

New Shoreham Deer Task Force Agenda
Tuesday, March 2, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mary Sue Record, George Mellor, Rebecca Ballard, Pat Doyle, Maggie Komosinski, Bill Wilson, Paul Deane. Also present representing the Block Island Times was Dan West. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Not Present: Chris Blansfield, Chris Blane

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Public Input-none

2. Approval of minutes from February 16, 2010

Minutes were discussed, corrected and approved in a motion by Mary Sue Record and seconded by George Mellor.

Ayes 7 (Record, Mellor Ballard, Doyle Komosinski, Wilson, Deane)

Nays 0

Absent 2 (Blansfield, Blane)

3. Approval of minutes from the meeting with Dr. Fish and Dr. Krause

Minutes were discussed, corrected and approved in a motion by Bill Wilson and seconded by Mary Sue Record.

Ayes 7 (Record, Mellor Ballard, Doyle, Komosinski, Wilson, Deane)

Nays 0

Absent 2 (Blansfield, Blane)

4. Old Business

- Deer Count, DEM Methodology, Current deer tag count, all are tabled until after the meeting with the DEM on Monday, March 15.
- Transfer Station: If there is going to be a last bill it has not been received yet. George Mellor reported that approximately \$200 had been billed to date. He will report to BIRA.
- CDC Grant: Bill Wilson reported that he had not heard anything yet.
- Opening more land
Mary Sue Record reported that she had looked at the deeds for BI Conservancy land. It was decided not to approach the conservancy groups until the Task Force comes up with a plan. Paul Deane suggested putting together specific # of hunters on specific dates before approaching the BIC and the Land Trust. This will be discussed at the April meeting.

- **Preparing for next year's hunting season**

GIS mapping: The maps that the GIS department are preparing and will have ready for the April meeting will be used to identify candidate properties.

Permissions: Paul Deane reported that the 500 ft. rule has always been in force.

5. New Business

- **Deer Damage Permits:** This was discussed. It was decided to ask at the meeting with the DEM if there is an equivalent process that could be used for health problems caused by too many deer. Pat Doyle will contact Representative Donna Walsh to ask her to facilitate a conversation with the RI Department of Public Health.
- **Upcoming DEM meeting:** There was agreement about making sure that counts, projections and deer management plans were included in the discussion with DEM.
- **Deer Reduction Plan: Goals and Strategy:** discussed were:
 - i. having an archery plan (to overlap shotgun days.)
 - ii. possibly extending the season and opening more land.
 - iii. encouraging more hunters
 - iv. having input when the Council selects hunting datesGeorge Mellor proposed a resolution which he and Pat Doyle will work on for the next meeting having to do with the reduction of the herd.

6. Input for next meeting's agenda

Topics for the next meeting include:

Deer tag counts – Paul Deane

DEM Counts

CDC grant – Bill Wilson

Resolution – George Mellor and Pat Doyle.

Meeting was adjourned in a motion by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Paul Deane and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 3/16/2010

Bonny Ryan