

The meeting of the Eight Point Sportsmen's Club was called to order by President Baker at 8:02pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary's report was read and accepted. The following members have completed orientation and were voted in as new members. Janet Anderson, Paul Anderson, Richard Lapoint, Bob Bedand, Matt Plourde, Stephen Allen, Cheryl Rugg. Congratulation and welcome to our new members.

### **Trap Committee**

The trap report was read by President Baker.

### **Fish Committee**

ANGLER OF THE MONTH-continue to submit your catches. Please contact Greg with info. At [gplaflamme@comcast.net](mailto:gplaflamme@comcast.net) or 508-868-4060.

### **Worcester County League**

Dick spoke on H4420 and GOAL's efforts. I have included a recent E-mail that was sent out by Wayne Adams. I have included the links for those that receive the newsletter electronically.

<https://www.goal.org/Lawful-Citizens-Imprisonment-Act?> is the extensive analysis of new restrictions for hunters, shooters, collectors, dealers, trainers, youth programs and education clubs, etc

Leagues, Clubs, NGOs, should also be drafting correspondence in addition to every individual

#### **The full alert from GOAL as follows:**

On Monday, June 26th, the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary concluded their so-called "top-down review" of the Commonwealth's gun laws. It turns out the entire public process, including the "listening tour," was a waste of time and a way to distract from their real objective. It's very clear that while everyone got to speak, only a few in the room were actually listened to.

The result of their "review" can only be described as extreme and draconian. GOAL has gone so far as to re-brand it "The Lawful Citizens Imprisonment Act." Since its introduction, HD. 4420 has sailed through the House and Joint Rules Committees and has been assigned to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, despite not even having an official bill number. It will likely receive a hearing within the next two weeks; given the Fourth of July holiday is next week. Just like with the Listening Tour dates, we are likely to get very short notice-if any-of when the hearing will take place. So please keep an eye out for notices and updates from GOAL about this bill.

**The bill does its absolute best to criminalize gun ownership in the Commonwealth** and is a direct violation of every Supreme Court precedent related to the Second Amendment from *MacDonald* to *Bruen*. At GOAL we have been working non-stop to break this bill down into its worst parts and you can see our analysis and breakdown here: <https://www.goal.org/Lawful-Citizens-Imprisonment-Act>.

If you care about your Second Amendment civil rights, please take some time to familiarize yourself with the bill and read our resource page (the link in the previous paragraph).

## Please take the following actions:

- Find your legislator's [contact information](#)
- Contact your State Senator
- Contact your State Representative
- Contact the Speaker of the House (be nice to Maddie) at 617-722-2500
- Contact your local Police Chief and ask that they take a strong public stance against this blatant attack on our civil rights
- Contact your local gun club and let them know they should be putting this information out to their contact lists

Find out if your legislator is holding local office hours or will be at an event this week for the Fourth of July and talk to them about this bill. You can find most of the information about where they will be on their social media pages or websites.

This piece of legislation affects every single gun owner in Massachusetts. Every gun owner, regardless of your age, your interest, if you are a participant in shooting sports, a hunter, a collector, a trainer, or even a retailer: you will all be harmed by this bill. In the past our government has focused on dividing our community and attacking us based on what guns we own or activities we participate in. This time it is an attack on all of us.

## New Business

Marion provided the following information for members.

Here is the info I wanted to report out to members:

- MassWildlife is looking to expand the Share the Harvest Program. MassWildlife launched the Hunters Share the Harvest Program last year with a single venison donation site. Generous hunters donated more than 1,500 meals of venison to families in need. MassWildlife plans to expand donation and distribution locations. Meat processors are needed to make donation easier for hunters. **Need meat processors from central Massachusetts!** Food pantries, hunger relief agencies, and other organizations who want to participate in MassWildlife's Hunters Share the Harvest program should contact Martin Feehan, MassWildlife's Deer and Moose Project Leader, at [martin.feehan@mass.gov](mailto:martin.feehan@mass.gov).
- Tuesday, August 8 Pint Night for Outdoorswomen, Barre. The Central MA Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is hosting this event at the Stone Cow Brewery in Barre. A panel of experienced outdoorswomen will talk and answer questions about all things outdoors, from fishing and hunting, to hiking, kayaking and other outdoor activities. Light snacks and soft drinks provided, cash bar will be open. Contact Sasha Ellsworth (F & W Board member) at 978- 337-7868 or email [sashad@charter.net](mailto:sashad@charter.net) (see attached flyer)
- August 11–13: MassWildlife at Huntstock, Westminster – Swing by MassWildlife's booth at **Huntstock, a 3-day hunting festival!** Enjoy hunting seminars, demonstrations, food trucks, music, and live podcasts, as well as the chance to win equipment and other prizes. Go to <https://huntstockevents.com/> for tickets and more information.
- August 15, 2023. The **August monthly business meeting of the Fisheries and Wildlife Board** will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the MassWildlife Field Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, Massachusetts. **Interested persons can attend the meeting either in person or via a Zoom video webinar.** Instructions for how to attend the meeting via Zoom are below. The Fisheries and Wildlife Board members and MassWildlife staff will be present at the physical meeting location given above. Attendees can

enter and exit the webinar at any time. Meeting and Webinar info at [www.mass.gov/service-details/fisheries-and-wildlife-board-meetings](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/fisheries-and-wildlife-board-meetings)

- **August 27: Reptiles of Massachusetts, Athol** – Join MassWildlife’s State Herpetologist, Mike Jones, to learn about the snakes and turtles of Massachusetts. The event begins at 1:30 p.m. and will be held at 100 Main Street in Athol. Young participants can take part in a concurrent kids’ program at the same location. Sponsored by the [Athol Bird and Nature Club](http://atholbirdclub.org/). Go to <https://atholbirdclub.org/> for more information.
- **Sunday, September 24, Run For Wildlife** -- MassWildlife will be hosting trail running races for kids and adults at the MacCallum Wildlife Management Area in Westborough, the Run For Wildlife race begins at the MassWildlife Field Headquarters. Proceeds from the races will benefit endangered species conservation work through MassWildlife's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Fund. There will be a Kids Fun Run (1 mile) at 9:30 AM. The adult 5 and 10 kilometer races will start at 10:30. More details at <http://www.Mass.gov/wildlife-run>. [\(See attached flyer\)](#)

The club would like to thank Tony Castagna for his donation of a commercial grill.

The next meeting will be held on September 5, 2023.

Dinner will be served at 7pm and the meeting will begin at 8pm.