

**Ware River Watershed Advisory Committee**

Contact: Jeff Schaaf at (413) 477-6646

Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: September 16, 2010**

Members: (members in BOLD were present)

Massachusetts Council of Sportsmen: Robert Carey, William Label

Alternate:

Worcester County League of Sportsmen: Dave Papale

Alternate: (Paul Thompson)

Trout Unlimited: **Jeffrey Schaaf, Co-chairman**

Alternate: (empty)

A Rod and Gun Club: **Chris Duggan**

Alternate: (Brian Waterman)

Barre Selectboard: **Martha Varnot**

Alternate: Edward Yaglou

Hubbardston Selectboard: Thomas Bratko

Alternate: (empty)

Oakham Selectmen: Thomas Hughes

Alternate: Henry Stone

Rutland Selectmen: **Charles R. Williams**

Alternate: (empty)

Barre Historical Society: Burt Frost

Alternate: Peg Frost

Hubbardston Historical Society: (empty)

Alternate: (empty)

Oakham Historical Society: Wes Dwelly

Alternate: **Bill Mucha**

Rutland Historical Society: Helen Viner

Alternate: Tim Nahrwold

Massachusetts Wildlife Federation: Bill Westaway, Co-chairman

Alternate: Thomas Berube

Massachusetts Audubon Society: Charles Delaney

Alternate: (empty)

Sierra Club: Matt Hopkinson

Alternate: (empty) Upper Ware River Watershed Association: **Donald Rich**

Alternate: **Edward Yaglou**

General Public: Mark DuBois

Alternate: (empty)

## Visitors

## DCR DWSP Representative(s):

Lisa Gustavsen  
Herm Eck

## Agenda

Public Access Plan Update

Forest Management Update

Members Issues

## Land management Plan – Forestry lots update

Jeff passed out a letter sent to Commissioner Sullivan and signed by Senator Brewer and Representative Evangelites recommending that the DCR proceed with existing timber sales. A brief discussion of the status of the Ware River forest management program followed. Most of the existing timber sales have been modified and given a green light to start. One sale has been started on the Ware River Watershed. The science and technical advisory committee has met twice and is expected to have a report out soon for the public to comment on. Public comments will also be requested at an upcoming WRWAC meeting.

## Public Access Plan Update

Lisa Gustavsen outlined the new, annual update procedures for the Ware Public Access Management Plan (2010). She is requesting any proposed minor changes to the public access plan be brought to her attention over the next two months so that they can be addressed in the annual update of the plan. It was suggested that WRWAC members solicit input on access issues, from the members of the organizations that they represent. Ideally comments on access issues would be written and include proposed solutions to address the issue. Comments can be sent to Lisa's email address: [lisa.gustavsen@state.ma.us](mailto:lisa.gustavsen@state.ma.us) or to her attention b 485 Ware Road, Belchertown, MA 01007.

## Members Issues

An update on aquatic invasive species and the boat ramp monitoring program was requested for the next WRWAC meeting. DCR aquatic biologist, Paula Packard, will be asked to give an update at the next meeting.

Local cable stations are looking for educational video they can air. DCR was ask if they could supply any videos. DCR will check with the visitor center at Quabbin.

The need for rangers and surveillance cameras on the watershed was discussed.

Weed control at Long pond and Whitehall pond was also discussed.

**Future meeting dates:**

- **Ware River Watershed Advisory Committee (WRWAC) Thursday October 14, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Franklin Wood Studio in Rutland behind the Police/Fire station**
- **Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee (QWAC) – December 13, 2010 at Quabbin Visitor Center**

**Draft Agenda**

- [Ware River Watershed](#) Land Management Plan, [review of](#) current WRW forestry lots
- Aquatic invasive species Update: 2010 boating Season, Boat ramp monitors
- draft of Access Plan evaluation
- Members Issues