

**Tuesday, May 18, 2010**

**Town Hall, Old Town Road**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Present: Mary Sue Record, Maggie Komosinki, Bill Wilson, Chris Blansfield, Becky Ballard, George Mellor, and Pat Doyle. Also present were First Warden Kim Gaffett, and Judy Tierney from the Block Island Times. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.**

**Not Present: Chris Blane, Paul Deane.**

**Public Input- None**

**Approval of the minutes from April 20, 2010**

**A motion was made by Bill Wilson and seconded by Becky Ballard to approve the corrected minutes from April 20, 2010**

**Ayes 6 (Record, Komosinski, Wilson, Blansfield, Ballard, Mellor)**

**Nays 0**

**Absent: 2 (Doyle [had not arrived yet] Blane, Deane)**

**Approval of minutes from April 14, 2010 DEM meeting**

**A motion was made by George Mellor and seconded by Chris Blansfield to approve the corrected minutes from April 14, 2010.**

**Ayes 7 (Record, Komosinski, Wilson, Blansfield, Ballard, Mellor, Doyle)**

**Nays 0**

**Absent: 2 (Blane, Deane)**

## **New Business**

- **Review and discuss the Task Force's charge from the Town Council**
  1. **Existing hunting regulations were looked at.**
  2. **The Town Council was advised on current hunting practices and regulations.**
  3. **Public education/information dissemination.**
  4. **Identifying services that could be enhanced and/or road blocks that could be removed.**

**( 3 and 4 will be addressed by Subcommittee of Chris Blansfield, Becky**

**Ballard and Pat Doyle)**

4. **The Task force is working on identifying areas for hunting.**
5. **Determining progress and/or success.**

**This will be a committee of Bill Wilson, George Mellor, Mary Sue Record and Maggie Komosinki.**

- **Review meeting schedule**

**The following dates were changed in a motion by Mary Sue Record**

**and seconded by Pat Doyle.**

**June 29, 2010 instead of July 6, 2010**

**Aug 31, 2010 instead of Sept. 7, 2010**

**Nov. 3, 2010 instead of Nov. 2, 2010**

**Ayes 7 (Record, Komosinski, Wilson, Blansfield, Ballard, Mellor, Doyle)**

**Nays 0**

**Absent: 2 (Blane, Deane)**

### **Old Business**

**• CDC GRANT: Bill Wilson had nothing to report on the grant. He did however, mention that Yale School of Public Health would be holding an informational meeting for volunteers to collect/count ticks on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.**

**• Fish/Krause Study: Mr. Wilson reported that in a conversation with Dr. Krause he mentioned that he would be getting data from the medical center.**

**• RI Department of Health: Pat Doyle reported no news.**

**• Deer Reduction Plan:**

**1. Liability on hunted lands Mary Sue and Chris Blane were to be working on this. Mary Sue reported on Rhode Island Law and Chris was not present with the Graham Jones Indemnification document.**

**2. Discussion of presentation to conservation heads**

**The presentation will be at the Land Trust meeting on June 14, 2010**

at 3:30 p.m. Maggie Komosinski discussed what she thought should be included in the presentation i.e. maps handouts, etc. There was a general discussion about what questions/concerns could come up.

3. Status on other groups: RIAC – They are interested and would like to talk with the task force. Boy Scouts –No word.

- Size of Island and the deer count

Martha Roldan, GIS consultant calculated 9.40 sq. miles as the Island's area. This

was used as the basis for the calculation of 799 mid-season. There were questions about Joe Dematteo's report for the 2009-2010 season. Mary Sue will ask if Chris Blane's check station is included in this count.

The meeting was adjourned in a motion by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Pat Doyle at 9:05 p.m. and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan