

**New Shoreham Deer Task Force**  
**Monday, January 14, 2013**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Becky Ballard, Ruth Perfido, Paul Deane, George Mellor, Sara McGinnes. Also present in the audience were John Fournier Bob Bosco and Joe Bosco, Judy Tierney from the Block Island Times, First Warden Kim Gaffett, Chris Blane and Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

Not present: New members, Lisa Sprague and Bill McKernan.

Becky Ballard opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**1. Public Input**

Mr. Fournier spoke as a member of the BI Archery Association discussing check in stations.

Mr. Blane spoke about pursuing the wearing of orange at the next Council meeting.

**\*For next agenda a suggestion was made for supplying visitors with orange.**

**2. Approval of minutes from December 10, 2012**

Minutes were approved with a minor change in a motion by George Mellor and seconded by Sara McGinnes.

Ayes 5 (Ballard, Mellor, Perfido, Deane, McGinnes) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Sprague, McKernan)

**3. New Business**

- Introduction of new members  
Mention was made of new members Lisa Sprague and Bill McKernan
- Election of officers:  
Motion was made by Becky Ballard and seconded by George Mellor to have Ruth Perfido as Chairperson.  
Ayes 5 (Ballard, Mellor, Perfido, Deane, McGinnes) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Sprague, McKernan)  
Motion was made by Ruth Perfido and seconded by Sara McGinnes to have Becky Ballard as Vice Chairperson.  
Ayes 5 (Ballard, Mellor, Perfido, Deane, McGinnes) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Sprague, McKernan)
- Liaisons for public officials  
There was discussion about adding Yale and the elected officials to the list.  
\*This will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.
- Review of 2013 meeting schedule.  
For the next four months, Feb. March, April and May the meetings will be at 6:30 p.m.  
The schedule will be reviewed for the summer months.

- Discussion regarding Public Input

It was decided that Public Input should be kept as stated in the policy at the beginning of the meeting and if the members of the public wanted, they could speak to the Deer Task Force members after the meeting ends.

A motion was made by Becky Ballard and seconded by Ruth Perfido to keep the policy as it is now.

Ayes 4 (Ballard Perfido, Deane, McGinnes) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Sprague, McKernan)  
Abstentions 1 (Mellor)

#### 4. Ongoing Business

- Community Based Plan to Eliminate or Drastically Reduce the BI Deer Herd.  
Discuss Bill Wilson's Letter (attached) in connection with Plan objectives.  
Discussion prompted a motion by George Mellor and seconded by Ruth Perfido to have the first priority of the Deer Task Force be to make a plan or plans for drastic reduction or elimination of the deer herd to be presented to the Town Council by the end of 2013 if not sooner.  
Ayes 5 (Ballard, Mellor, Perfido, Deane, McGinnes) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Sprague, McKernan)

- 2013 Managed Hunts

- \*For discussion at next month's meeting would be to explore the possibility of having government representatives attend our meetings.

- The Bounty, Skidmore and Sharpshooter plans were discussed in connection with legislative changes.

- A plan to submit to Public officials for exemption from RI Laws pertaining to hunting was discussed.

Sara McGinnes left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

\*Developing a plan to give to Town Council will be on next month's agenda when the new members can attend. Paul Deane and George Mellor will start working on this.

- Rodman's Hollow Hunt – Paul Deane reported that DEM Enforcement will be 100% of the time and a better map designed by Martha Roldan in the GIS department would be distributed. Kim Gaffett said that there would be public notification in the form of Town notices in the newspaper and all access points would be marked.
  - US Fish & Wildlife – Is also a lottery. Will be open same time as town lands. JuanCarlos Guiese said the property would be well marked.
- Managed Hunt Research – \*This will be tabled until next month's meeting when Paul Deane will report on the progress of the managed hunts.
- Statistics – The report from BIHS was circulated. \*The person or group who will keep the statistics will be decided with the liaisons for next month's meeting.

- Website – \*There was no report from Sara McGinnes. It was noted that when the Town Council accepts the Annual report it will go on the Town website.
- Check station proposal – \*Becky Ballard will have information for the next meeting.
- Game Warden proposal – After discussion, \*Becky Ballard will call other towns who have game wardens to see job descriptions; funding etc.
- Fundraising Discussion – There was discussion about aerial counts. Kim Gaffett will ask Cathy Sparks about this.

Next meeting: February 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

At 6:35 a motion was made by Ruth Perfido and seconded by Becky Ballard to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted: 2/11/2013

Bonny Ryan

\*denotes items for next agenda