



Meeting Notice
Wachusett Reservoir Watershed Forestry
June 20, 2017
6:30 PM

Location: John Augustus Hall
180 Beaman Street
West Boylston, MA

Agenda

Wachusett Watershed Forestry Program:

New Lot proposals for Fiscal Year 2018 will be presented

The enabling legislation for DCR's Division of Water Supply Protection (DWSP) directs the agency to "assure the availability of pure water for future generations." Forest cover provides unparalleled water quality. DWSP has determined that a vigorous, species-diverse, many-aged forest offers the most stable land cover in the face of potential large-scale disturbances by wind, ice, insects or disease. DWSP's long term objective is to diversify today's predominantly even-aged forest into a multi-aged forest while conserving biodiversity using sustainable forestry practices. Guided by the Land Management Plans for each of the four source supply watersheds of the DCR/MWRA drinking water system, DWSP Foresters design timber harvests that will regenerate approximately 1% of the managed forest annually so that gradually, over time, the managed forest will include a much broader range of age classes than is currently present. Foresters annually propose timber harvest projects for the upcoming fiscal year. These proposals are subject to an internal DCR review and are then presented to the public for comment.

