

Lyme Disease Committee
of the
Board of Health
Dover, MA

June 25, 2009

Minutes

Present: Marlayne Brace, William Herd, Tim Holiner, Steve Kruskall, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Matthew Schmid, Paul Tedesco, Diane Fielding.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of 6-11-09

1. Presentation/Discussion: "Assessment of deer population in Dover and surrounding communities" – Tim H.

No formal presentation was made. According to Tim H. no solid information on density of deer population in our area or elsewhere is available.

2. Reports of progress with obtaining of Tick Cards and Tick Signs

Outcome: Based on the BoH recommendations, Tick cards and Tick signs were modified with inscription of "Board of Health, Dover, MA 02030" and declared ready for distribution in town.

3. Decisions for sites of public distribution (cards) and display (signs) in Dover

Outcome: It was decided to distribute the Tick cards in appropriately marked holders to Town Clerk's office, Post Office and Police Station (Barbara), Town Library (Matthew), Bank, Higgins, Transfer Station, Isabella's, Mobil Station (Billy), Town Hall Senior Room (Diane).

It was decided to post Tick signs at strategic locations. Paul T and Bill H posted a total of eleven (11) signs in the following locations: Cemetery at top of hill as you drive in; at Chase Woods and Wylde Woods. At the TTOR Ranger Shack; at the entrance and the children's Play Area in Caryl Park; at the entrance of the Snow Hill Scout Trail; at Powissett, one on the farm road, and one each on the first TTOR entrance; one opposite the Dump entrance; at the TTOR entrance on Walpole Street opposite Woodridge. There was no appropriate post at Chickering Field to hang a sign on so Paul will contact Dave about putting up a post at the entrance.

4. Discussion of further review of LD survey

Outcome: LDC accepted Marlayne's offer to conduct additional analyses of the Dover Lyme survey and present her observations and results during the August meeting.

5. Speaker proposal

Outcome: Steve will contact Dr. Tim Lepore, Director of the Emergency Department at Cottage Hospital on Nantucket, and try to arrange a meeting of the LDC with him, tentatively scheduled for September.

6. LDC schedule till Dec 1, 2009

Outcome: The following dates and times were selected with all meetings to take place at *9:30 AM in the LL Conference* room:
Sept 10 and 24, Oct 15 and 29, Nov 5 and 19.

7. Other outstanding Business

Diane proposed and will attend to have at the Dover BoH website a link to Lyme Disease or LDC with pictures of the tick cards and signs to alert the public about their existence.

A copy of deer-resistant plants obtainable in Russel's Garden Shop was provided by Con Com and a copy of Martha Stewart's Deer-resistant garden was provided by Matthew for additional information.

It was proposed and agreed by all that everybody will be alert for additional information to be distributed in both information boxes, i. e. at the BoH and the library.

The excellent manuscript about LD and tick experience prepared by Jim Tedesco, Paul's late son, was distributed for guidance and reference to the LDC. It provides great insight into a local homeowner's experience on how to take some action to reduce the tick risks on one's own property.