

**Deer Task Force  
Tuesday, September 20, 2011  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mary Sue Record, Maggie Komosinski, Bill Wilson, Paul Deane and Chris Blane  
**Not Present:** Pat Doyle, Becky Ballard, George Mellor and Chris Blansfield.

Meeting was called to order by Mary Sue Record at 7:05 p.m.

**Public Input**

Bill McKernan spoke about non-indigenous species policies by federal agencies. Missy Taylor asked about Lyme disease concerns vs. conservation policies on hunting.

**Approval of minutes from July 19, 2011**

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Bill Wilson and seconded by Paul Deane.

Ayes 5 (Record, Komosinski, Wilson, Deane, Blane) Nays 0 Absent 4 (Doyle, Ballard, Mellor, Blansfield)

**Information from Yale**

Counts: Mary Sue reported that Yale had information from three infra-red flights. The numbers were 421, 510 and 356. There was a discussion about these numbers.

There will be a meeting with the Yale group and CDC representatives on September 28, 2011. Mary Sue and Bill Wilson will attend.

An article in Yale Public Health on tick-borne diseases was discussed.

**2011-2012 Hunting Season**

DEM schedule for 2011-2012 hunting season: the abstract is not correct but the regulations online are.

New procedures for deer tags: It was noted that the State allows one buck per hunting method. There was a discussion about the simplification of the tagging method and how it will apply toward reimbursement with no action taken yet. Mary Sue will talk to the Town Council about reimbursement. The first four days of muzzle-loader season were the only times that check stations will be used.

Evaluation of landowner "interest" slips and book: Designing new forms to include "Not a permission slip" in watermark style and leaving no space for a landowner signature was discussed and approved.

Forms will be available on the website; and at Town Hall in this year's book.

BIRA Funds: This was tabled until George Mellor returns.

Land Trust Survey: Mary Sue reported that the Land Trust conducted a survey every seven years that “took the pulse of the Island”. This year some of the questions were submitted by the Deer Task Force, and asked about the different methods of reducing the deer herd. The results of the survey should be at next month’s land trust meeting.

**Updates**

Nuisance permits – Chris Blane did not think that this would be applicable this year due to staff cuts at DEM.

Education: This item was table for Pat Doyle’s return.

Town Council and Liability: There has been no response from Kathryn Merolla after submitting the proposals for conservation to her for review. Mary Sue will follow up with Kim Gaffett.

Brainstorm – where do we go from here? It was suggested that an overlay of where the deer were spotted from the Yale count would be helpful in determining if going forward with the conservation land requests is necessary.

Next meeting: Oct. 18, 2011.

Minutes approved: Oct. 18. 2011

Bonny Ryan  
Assistant Clerk