

**Deer Task Force**  
**Tuesday, August 17, 2010**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Mary Sue Record, Bill Wilson, Maggie Komosinski, Chris Blane, Becky Ballard and Paul Deane (arrived late).

**Not Present:** George Mellor, Pat Doyle, Chris Blansfield

Also present in the audience were Judy Tierney, representing the Block Island Times and Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

**1. Public Input - None**

**2. Approval of minutes from August 2, 2010**

Minutes of the August 2, 2010 were approved in a motion by Bill Wilson and seconded by Mary Sue Record.

Ayes 5 (Record, Wilson, Komosinski, Blane and Ballard)

Nays 0

Absent 4 (Mellor, Doyle, Blansfield, Deane[ had not arrived yet]).

**3. Approval of minutes from August 3, 2010**

Minutes of the August 3, 2010 were approved in a motion by Chris Blane and seconded by Maggie Komosinski.

Ayes 5 (Record, Wilson, Komosinski, Blane and Ballard)

Nays 0

Absent 4 (Mellor, Doyle, Blansfield, Deane[ had not arrived yet]).

**4. Old Business (updates, if any)**

- Fish/Krause/Diuk-Wasser Study- There was no new information but Bill circulated and article from the Medicine @Yale newspaper about an i-phone app.
- Deer Reduction Plan
  - Status of conservation lands plan.-Mary Sue Record attended yesterday's land trust meeting. She reported that the Land Trust denied the request of the Deer Task Force to open lands for hunting. Various reasons were cited for this decision including:
    1. Availability of suitable lands.
    2. Liability issues
    3. Negative public relationsThe Land Trust is however, interested in opening a dialogue about archery hunting.
  - Status of other groups-the Task Force is still waiting for formal responses from Boy Scouts and Nature Conservancy. Nancy Dodge, Town Manager suggested that the Task Force have a proposal for Fish and Wildlife. Maggie Komosinski, Chris Blane and Paul Deane will work on tailoring the proposal for the Conservation lands to fit the Fish and Wildlife lands.

- Status of Town/DEM agreement re: hunting on State Land-The State has shelved their request for this year.  
There was a discussion about having a plan in place by January for hunting of the State land including Black Rock.  
First Warden Kim Gaffett will be contacted and clerk will try to find other management agreements the Town may have.
- Review of FAQ-The FAQ was reviewed and Mary Sue Record explained the changes that were made as a result of last meeting's discussion.
- Contact with other places that have deer issues – tabled for a future meeting.

## 5. Subcommittee reports

- Public Information/Involvement subcommittee

### Review and distribution of BIRA letter

- The letter that was going to be circulated by BIRA was discussed; as was the plan to have BIRA circulate the letter. After discussion, a motion was made by Mary Sue and seconded by Bill Wilson to continue investigating the best way to contact people about offering their lands for hunting.

Ayes 5 (Record, Wilson Komosinski, Deane and Ballard)

Nays 1 (Blane)

Absent 3 (Mellor, Doyle, Blansfield)

Discussion continued with Becky Ballard noting the a ¼ page ad in the Block Island

Times would be approximately \$142.00 (The Town has agreed to pay for one ad only.) A motion was made by Bill Wilson and seconded by Paul Deane to insure that a list of island Hunter's is available to all.

Ayes 5 (Record, Wilson, Komosinski, Deane and Ballard)

Nays 1 (Blane)

Absent 3 (Mellor, Doyle, Blansfield)

Chris Blane suggested a informational meeting in September for people who would be interested in opening their lands to hunting. Everyone thought that this would be a good idea. For next meeting Maggie Komosinski will start a list of possible questions. A motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Bill Wilson to have an informational night in September to answer any questions the public might have about opening their lands for hunting.

Ayes 6 (Record, Wilson Komosinski, Deane and Ballard Blane)

Nays 0

Absent 3 (Mellor, Doyle, Blansfield)

Planning for September meeting with Dr. Gifford  
This meeting might be rescheduled.

**6. Input for next meeting's agenda**

Updates:

Boy Scouts – Mary Sue

Conservation Groups – Maggie

Fish and Wildlife – Chris Blane

DEM Management Agreement – Kim will be contacted

Indemnification for Jones property – Chris Blane

Mary Sue will check with Molly re: keeping the list of properties allowing hunting.

Maggie will start a list of questions for information night.

At 9:00 p.m. Mary Sue Record made a motion to adjourn seconded by Becky Ballard and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 8/31/2010

Bonny Ryan