

**New Shoreham Deer Task Force**  
**Tuesday, May 17, 2011**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Becky Ballard, Bill Wilson, Mary Sue Record, George Mellor, Pat Doyle, Maggie Komosinski, Chris Blane. Also present were Judy Tierney from the Block Island Times and Assistant Clerk, Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

**Not Present:** Paul Deane, Chris Blansfield

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Public Input – Mary Sue Record reminded the group of the public hearing for RI Hunting Regulations 2011-2012 Season to be held Wednesday, June 1, 2011 in Warwick.

2. Approval of minutes from April 19, 2011

Minutes were approved with a minor correction in a motion by Mary Sue Record and seconded by George Mellor.

Ayes 7(Ballard, Wilson, Record, Mellor, Doyle, Komosinski, Blane) Nays 0 Absent 2(Deane, Blansfield)

3. New Business:

- Deer numbers
  - Take for the 2010-2011 season: Joe DeMatteo's breakdown for the season was discussed. It was mentioned that the count from Yale was not in yet. Copies of 2010-2011 and 2009-2010 were distributed.
  - Counts: there was a discussion about meeting when the counts were received from Yale.
- Proposal for hunting in March 2012 with nuisance permits – Chris Blane: This two week proposal was discussed with no action.
- Evaluation of “interest” slips from landowners – Maggie/Becky: There was a discussion with no action about the book with interest slips except to mention that some were using the slips as permission slips.
- Need to assess community's position on deer reduction methods. First Warden Kim Gaffett was not present. This was deferred for next meeting.
- Statistics – George Mellor- George had statistics; but preferred to wait for the Yale study numbers.
- Recent newspaper articles – These were discussed. Mention was made of an article from the Providence Journal that Chris Blane would circulate.
- Offer from Kathleen Saxon: She is an island resident who belongs to a group called “contact time for Lyme”. They have offered help to the task force. No action was taken.

4. Old Business

- Updates: the following items will kept future agendas for discussion
  - Town Council
    - Deer tag process
    - liability
    - DEM
    - Fish and Wildlife
  - Fish/Krause/Diuk-Wasser study- Bill/Mary Sue – this item is waiting for the results of the study.
  - BIRA funds – George: He reported that there was \$1200 left in funds.
  - Conservation – Becky/Maggie: This will be kept on the agenda for when the liability issues are addressed. It was asked whether the tic count include any conservation land.
  - Education – Pat Doyle spoke about Nantucket; she mentioned that there deer group was focusing on the health issues. She will bring more information to the next meeting.

At 8:35 with no further business a motion was made by Bill Wilson and seconded by Maggie Komosinski to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 6/21/2011

Bonny Ryan  
Assistant Clerk