

**New Shoreham Deer Task Force
Tuesday, July 19, 2011
Town Hall, Old Town Road
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Mary Sue Record, Maggie Komosinski, Bill Wilson, Becky Ballard, Pat Doyle, Paul Deane. Asst. Clerk Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes. Bill Rader and Dan West from the BI times were also present.

Not Present: George Mellor, Chris Blansfield, Chris Blane

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Input

Mr. Rader spoke about the Yale study on his property.

Approval of minutes: June 21, 2011

Minutes were approved in a motion by Pat Doyle and seconded by Bill Wilson

Ayes 6 (Record, Komosinski, Wilson, Ballard Doyle and Deane) Nays 0

Absent 3 (Mellor, Blansfield and Blane)

Yale Count (If available)

A copy of Mary Sue's response to Maria Diuk-Wasser is attached. Ms. Record reported that the group will receive the information from Yale.

Liability Issues as reported in Providence Journal

This was deferred due to the absence of Mr. Blane

Liability Update

There was discussion about Kathryn Merolla's response for a legal opinion on liability issues. A motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Pat Doyle to ask the First Warden Kim Gaffett for permission to forward a copy of the proposal that went to conservation groups to Kathryn Merolla asking her to render a legal opinion on whether the proposal is sufficient enough to protect groups from "failure to warn about dangers",

Ayes 6 (Record, Komosinski, Wilson, Ballard Doyle and Deane) Nays 0

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Public Education

Pat Doyle spoke about Nantucket and distributed the hands outs that they use for education. After discussion about landscape management as an effective tool to deter tic, the following items will be on the agenda for next meeting:

1. Investigated the landscaping management piece - Maggie Komosinski
2. Distributing the education material – Mary Sue Record
3. Getting the educational material – Pat Doyle

Open Meetings Review

The material from the previously held seminar was available for members to take. No action was taken.

Updates

Land Trust's Survey: mention was made that the survey will include questions about deer issues. It will be done sometime in September. Barbara MacMullan will be asked for an advanced draft copy of the survey.

Deer Tag Process: no update

DEM: see attached letter

Fish and Wildlife: It was reported that they are actively working on a plan.

Fish/Krause/Diuk-Wasser study – Mr. Wilson reported that there was nothing to report

Input for next meeting's agenda

Nuisance permits

Updates etc.

At 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Pat Doyle and seconded by Maggie Komosinski to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 9/20/2011

Bonny L. Ryan
Assistant Clerk