

**Lyme Disease Committee  
of the  
Board of Health  
Dover, MA**

**Minutes  
May 6, 2010**

**1. Review and Approval of the Final Minutes of April 1 meeting**

Approved unanimously.

**2. Review of BOH presentation to Board of Selectmen**

Subsequent to the report by the BOH to the Selectmen concerning the health hazard of Lyme disease as distributed on January 8, Drs. Harvey George and Barbara Roth-Schechter presented an update to the Board of Selectmen. In addition to the continuous education about personal and property protection, they presented a tentative Deer Management Plan (DMP) for the town of Dover. Overall, the Selectmen were in support of the DMP and offered any necessary support for the BOH and/or the LDC in their efforts. The Selectmen were invited to the meeting with MWL Deer Project Leader on May 19 at 7 p.m.

**3. Discussion of MWL presentation**

It was agreed that the MWL Leader will be asked to speak for approximately 30 to 45 minutes to be followed by a Q and A session. Furthermore, it was decided that it would be helpful to have the meeting taped by dscvtv, not necessarily for later public transmission but mainly for viewing by any committee members unable to attend the meeting (BRS to arrange and coordinate).

**4. Future Plans for LDC**

Based on the three-pronged approach adopted by the BOH for the management of the Lyme disease health threat in Dover, the following actions were agreed upon:

1. Continuous Education of all Dover residents (Adults and School children) about the means of personal protection from tick bites. BRS: Collaboration with Town Administrator to ascertain printing of tick cards and tick warning signs; procurement of LD Fact Sheets from MDPH; delivery of LD Parents' and Residents' Advisory, LD Fact Sheets and Tick Identification to the school Health Offices for distribution to all children/parents; town-wide distribution of LD-related material, including to different computer groups and the Council on Aging; supplying materials for distribution at the town clerk, BOH office and town library.

2. Continuous education of residents and organizations about the means to create tick-safe zones on private and recreational properties in Dover. BRS: Dissemination of relevant information via Residents' Advisory, local newspapers and materials including to Council on Aging; supplying materials for distribution at the BOH office and town library.

3. Responsible management of the deer population via progressive reduction of deer density by allowing strictly regulated and monitored deer hunting on carefully selected open town land and spaces. All: DMP to be finalized after meeting with MWL representative on May 19; assignment of individual responsibilities.