

MARCH 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Pineo at 8 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary and treasurer reports were read and accepted. The following people submitted applications for membership; Michael Menear, Larry Overstreet, Anthony Raffa, Donald Raffa, Michael Sodona. Once they have completed their orientation, they will be eligible to be voted in as a member. The following people have completed their orientation and were voted in as new members Daniel Jenkins, Alfred Massicotte, John Petricca, Curt Sargent Jr, Peter Totilo

BOD

The second phase of the pavilion project will begin early spring.

TRAP AND SKEET

Ham shoot will be held on Sunday April 5th beginning at noon.

FISH COMMITTEE

ANGLER OF THE MONTH- This is open to all members. Please record any nice fish you catch with a picture, and information including species, weight and length and where caught. We would like to have a winner from each month. Contact Greg at gplaflamme@comcast.net for entries or requests for information.

KID'S SPRING DERBY-The dates for the derby are April 25th & 26th. Up to \$2500 was voted to be expended from General Funds for the stocking of the Club Pond prior to the derby. This will enable enough fish to have a great derby and to provide for more to be caught by club members for the next several months. We are always looking for prize donations. Please be generous.

BIG STRIPER CONTEST-Registration for this year's entries is underway. So far we have 5. The fee is \$10, and is open to members only. Simple rules are that the striper must be caught from New England waters, and must be turned in to Greg with a picture, weight and length, and location caught. When possible, try to have an official weigh in location. You will be judged on your largest single fish caught. A larger fish can be substituted as the season progresses. All registration fees will be turned back to winners as cash prizes.

RIFLE

With continued damage from shotguns occurring to the backstops, the committee in conjunction with the BOD will be implementing changes to the rules. Anyone interested in the proposed changes is welcome to attend the next BOD meeting on Tuesday March 17th

BIRD

A motion to spend up to \$1800 for the cost of the program was voted upon at the March meeting.

JUNIOR CONSERVATION CAMP

There have been no applications for camp. As of this time, the availability of space is unknown. Camp is open to any youth between 13 and 17, the BOD has not received a single letter requesting a sponsorship. Anyone looking for information can contact me chuckrbaker@comcast.net You have until the March 17th BOD meeting to apply.

MEAT RAFFLE

The American Legion will be holding a meat raffle beginning at noon on Sunday March 15.

GOAL

On the deadline for deciding bills fates early in February the Joint Committee on Public Safety released H.2055 An Act relative to the lawful return of property. The bill was filed by State Representative Shawn Dooley on behalf of GOAL.

H.2055 would protect the property rights of gun owners who have been forced to surrender their firearms temporarily for a variety of reasons. The two major pieces of the bill are as follows:

There are certain guns that, once on the books of a retailer/bonded warehouse cannot be transferred back to the owner. This is caused by the approved handgun roster, the Attorney General's Regulations on handguns and the Attorney General's 2016 actions on so called "assault weapons". H.2055 would allow for the lawful return of that property.

In many instances where guns are surrendered temporarily, they are often transferred by local authorities to "bonded warehouses" without the consent of the owner. By doing so, local authorities enter the owner into a contract with the bonded warehouse making the owner responsible for fees. H.2055 would alleviate the burden of expensive fees if written consent was not given by the owner.

The legislation was released favorably by the Joint Committee on Public Safety. It now resides within the House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

GAME SUPPER

I cannot even begin to thank the countless members who either volunteered game, prizes or their time to make the 2020 Game Supper such a success. Countless hours were spent by a small group to assure that everything was ready for the sold-out dinner.

2020 Membership Renewal

All 2019 Memberships have expired. If you do not renew by the March 17th BOD meeting, your name will be dropped from the rolls. Reinstatement/New Member rate of \$100 will apply after March 17, 2020. Applications can be found on the club website. www.8pt.org

NEXT MONTHS MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 7 BEGINNING AT 8PM / DINNER SERVED AT 7PM