Hancock under trusteeship of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council for the sum not to exceed $170,000, but the attorneys representing the owners of the property had partitioned the Court not to accept the conclusions reached by the Trustee representing the creditors based on the fact that the awarded amount was substantially less than the amount previously approved by the Board. Mr. Correia indicated that the appraisals, which were concluded over a year ago, were in the amounts of $190,000 and $200,000 and therefore the Department is willing to offer the sum of $202,500 (if this meets with the approval of the Board) when presenting its case before the Court. We have strong indications, he said, that the Court will accept this amount.

Mr. Crane stated that as President of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council he would refrain from voting on the Hancock property acquisition.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition by eminent domain or otherwise of approximately 500 acres of unimproved land in Hancock, Massachusetts, payment to be made to the Berkshire Natural Resources Council or its designee in the amount not to exceed $202,500, amending the vote of February 21, 1974 by which the Board of Natural Resources approved the purchase of this land for the sum not to exceed $170,000.

Deputy Commissioner Brown, in reporting on reorganization, stated that Commissioner Brownell, in an attempt to comply with Secretary Foster's request for an in-depth study of the Office of Environmental Management, has appointed an in-house Task Force to determine what problems will confront the Department on July 1, 1975. The Task Force has been asked to consider the following points, he said.

1. Determine what future legislation should be submitted next session.
2. In conjunction with Chapter 806 determine what other departments or functions in the Secretary's office should have been placed within the Office of Environmental Management.
3. Determine what personnel changes are needed, if any.
4. Review overall body structure to determine what changes will be necessary, if any.
5. Suggest changes in statute to accomplish recodificaton.
6. Prepare a clear and concise statement on the entire program.
7. Study in detail the possibility of a regional system.

The Task Force, he added, has been meeting on Tuesday, on a discussional basis, to consider the various study requirements in preparation of its recommendations to Secretary Foster on December 1st.

Commissioner Brown then gave the Board members copies of the amended proposed regulations under Chapter 131, Section 40 (Wetlands Protection Act) which have been revised since the passage of Chapter 818, effective August 13, 1974. He reported that as required by statute, a public hearing will be held on November 1, 1974 in Gardner Auditorium.

Director Gullion was then asked to present land acquisition proposals.

Director Gullion first brought before the Board a proposal to acquire 17.5 acres of land in North Adams, known as the Natural Bridge property owned by Edward J. Elder. The area, he said, was at one time a limestone and marble quarry and is now a commercially operated recreation area. It is of important geological significance that cannot be duplicated in Massachusetts and should become part of the Department's overall park program. He added that the area is extremely well run and much of what is now being done could be taken over by the Department.

Following discussion, the Board authorized an appraisal to be made of the Elder property to determine its value for possible future acquisition.

Director Gullion then asked the Board to consider the proposal to acquire 375 acres of land located at Gay Head on Martha's Vineyard, under ownership of the Cape Cod Company. He outlined the area on a map. The shoreline, he said, extends some 6000 feet interspersed with fresh water streams and swamp with a land mass of roughly 340 acres. He added that it was the last natural area on the Island. Following discussion, the Board authorized an appraisal to be made of the Gay Head property to determine its value for possible future acquisition.

Director Gullion then brought before the Board for its consideration the proposal to purchase 75 acres of land in Windsor, Massachusetts, known as Camp Windago, under ownership of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. The camp, he said, is an interior parcel of the Windsor State Forest and is crucial to the overall management of the Windsor State Forest. It is composed of 60 acres of forest land, 14 acres of open land and approximately 4300 feet of stream feeding into the historical Windsor Jambs. Also, he said, the area will close out the last interior holding on the Forest and will allow for better management control of the area. Following discussion, the Board authorized an appraisal to be made of the Camp Windago property to determine its value for possible future acquisition.

Director Correia then presented a proposal to purchase 133.6 acres of land in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, under ownership of the Walker Pond Corporation for the sum of $127,000. He stated that Walker Pond which is a great pond is adjacent to the Wells State Park and under heavy development. Due to this condition, he said, access to the state park is very undesirable. He said the acquisition will enable the construction of a new access road to Wells State Park and will facilitate the construction of a park headquarters and a winter recreational trail access. He added that the Department has attempted to purchase this property for many years.

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

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 133.6 acres of unimproved land adjacent to the Wells State Park in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, owned by the Walker Pond Corporation, for the sum of $127,000.

Director Correia then brought before the Board a proposal to acquire 2 acres of land in Carlisle, Massachusetts, owned by Henry A. Campbell for the sum of $10,000. The parcel, he said is an inner holding in the recently acquired Farnham Smith property which is included in the Department's overall acquisition plan for the area. He indicated that the parcel has not been appraised separately but was included in the original Smith property appraisal in 1973 for which the price per acre was about $4,500. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Lund, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - to approve the purchase of 2 acres of unimprovedland within the Farnham W. Smith acquisition in Carlisle, Massachusetts, owned by Henry A. Campbell of Jaffrey, New Hampshire for the sum of $10,000.

Mr. Brewster then stated that between the initial proposal for acquisition and the ultimate decision to expend monies on the acquisition, there is a gap in information available to the Board as to how the project fits into the overall statewide plan, and that there should be a reiteration of the goals and objectives of the purchase so that the Board can better relate the project to the overall state program.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for November 14, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner.

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

Frederick J. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held November 14, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner. Present were Messrs. Crane, Brewster and Rhodes.

The minutes of the October 17, 1974 meeting were approved.

Commissioner Brownell reported on the progress of the Task Force Committee on Reorganization of the Department of Environmental Management. Within the next two weeks, he said, we will have completed all discussions and consideration of the recommendations presented and will submit the final report to Secretary Foster on December 1st. The report will be in two parts - one dealing specifically within the mandate of Chapter 806, and Phase II which goes beyond Chapter 806 to include further changes in the structure of the Department of Environmental Management.

Commissioner Brownell reported that no major legislation is being submitted for fiscal year 1976. The Department, he said, has refiled legislation to expand the Hunter Safety Program (insurance bill), and legislation to authorize the Department to grant a 25 year lease for ski operations and development at Mt. Wachusett. He noted that another bill has been filed, but not by the Department, to authorize the Department to grant a 10 year lease for ski operations at Butternut Basin.

Commissioner Brownell then brought before the Board the proposed order of restriction under Chapter 131, Section 40A regulating and restricting inland wetlands in the Town of Dedham. He indicated on a map the areas to be restricted and noted that there were approximately 918 acres involved with 334 landowners. The Commissioner reported that hearings were held in the Town of Dedham in 1971 and 1973 and that at both hearings the Board of Selectmen would neither approve nor disapprove the restriction, and therefore have refused to sign the order of restriction. By law, following a six month waiting period, the Department can now go forward and place the order of restriction without their approval.

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

VOTED - to adopt the order as presented under General Laws, Chapter 131 Section 40A regulating and restricting certain inland wetlands in the Town of Dedham, County of Norfolk, Massachusetts, and to file the order with the Registry of Deeds in the Town of Dedham.

The Board members signed the order of restriction.

Commissioner Brownell then presented for the Board's consideration several self-help applications. Following a review of the projects, upon motion of Mr. Crane, seconded by Professor Rhodes, it was -

VOTED - to approve the following self-help projects and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement.

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Brewster #4	11.9	$ 77,567.19	$ 38,783.59
Foxboro #10	11.5	20,000.00	10,000.00
Holliston #4	5.18	1,036.00	518.00
Milton #8	7,661 sq. ft.	10,000.00	5,000.00
Reading #10	37.46	105,000.00	52,500.00
Scituate #6	18.0	9,000.00	4,500.00
Stow #2	245.0	232,000.00	116,000.00
Sudbury #10	78.0	285,000.00	142,500.00
Sudbury #11	36.0	116,000.00	58,000.00
Sudbury #12	14.56	15,000.00	7,500.00
Westboro #4	24.5	42,500.00	21,250.00

Commissioner Brownell gave the Board members a copy of the Department's 1976 Capital Outlay Request and outlined the three areas of request - $14,305,000 for Acquisition, Design and Construction of Recreation Areas (Forests & Parks); $2,000,000 Self-Help program (Conservation Services); and $500,000 Marine Fisheries Laboratory (Marine Fisheries). Total budget request, he said, is $16,805,000.

Director Correia was asked to attend the Board meeting to present land acquisition proposals.

Director Correia presented a proposal to acquire 0.5 acres of land in East Taunton, Massachusetts, owned by Edward W. Rounds for the sum of $20,000. He explained that easements were granted the Boston Edison Company for power transmission lines on the Myles Standish and Ames Knowles State Forests lands, and

in lieu of payment for the easements the Boston Edison agreed to purchase land of comparable value to be selected by the Department. He further explained that the Board had given prior approval in 1972 to acquire the property for the sum of $14,000 but because of a number of events the transaction was never consummated. He added that the acquisition was essential due to its close proximity to the dam being constructed at the Massasoit State Park in Taunton.

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

VOTED - to approve the acquisition of the Edward W. Rounds property in East Taunton, Massachusetts, consisting of 0.50 acres with improved dwelling for a consideration of $20,000; amending the vote of February 12, 1972 by which the Board of Natural Resources approved the purchase of this land for the sum of $14,000, and request the Boston Edison Company to pay the stated amount to Edward Rounds in partial reimbursement to the Commonwealth for power transmission line easements on Myles Standish and Ames-Knowles State Forests lands in Plymouth County.

Commissioner Brownell asked Luke Thompson to attend the Board meeting to explain the Department's 1976 fiscal year budget request.

Mr. Thompson gave the Board members three budget outlines. The first, he said, is a summary of the Department's total budget request broken down into various categories by which the Department receives its funding. He indicated that the Department draws upon the General Fund, several dedicated funds, and an assessment fund for its appropriations which this report indicates. The total budget, he said, is $25,322,235.

In explaining the second outline, he stated that due to reorganization the Department has prepared its budget to reflect the shift in funding of those agencies that will no longer be within the Department of Environmental Management, which will also necessitate a shift of their administrative support.

Mr. Thompson then outlined the Department's 1976 expansion budget request totalling $4.533 million. He said, new programs and the expansion of existing programs are costed at $3.267 million and the remainder, $1.266 million reflects inflationary increases upon current programs. This amount reflects an inflationary factor of 6.1% upon the 1975 levels of appropriation.

The Board thanked Mr. Thompson for his very enlightening report.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for December 19, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner.

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

Fred P. Crane Jr.
Secretary

A meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was held December 19, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner. Present were Messrs. Crane, Brewster, Lund and Rhodes.

The minutes of the November 14, 1974 meeting were approved as submitted.

Commissioner Brownell first brought before the Board a request to reinstate Albert H. Zabriskie to his former position of Deputy Commissioner. He explained that Mr. Zabriskie has been on a continuous leave of absence from this position since January 13, 1969, with the approval of the Board of Natural Resources, to serve on the staff of Governor Sargent.

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

VOTED - to reinstate Albert H. Zabriskie to the position of Deputy Commissioner, effective December 29, 1974.

In reporting on reorganization, Commissioner Brownell stated that the final proposal has been submitted to the Legislature and in presenting a copy of the Phase II section of the report, he briefly outlined the major points of the proposal.

The proposal, he said, suggests a strong commissioner with direct authority over his department, with the Office of the Secretary concerning itself primarily with the coordination and administration of all programs and handling disputes. It suggests the continuation of a five man board which will be called the Board of Environmental Management whose responsibilities will be to review program and policy, review and approve budget submissions, rules and regulations, and approval of key appointments. It also suggests that the Department of Environmental Management be the land management agency for the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, but in accordance with each department's predetermined management plan. It further suggests the establishment of a Division of Recreation to include rinks, pools, ocean beaches, playgrounds, etc.; a Division of Solid Waste rather than a Bureau; and the transfer of the Division of Mineral Resources to the Department of Environmental Management with the regulatory aspect remaining within the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering.

The report, he continued, strongly favors the establishment of five environmental districts headed by regional administrators whose responsibility it will be to insure that programs and policies of the Secretary and Commissioner are carried out in the field. It proposes the abolishment of the Metropolitan District Commission and establishing it as one of the five districts to be called Metro District. This district system, he said, will be directly under the Secretary. Also, all programs for future water supply and wastewater management on a statewide basis, including those now under the jurisdiction of the MDC be transferred to the Division of Water Resources.

The Commissioner stated that what he had just presented to the Board was a broad outline of the report. He suggested that the Board study the report at their leisure and if they so wished, it would be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting for further discussion. The Board agreed to this suggestion.

The Commissioner then brought before the Board several self-help applications for their consideration.

In reviewing the applications being presented, the Board questioned the Topsfield #3 project, 9.6 acres of land at a Town cost of $211,266. They expressed their concern over the extreme high cost for such a small parcel and questioned its use as a so-called "buffer" area.

Commissioner Brownell explained that the acquisition was adjacent to a larger parcel of 32 acres being acquired by the Town and funded by BOR. The area is commercially zoned, he said, and it was felt that the acquisition would provide a passive recreational use and at the same time serve as a buffer between Route 1 and the 32 acre parcel. He indicated that the project was also being funded by BOR. Following discussion, the Board directed Commissioner Brownell to inform the Town that they were rejecting the project on the basis that they considered the acquisition an unduly high price to pay for benefits obtained, but that they would be willing to reconsider the project if the Town would resubmit additional information to substantiate the acquisition.

In reviewing the Brookline #1 project, Mr. Lund stated that he would refrain from voting on the project due to personal reasons.

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

VOTED - to approve the following self-help projects and the stated amounts be made available for reimbursement

Town	Acreage	Town Cost	Reimbursement
Brookline #1	3.55	$ 77,500.00	$ 18,950.00 (BOR)
Dennis #21	22.78	20,000.00	10,000.00
Mansfield #1	107.3	57,470.00	28,735.00
Shirley #1	41.0	8,500.00	4,250.00
Swampscott #4	2.0	85,000.00	21,250.00 (BOR)

Mr. Brewster suggested that the Department's Land Acquisition Policy be placed on the agenda for review at the next Board meeting, to which the Commissioner agreed.

Commissioner Brownell then called the Board into Executive Session to discuss the Freetown proposal.

Director Gullion was then asked to present land acquisition proposals.

Director Gullion first brought before the Board a proposal to acquire two parcels of land adjacent to the newly acquired Farnham Smith property in Carlisle. One parcel, he said, consists of 69.5 acres and owned by Mr. Daniel Hart. Aside from the additional acreage to the Smith property, he said, it will protect the quality of water flow through the heart of the Smith property. The second parcel, he said, consists of 116 acres of land owned by Mrs. Joseph Yntas. The acquisition will provide passive recreational opportunities such as hiking and horseback riding, and will also be valuable for forest management activities and wildlife enhancement associated with the Smith property. Following discussion, the Board authorized appraisals to be made of the Hart and Yntas properties to determine their values for future acquisition purposes.

The Director then brought before the Board a proposal to acquire 443 acres of land located in the Towns of Lee and Tryingham and owned by Mr. William Stilwell and Dr. Henry W. Smith, Jr. Mr. Stilwell, he said owns 281 acres and Mr. Smith owns 162 acres, both parcels are contiguous tracts around the eastern end of Goose Pond and all of Upper

Goose Pond and encompasses about 9,000 feet of the Appalachian Trail and about 12,000 feet of shoreline on Upper and Lower Goose Pond. He indicated that the area could be used as a base for overnight camping for those using the Trail as well as providing a water based recreation and protection of a portion of the Trail. The Board authorized an appraisal to be made of the Stilwell and Smith properties to determine their values for purposes of future acquisition.

The date for the next Board meeting was set for Monday, January 20, 1975 in the office of the Commissioner.

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

Frederick G Crane