

Deer Task Force
Tuesday February 21, 2012
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Sue Record, Sara McGinnes, George Mellor, Ruth Perfido and after the vote for approval of the minutes, Chris Blane.

Not Present: Paul Deane, Becky Ballard

Also present in the audience were Judy Tierney, representing the Block Island Times, First Warden Kim Gaffett and clerk Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

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

1. Public Input: None at this time

2. Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2012

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Ruth Perfido

Ayes 4 (Record, McGinnes, Mellor, Perfido) Nays 0 Absent 3 (Deane, Ballard, Blane)

3. New Business

- DEM/Town proposal for hunting Black Rock – In a memo from First Warden Kim Gaffett, the proposal was outlined with mention of the March 5th Council meeting to discuss and decide. (See attached)

A motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by George Mellor to approve the proposal as written and to provide the Town Council with a suggestion that Buckshot not be allowed.

Ayes 4(Record, Mellor, Perfido, Blane Nays 1(McGinnes) Absent 2 (Deane, Ballard)

- Suggested dates for the 2012-2013 Hunting Season

A motion was made by Sara McGinnes and seconded by Mary Sue Record to note that Block Island Hunting Season excludes all weekends and holidays.

Ayes 5 (Record, Mellor, Perfido, Blane, McGinness) Nays 0 Absent 2(Deane, Ballard)

A motion was made by Chris Blane and seconded by Mary Sue Record to change the archery dates so that archery hunting will end on the 20th of November.

Ayes 5 (Record, Mellor, Perfido, Blane, McGinness) Nays 0 Absent 2(Deane, Ballard)

A motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Sara McGinnes to have shotgun days from Nov. 26 – February 28.

After discussion this motion was amended by Sara McGinnes and seconded by Ruth Perfido to state that Shotgun will be Nov. 26- February 28 excluding pheasant days as decided by the Town Council

Ayes 5 (Record, Mellor, Perfido, Blane, McGinness) Nays 0 Absent 2(Deane, Ballard)

A motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Sara McGinness to have muzzle loader hunting from Nov. 5-Nov. 20th.

Ayes 5 (Record, Mellor, Perfido, Blane, McGinness) Nays 0 Absent 2(Deane, Ballard)

A motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Ruth Perfido to have hunting on Town Land Plat 20/20 and Plat 1/16 starting one day after waterfowl season ends and running thru Feb. 28th.

Ayes 5 (Record, Mellor, Perfido, Blane, McGinness) Nays 0 Absent 2(Deane, Ballard)

- Guidelines for public input

Guidelines were discussed. (See attached).

A motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Chris Blane to adopt these rules and for them to be read at the beginning of each meeting where there is a member of the public who wishes to speak.

Ayes 5 (Record, Mellor, Perfido, Blane, McGinness) Nays 0 Absent 2(Deane, Ballard)

4. Continuing Business

- Continue discussion of strategy, goals and steps to accomplish goals.

This was tabled for next meeting, as was a statistics discussion, and BIRA funding and finding money for hunting expenses.

A discussion was held on changing the time of the Deer Task Force meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All were in agreement.

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

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan