

**New Shoreham Deer Task Force
Tuesday, September 18, 2012
Town Hall, Old Town Rd.
5:00 p.m.**

Present: Committee members: Mary Sue Record, Chris Blane, Paul Deane, George Mellor, Becky Ballard and Ruth Perfido

Not Present: Sara McGinnes

Also present in the audience were John Fournier and Bill Latva. Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Record at 4:58.

Public Input: Mr. Fournier spoke about his desire to be a consultant to the task force.

Approval of minutes August 21, 2012.

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Chris Blane.

Ayes: (6)Record, Blane, Deane, Mellor, Ballard & Perfido Nays 0 Absent: (1) McGinnes

Inclusion of plat 3, lot 86-4 with plat 20 lot 20 for hunting – it was reported that this item had been on the Town Council agenda.

Note to Kim Gaffett requesting that a DTF advisory be sought before the issue of restricting lesser weapons during the shotgun season is brought to the Town Council – This had been done by Mary Sue Record.

Request to BIRA to email the homeowner interest form. This was already done.

Note to Scott Comings re: analysis of feasibility of study of bow and arrow hunting on TNC land.- This was done and no answer has been received as yet.

Invite Catherine Doyle-Capitman-She will be invited to the November meeting. The date of the November meeting will be November 13, 2012.

Accept invitation to RI NPR public panel on tick-borne diseases. Mary Sue participated in this on September 8, 2012.

Outline for a Community Based Plan to Eliminate or Drastically Reduce the BI Deer Herd. George Mellor had submitted his own proposal to develop a plan. (See attached). There was a discussion about prioritizing some aspects of the Plan.

A motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Becky Ballard to accept the draft outline to Develop a Community Based Plan to eliminate or drastically reduce the Block Island Deer Herd.

Ayes: (6)Record, Blane, Deane, Mellor, Ballard & Perfido Nays 0 Absent: (1) McGinnes

The members of the task force will indicate areas of interest on the outline.

- Chris Blane will write up a proposal for a check station on Block Island for next year's hunt.
- Paul Deane will find out more information on the DEM hunt in Rodman's Hollow and Chris Blane will write up his recommendations.
- A motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Chris Blane to have Becky Ballard speak with Dr. Baute about statistics from the medical center.
Ayes: (6)Record, Blane, Deane, Mellor, Ballard & Perfido Nays 0 Absent: (1) McGinnes
- George Mellor will investigate White Buffalo, Inc.
- Becky Ballard will look into funding for the Transfer Station.
- Mary Sue Record will talk to Nancy Dodge about adding information to the Web site or having the Deer Task Force have its own website.
- Mary Sue Record will look into the legislated changes needed for baited hunts.

At 6:40 p.m. a motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by George Mellor to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 11/13/2012

Bonny Ryan