

New Shoreham Deer Task Force
Tuesday, June 19, 2012
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
5:00 p.m.

Present: Becky Ballard, George Mellor, Chris Blane, Ruth Perfido, Sara McGinnes arrived after the first vote; Mary Sue Record did not arrive until 6:00

Not Present: Paul Deane

Also present in the audience were Judy Tierney from the Block Island Times, Howell Conant arrived late and Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Meeting was called to order by Becky Ballard at 5:05 p.m.

1. Public Input – none

2. Approval of minutes of May 15, 2012

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Ruth Perfido and seconded by Chris Blane.
Ayes 4 (Ballard, Mellor, Blane, Perfido) Nay 0 Absent 3 (McGinnes, Deane, Record)

3. Old Business

- Conservation groups – Ms. Perfido reported that she will meet with BIC next week.
- Fundraising – Sara McGinnes, Becky Ballard and Ruth Perfido will meet with BIED to discuss 501c3 status.
- Baiting – tabled at this time

4. New Business

- Proposal for check station – After discussion about returning to the way it was with the Town manning the check stations; a motion was made by Sara McGinnes and seconded by Ruth Perfido to have Chris Blane and Paul Deane write the draft proposal for check stations of Block Island to be brought to the Town Council for discussion for next year's hunting season.
Ayes 5 (Ballard, Mellor, Perfido, Blane, McGinnes) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Record, Deane)
- Types of hunting and dates allowed during 2012-2013 deer season
There was a discussion about having different types of hunting on the same property at the same time.

A motion was made by Chris Blane and seconded by George Mellor to formally request that the Town Council get a clarification from DEM whether on Block Island it is legal under current regulations to continue taking deer with a bow and arrow after the archery session has ended.

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

- Rodman's Hollow Hunt – Chris Blane mentioned that the lottery applications for the Rodman's Hollow Hunt were not yet available. Sara McGinnes will call to find out when they will be available.

Yale – George Mellor reported that there were no more funds for aials but the tic dragging and serologic testing were still going on.

Mary Sue Record arrived at 6:00 p.m. and the topics she was responsible for were discussed.

- Transporting Deer Carcasses – for mainland distribution – Sara McGinnes suggested asking Interstate to fund this. After discussion about this it was decided not to ask Interstate but to come up with funding plans for this. Becky Ballard will coordinate this item.
- Change to charge from TC to include environmental deer damage – Mary Sue Record will talk to Kim Gaffett and the Nature Conservancy.
- Fish and Wildlife – Ms. Record reported that the final draft is at the Federal level and will be approved sometime this summer.

Discussion about Rodman's Hollow

Mary Sue Record will contact DEM to find out what their plans are for the managed hunt. Some of the questions are

- Will there be an orientation session
- Will lottery winners be told how to access the property
- will DEM mark the property.

At 6:30 p.m. with no further business, a motion was made by Becky Ballard and seconded by George Mellor to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted:

Bonny Ryan