



Department of Conservation and Recreation
Stewardship Council Meeting
April 12, 2017
SpringHill Suites, Devens Common Center
27 Andrews Parkway, Devens

Meeting Minutes

Stewardship Councilors in Attendance: Elisa Campbell, Heather Clish, Whitney Hatch, Toni Pollak, Michele Hanss, Dennis Smith

Stewardship Councilors Absent: Walter Bickford, Wayne Klockner, Jim Van Dyke, Nate Walton

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

Public Attendees:

Attachments: RMPs Currently Underway

Chairman Hatch called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

- Chairman Hatch reviewed the agenda
- Chairman Hatch 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:

- DCR was able to carry out numerous cost-saving measures this winter to bring its budget in line with the 9C reductions
- DCR has flat lined its budget
- The Governor's office is excited to pursue the DCR Summer Nights initiative again this year
- Supervisor's Academy overview
 - Healthy parks, healthy people
- Coffee with the Commissioner
 - The Commissioner will be holding informal meetings with staff in each region twice a year
- Earth Week activities
 - Tree planting in Brockton
- SCRUM Update
 - Communications – updating the process to track incoming constituent correspondence
 - DCR internal directory

Committee Updates

Policy and Planning Committee, Chairwoman Elisa Campbell

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

- Councilors Dennis Smith and Michele Hanss joined the committee
- Blue Hills RMP vote
- Upcoming RMPs
 - Myles Standish State Forest
 - Pittsfield State Forest

Finance Committee, Councilor Heather Clish

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

- House Ways & Means Letter
- Current Budget
 - There are several legislators filing amendments to the budget that will favor DCR

Special Business

- Blue Hills Complex RMP Vote
 - Motion by Chairman Hatch, seconded by Councilor Hanss to accept the Blue Hills Complex RMP. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Councilor Campbell, seconded by Chairman Hatch to accept the March 2017 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Public Comment

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

- Bill Boles, NEMBA
 - Update on NEMBA trail projects
 - 30 will be completed by end of April
 - Replacing the bridge at Massasoit State Park
 - NEMBA will be asking legislators to approve amendments to increase DCR's budget
 - Suggested DCR put a donation link on the website

Closing Comment

Meeting Schedule

Next meeting will be held on Thursday May 4th at Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak Street, Uxbridge

Chairman Hatch adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.