



WSCAC Virtual Meeting

December 13, 2022—10:00 A.M.

Members in Bold in Attendance:

Michael Baram
Whitney Beals
William Copithorne, Town of Arlington
Steven Daunais, Tata & Howard
Kelsey Wentling, CT River Conservancy
Gerald Eves, Trout Unlimited
Bill Fadden, OARS
James Guidod, MWRA Adv. Bd.

Bill Kiley, BWSC
Paul Lauenstein
Martha Morgan, Nashua River Watershed
Martin Pillsbury, MAPC
Janet Rothrock, League of Women Voters
Kurt Tramosch, Wayland Wells
Bruce Spencer, retired DCR Chief Forester

Non-Members in Attendance:

Lexi Dewey, WSCAC staff
Andreae Downs, WAC staff
Rebecca Weidman, Katie Ronan, Steve Estes-Smargiassi-MWRA staff
Erin Graham, DCR

WSCAC Business

- Vote taken to approve Kelsey Wentling as new WSCAC representative from the CT River Conservancy. Unanimous
- Vote taken to approve draft October joint meeting summary. Vote passed with Whit Beals abstaining.
- DCR-DWSP logging on hold. Only paid lots are in progress.
- DCR-DWSP road salt reduction video available on our website.
- Drought Persists in Several Regions of the Commonwealth. Cape Cod, Islands, and Northeast Continue to be Impacted
- Quabbin transfers to the Wachusett continue for water quality purposes.
- MWRA Reservoir drawdowns to kill invasive plants have been done at Chestnut Hill and Foss.

Lexi noted that at the Drought Management Task Force meeting, the importance of public messaging was discussed. There is ample information on drought, water conservation and related topics including the new Drought Dashboard on EOEEA's drought website:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-drought-resources>

It was noted that it is also important for interested individuals and organizations to help move this information out to the public. We encourage public outreach when possible and are happy to provide additional information. Please call or email the office.

MWRA Advisory Board Briefs-James Guidod

James discussed the recent MWRA Advisory Board workshop held at Boston College. The link below provides access to the presentations given. Nearly 100 people came to the workshop. The hope is that the information presented will be the beginning of additional discussions on expansion of the MWRA water system.

<https://www.mwraadvisoryboard.com/2022muniworks/>

Presentation –MWRA System Expansion Feasibility Studies- Rebecca Weidman, MWRA Director of Environmental & Regulatory Affairs

Presentation-DCR-DWSP Draft Ware River Public Access Plan-Dan Clark, Regional Director of the Quabbin-Ware Watershed

<https://www.mass.gov/event/ware-river-watershed-public-access-plan-update-public-meeting-11292022-2022-11-29t190000-0500-2022-11-29t210000-0500>

These presentations are also available on the WSCAC website.

<https://www.mwra.com/02org/html/wscac.htm>

The meeting was adjourned.

The Zoom recording for the December meeting was not available for these draft meeting minutes, so the discussion and questions by attendees during the presentations are absent.

**WSCAC will next meet virtually on January 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM
Please [visit our website](#) for more information on this meeting.**