

Lyme Disease Committee
of the
Board of Health
Dover, MA

Minutes
July 29, 2010

Present: Tim Holiner, Paul Tedesco, Steve Kruskal, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Bill Herd, Marlayne Brace, Mike Francis, Jim Palmer, George Giunta

Absent: Matthew Schmid

1. Review and Approval of the Final Minutes of July 12 meeting

2. Introduction of the Lyme Disease Agents (LDA)

Jim Palmer

George Giunta

Both agents gave a short summary of their hunting and deer management experience: both were unanimously recommended by the LDC for approval by the BOH

3. Drafting of Deer Hunting Regulations, Bowhunting Application, Criteria for the LA-Hunter interview, Responsibilities of the LDAs –All

These documents were drafted and subsequently refined and corrected by Tim H. They were circulated to all members of the LDC for additional corrections and will be submitted to the BOH on August 9, 2010 for final approval.

Subsequent to approval, BRS to circulate the final documents to the Dover land stake-holders to ascertain areas designed for deer hunt.

Attached are documents as approved by BOH on August 9 and circulated as planned.

Town of Dover
Board of Health - Lyme Disease Committee
Bowhunting Application 2010

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____

Work Phone () _____

Mobile Phone () _____

FAX/eMail _____

Automobile Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Color _____ Plate Number _____

1) Number of years hunting experience _____

Number of years bowhunting experience _____

2) Are you familiar with Dover Land-managed areas? Which ones:

a _____

b _____

c _____

3) Do you have a preference for a particular area (please list)

a _____

b _____

c _____

I, the undersigned applicant, am aware that I am seeking to participate in a **Pilot program to control the deer population in Dover to reduce the spread of Lyme Disease**. I understand that, based on the success of this pilot program this event might continue on an annual basis. I will first and foremost be providing a land management service for the Town of Dover. I agree to submit to an interview by Dover Lyme Disease Agents and to abide by the Rules and Regulations established by the Dover Board of Health and Lyme Disease Committee. I am aware that the BOH may cancel bowhunting on Dover Town lands and revoke my permit at any time, without cause.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Deer Hunting Regulations 2010

1. Hunting is permitted by **qualified hunters only**. Hunters must be qualified by the Lyme Disease Agents' (LDA) **interview and assessment process**.
2. **Two bucks per hunter may be taken** following LDA approval and **only AFTER at least one antlerless deer is taken for each buck**. Additional does may be taken.
3. **All deer taken must be reported to the LDA within 24 Hours**. The LDAs will report to the BOH weekly.
4. **No night-vision** or other low-light devices are permitted.
5. Hunting is permitted only from a **fixed position**. **Tree Stands** are preferred using strap-on or ladder steps. **Ground blinds** will be permitted **on a special waiver basis** to be determined by the LDAs. A **BOH ID tag** must be attached to the stand or blind **and** displayed on their vehicle dashboard. Trees stands and blinds must be removed at the end of the season.
6. Harvested animals **remains must be completely removed** without damage to environment.
7. **All Licenses, Permits and Maps** of approved location and boundaries **must be carried at all times**. Please familiarize yourself with the area boundaries. If you need maps – **ask!**
8. The Dover BOH through its LDAs **reserves the right to revoke permits or cancel hunting** at any time, **without cause**.
9. **No other forms of wildlife shall be taken**.

10. All hunters shall be required to donate a minimum of **two hours of volunteer time** for land maintenance duties on hunting-managed Dover lands **prior to the next hunting season**.
11. **Hunters must be courteous to all property users** and make a genuine effort to **inform others about the hunting program** when encountered. The LDAs and the BOH must be notified of negative encounters with visitors as soon as possible.
12. All Hunters must abide by the 2010 Mass Wild Life rules and regulations.

LDA Responsibilities

(LDA = Lyme Disease Agent of Dover BOH)

1. Select qualified hunters following a personal interview based on the attached criteria (in the presence of one LDC member)
2. Verify the Bowhunting Application
3. Identify the assigned hunting area for each hunter (in collaboration of representatives of the respective stake-holder and the LDC)
4. Supply the Dover PD with names and vehicle identities of qualified hunters
5. Assign to each hunter a BOH ID number (with the tag to be prepared by the BOH – Admin Assistant)
6. Track the number of deer taken on a daily basis
7. Report the number of deer taken to the BOH on a weekly basis
8. Assist the BOH and the LDC to identify projects of land maintenance duties

Submitted August 23, 2010
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Chair, LDC