

State Commission for Conservation of Soil, Water & Related Resources

Quarterly Meeting
Massachusetts Division of Fish & Wildlife Headquarters
Rabbit Hill Rd. Westborough

January 11, 2018 10:00 am

*Please check in at the front desk when you arrive and before proceeding to the meeting room. I have been asked to advise attendees of our meeting that they should try to not engage in conversation in the atrium. Please wait until you get to the conference room because noise in the atrium is becoming a serious problem for the 40+ biologists working above it. Thank you.

AGENDA

Introductions

Approval of October 12, 2017 Minutes; – **(voting item)**

State Commission

FY 2017 Conservation District Grant Program update –

FY 2018 Conservation District Grant Program update – Basic and the Innovation grants

Presentation from Kate Parsons - NRCS, Resource Conservationist

Soil Health

Commission initiative for statewide “Soil Health” report – Bob O’Connor

Supervisor Appointments (if needed– **voting item**)

District Annual Meetings report

Mass Envirothon Council & Committee - Envirothon report

Open Meeting Rules update

New regulations as of October 6, 2017

Partner Updates

NRCS, DAR, Grange, F&W, DEP, Divisions, others

Next Meeting

Adjourn

* Future Meeting Dates - April 12, 2018

** If weather is a concern for this meeting we will announce any changes via email by 4:00 pm on the 10th.

Supervisor Nomination from Worcester County Conservation District

Scott Davis, of Rutland, an information systems professional retired from the insurance industry, is an active volunteer in local agricultural organizations. He is a member of the Worcester County Beekeepers, Massachusetts Farm Bureau, Massachusetts Maple Producers, a past chair of the Rutland Agriculture Commission, and is Vice Moderator for the Town of Rutland. A past master of Rutland Grange, he currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts State Grange as their Agriculture Education Coordinator. For MDAR he is a team leader for the Farm Viability Enhancement Program, and was previously a program manager for their agriculture business planning program. He is also a member of the Friends of Treasure Valley (Boy Scout Camp), Rutland First Congregational Church and the Rutland Historical Society. A supervisor of the former Northwest Worcester County Conservation District previously, he is currently an associate supervisor of WCCD. He is married with two adult children and four active grandchildren.