

NEW SHOREHAM DEER TASK FORCE
Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
7:30 p.m.

Present: Mary Sue Record, Becky Ballard, Bill Wilson, George Mellor and Pat Doyle.
Also present representing the Block Island Times was Judy Tierney. Bonny Ryan, Assistant Town Clerk was present to take the minutes.

Not Present: Chris Blansfield, Chris Blane, Paul Deane, Maggie Komosinski

1. Public Input

Bill Rader introduced himself as an interested observer of the meeting. He mentioned that his property had over 100 ticks counted and that he had Lyme Disease six times.

2. Approval of the minutes from June 1, 2010

After addressing a minor procedural matter, the minutes were approved as written in a motion by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Bill Wilson.

Ayes 5 (Record, Ballard, Wilson, Mellor and Doyle)

Nays 0

Absent (Blansfield, Blane, Deane, and Komosinski)

3. Old Business

- CDC grant –Bill Wilson reported that he had nothing to report. After discussion it was decided to remove this item from the agenda.
- Fish/Krause/Duik-Wasser study – Mary Sue Record and Bill Wilson met with Dr. Krause. He assured them that he would be getting numbers from the Medical Center on Lyme disease based on the bulls-eye rash. Other numbers that will be available are tick density, blood study and deer count. A committee of George Mellor, Bill Wilson and Mary Sue Record will start collecting statistics from this year forward.
- Deer reduction plan – Discussion of 6/14 meeting with Conservation Groups- Mary Sue Record, Becky Ballard and Chris Blane met with the Land Trust, BI Conservancy and Nature Conservancy. Kim Gaffett was also at the meeting. Mary Sue reported that they had a decent reaction to the proposal but the groups wanted to come back with a counter-proposal as far as the land choices go. Indemnification seemed to be an issue also. Status of other groups, RIAC, Boy Scouts, Fish and Wildlife: Fish and Wildlife need to be followed up by Kim Gaffett; Boy Scouts have expressed interest as has RIAC.
- What's next: Waiting for a counter-proposal from the Conservation Groups

4. Subcommittees

- Public information/involvement – Public education was discussed including a brochure, the internet, the town Web-site and the town newspaper.
- Measures of success – were already discussed above.

5. New Business – How to increase deer take

- More hunters -Mary Sue Record and Pat Doyle will speak to Jim Manni about concerns that off-island hunters have.
- More private property-There was a discussion on how to get more people to give permission for hunting on their property.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. in a motion by Becky Ballard and seconded by Pat Doyle and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan