



**Meeting Minutes**

***Stewardship Councilors in Attendance:*** *Walter Bickford, Elisa Campbell, Heather Clish, Wayne Klockner, Toni Pollak, Michele Hanss*

***Stewardship Councilors Absent:*** *Whitney Hatch, Dennis Smith, Jim Van Dyke, Nate Walton*

***DCR Staff in Attendance:*** *Commissioner Roy, Stephen Doody, Andy Backman, Joe Rotondo, Jacqueline Ryan, Stefanie Williams*

***Public Attendees:***

Bill Boles, NEMBA

Vero Piacentini, Blue Hills Ski Area

**Attachments:** RMPs Currently Underway

**Councilor Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.**

- Councilor Campbell reviewed the agenda
- Councilor Campbell asked whether or not there were any questions or comments regarding the agenda

**Commissioner's Report –Commissioner Leo Roy**

*Commissioner Roy informed the Council on/of the following matters:*

- The Commissioner hosted a “Coffee with the Commissioner” for the Central Region’s employees across the divisions of forestry, fire control, and park services
- Update on the interpretive panels for the summit
- Update on DCR’s Historic Curatorship Program’s improvements to the historic house on Wachusett
- Review of the public meetings held in Canton & Norwood regarding a new South Shore ice rink
- Review of public meetings held in regards to improvements at the Lawrence Heritage State Park playground and the Mary O’Malley playground in Chelsea
- Discussion on new regulations that were issued for mountain biking on Watershed lands
- New Bedford State Pier permits update

**Upcoming:**

- March 4<sup>th</sup>, rededication of the Francis L. Murphy Rink

- Late March, public meeting to discuss potential off-leash dog park sites along DCR's Southwest Corridor
  - The Councilors offered their position the park
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Rattlesnake Review Working Group meeting in Ware, MA

### **Committee Updates**

#### ***Policy and Planning Committee, Chairwoman Elisa Campbell***

*Chairwoman Campbell informed the Council on/of the following matters:*

- Met briefly to discuss general RMPs

#### ***Finance Committee, Councilor Heather Clish***

*Chairman Hatch informed the Council on/of the following matters:*

- The committee is proposing content for the Stewardship Council's letter to the legislature
- The committee proposed that the friends groups be invited to future Stewardship Council meetings
- The committee asked for legislative resources to launch a process with the DCR and the legislature to integrate DCR goals in o the legislative budget
- The committee rejects the current legislative budget

### **Special Business- Presented by Paul Cavanagh, DCR Regional Planner**

*Paul Cavanagh informed the Council on/of the following matters:*

- Overview of Blue Hills Complex Resource Management Plan
  - There will be a vote next month

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion by Councilor Pollak, seconded by Councilor Clish to accept the February 2017 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

### **New Business**

- N/A

### **Public Comment**

**The following constituents expressed their opinions/issues/matters to the Council:**

- Bill Boles spoke
  - He is disappointed in current DCR funding regarding staffing cuts
  - He updated the council on NEMBA's efforts at F. Gilbert Hills
    - He would like F. Gilbert Hills to start a friends group

### **Closing Comment**

- N/A

### **Meeting Schedule**

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the SpringHill Suites Devens Common Center, 27 Andrews Pkwy, Devens, MA 01434

*Councilor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.*