State Commission for Conservation of Soil, Water & Related Resources

Quarterly Meeting

Massachusetts Division of Fish & Wildlife Headquarters

Room 103, the Southwest Meeting Room in the Richard Cronin Building

Rabbit Hill Rd. Westborough

October 13, 2016 10:00 am

AGENDA

Introductions

Approval of August 11, 2016 Minutes; – **(voting item)**

State Commission

Conservation District Grant Program update – Basic and the Innovation grants

Mass Envirothon Council & Committee - Envirothon report

Next Year

Election of State Commission Officers– **(voting item)**

Open Meetings Law reminders

Partner Updates

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

Next Meeting

Adjourn

\* Future Meeting Dates - January 12, 2017

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. The clerk at the front desk will direct you to the room.

Attorney General’s Open Meeting Law Guide

Purpose of the Law

The purpose of the Open Meeting Law is to ensure transparency in the deliberations on which public policy is based. Because the democratic process depends on the public having knowledge about the considerations underlying governmental action, the Open Meeting Law requires, with some exceptions, that meetings of public bodies be open to the public. It also seeks to balance the public’s interest in witnessing the deliberations of public officials with the government’s need to manage its operations efficiently.