

**New Shoreham Deer Task Force  
Monday, February 10, 2014  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Becky Ballard, Paul Deane, Heather Hatfield, Lisa Sprague, George Mellor. Also present: First Warden Kim Gaffett, Town Manager Nancy Dodge, Medical Director Barbara Baldwin, Tom Doyle, Councilor Gary Ryan, Joel Taylor from the Block Island Times and clerk Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

**Not Present:** Bill McKernan, Ruth Perfido and alternate Betsey Theve

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Becky Ballard.

**1. Public Input** – none. The Public Input Policy was read.

**2. Approval of minutes from January 13, 2014.** Minutes were approved as written in a motion by George Mellor and seconded by Paul Deane.

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

**3. Ongoing business**

**a. Status of implementation of DEM plan** – Ms. Gaffett reported that baiting has started. The butcher's trailers will arrive on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February.

i. Distribution of venison to Islanders – ii. Windham Butchers -Butchering will take place in the east end of the Town Hall parking lot. Lisa Sprague will be responsible for keeping the community informed, possibly through the BI Times and BI Bulletin Board. Mr. Mains, the butcher will meet with Lisa prior to start of cull. There was a discussion about the packaging size of distributed meat.

**b. Status of fundraising activities** – i. Block Island Times will have an insert for donations. ii. BIRA has already sent out forms to their membership. (attached) A deadline for fundraising money for this year will be February 28, 2014.

**c. Member responsibilities-** i. Heather reported that the first person coming to stay at the Doyle residence will arrive this week. Kim Gaffett mentioned some expenses that weren't accounted for (i.e. trailers and generator). ii. Lisa Sprague will be the point person for the Deer Task Force from February 14, until March 1.

**d. 2013 Annual report to Town Council – tabled**

**4. New Business**

**a. Status of local hunts** – clerk reported that 211 deer tags had been sold to date with 104 being reimbursed to date.

Next meeting March 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

At 7:15 a motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Sprague and seconded by Paul Deane and voted unanimously

Minutes accepted: 4/16/2014

Bonny Ryan