

New Shoreham Deer Task Force

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Town Hall, Old Town Road

7:30 p.m.

Present: Becky Ballard, Ruth Perfido, Lisa Sprague, Heather Hatfield, George Mellor, Bill McKernan, Paul Deane.

Also present were Chris Blane, Chris Blansfield, Barbara Baldwin, Leonard Perfido, First Warden Kim Gaffett, Gloria Redlich and Lily O’Gara from the Block Island Times and Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Ruth Perfido.

This meeting was called to continue discussion to address issues raised at May 7, 2014 joint Town Council/Deer Task Force meeting and to develop a culling program for 2014-2015.

Ruth Perfido opened the discussion by explaining where the Deer Task Force was in discussion as a result of the May 7, meeting.

- Some sort of hybrid culling plan was favored**
- Town Solicitor Kathy Merolla said that non-edible deer parts can be compensated for during the regular deer hunting season.**
- The USDA had their own internal culling group. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.**
- If open to only BI residents, what are the qualifications?**

It was suggested that an infra-red count be done at the beginning of the season and at the end.

George Mellor will gather information about who does it and the costs for the next meeting.

Deer date recommendations need to be at the Council before July 1, 2014. Clerk will circulate working document to members for discussion at the June 9, 2014 meeting. At that meeting, Ruth Perfido will have more information from the Town Solicitor. Island hunters were requesting \$150.00 per deer. Other suggestions were discussed. Whether or not to schedule a cull, possibly in March was discussed. This will be an item for the next agenda.

Next meeting: June 9, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

June 23, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. (if necessary)

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by George Mellor and seconded by Bill McKernan to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted:

Bonny Ryan