

Ware River Watershed Advisory Committee
Contact: Jeff Schaaf at (413) 477-6646
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 14, 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):

Dave Small; Assistant Regional Director
Paula Packard; Aquatic Biologist
Rebecca Budaj; Environmental Analyst
Herm Eck; scribe

NOTICE:

The location for the next WRWAC meeting has been changed from the Franklin Woods Studio in Rutland to the Old Town Hall in Barre. The date and time for this meeting has remained the same January 13, 2011 at 7:00. This will be a joint meeting with the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee, stakeholders from the Wachusett Reservoir Watershed, and the general public. The agenda will include a report from the chairman of the Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC), that has reviewed the forest management principles and practices used on watershed lands.

Agenda

Public Access Plan Update

Aquatic invasive species Update: 2010 boating Season, Boat ramp monitors

Members Issues

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the WRWAC meeting held on June 10, 2010. This motion passed unanimously without comment.

Aquatic invasive species Update: 2010 boating Season, Boat ramp monitors

Paula Packard, Aquatic Biologist for the DCR, described the new boat ramp monitoring program and provided an update on some of the aquatic invasive research that she is involved in. Two seasonal employees monitored boat launching areas throughout the watershed to ensure compliance with DWSP aquatic invasive protocol. Ed Yaglou suggested that the term boat on the self inspection form be changed to make it clear that canoes and kayaks also need to be inspected. Paula informed the group that all the zebra mussels placed in tanks of Quabbin water died.

Public Access Plan Update

Dave Small reported that the Brigham road foot bridge is now in place. Rebecca Budaj reported on some unauthorized trails that have been developed in the Muddy pond area. These trails are well built but not part of the recreation access plan. She ask if anyone had any information on who was building them and why.

Members Issues

Ed Yaglou mentioned plans to extend the rail trail into Barre. Dick Williams mentioned that fishermen are getting parking tickets because of the no parking signs near the Rutland cemetery. Jeff Schaaf, Helen Viner, Dick Williams and others expressed concern over these no parking signs because cemetery visitors and fishermen should be allowed to park in this area. Dick also ask if DCR had any video tapped programs that could be used on local cabal stations. Mark Dubois requested permission to place bog bridges on some wet sections of the Midstate Trail in Rutland. Dave requested information from the Rutland Con Com and DCR EQ staff before bog bridge installation.

Future meeting dates:

Thursday January 13, 2011 at 7:00 at the Old Town Hall in Barre, off Exchange Street

Agenda

STAC Report

Public Access Update

Approval of minutes

Member Issues