

Deer Task Force
Monday, January 12, 2015
Town Hall, Old Town Road
7:30 p.m.

Present: Becky Ballard, Heather Hatfield, Paul Deane, George Mellor. Also present but not yet appointed to Board, Richard Stinson. Present in the audience were Councilors Mark Emmanuelle and Norris Pike and Kim Gaffett. Zooley Estrin Grele was present from the Block Island Times and Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Not Present: Ruth Perfido, Bill McKernan

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Becky Ballard.

1. Public Input – None

2. Approval of minutes December 8, 2014

George Mellor moved to approve the minutes of December 8, 2014 as written, seconded by Paul Deane.

Ayes: 4 (Ballard, Hatfield, Deane, Mellor) Nays 0 Absent: 2 (Perfido, McKernan)

3. New Business:

- * Review and act on hunting dates for season 2015-2016

Clerk circulated proposed dates; and it was discussed with minor changes.

George Mellor moved to approve the proposed dates to be forwarded to Council, seconded by Heather Hatfield.

Ayes: 4 (Ballard, Hatfield, Deane, Mellor) Nays 0 Absent: 2 (Perfido, McKernan)

- * New Member, Richard Stinson was welcomed to the Deer Task Force. He will be appointed at the January 21, 2015 Council meeting.

4. Ongoing Business:

- Update re: Infrared flyover – According to Nancy Dodge, Town Manager Vision Air did 1 of the 3 flyovers on January 11, 2015 and will return on January 14 to complete the other 2.
- Update re: 2014-2015 hunt season, tail payments, check station – Paul Deane reported that the check station is working well. Clerk reported sales of 370 deer tags to date. Mr. Deane reported that 200 tails had been turned in.
- Update re: news coverage of the 2014-2015 hunt season – Heather Hatfield will contact Nancy Dodge to get the number of tails taken in the paper as often as possible.
- Update re: 2015 DTF membership – as mentioned above, Richard Stinson will be appointed.
- Update re: development of 2015-2016 long range strategic plan – this was tabled until after the hunting season.
- Update re: donor status – Ruth Perfido sent a note to be included in the minutes. That note is attached. It says:
Amount received \$82,000 of which \$7,000 was allocated by specific donors to satisfy the Windham butcher obligation. Amount disbursed through January 12 for tails: \$30,000.
- Annual report to the Town Council – Becky Ballard and George Mellor will work on this.
- Annual report from BI Health Services – Becky Ballard will contact Linda Closter at the Medical Center to get a report on the number of Tic related diseases diagnosed.

Next meeting: Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Annual meeting schedule was approved and is attached.

At 8:15 p.m. Paul Deane moved to adjourn seconded by George Mellor and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan