

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

**Minutes December 16, 2010**

**Present: Marlayne Brace, Matthew Schmid, Tim Holiner, Steve Kruskall, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Paul Tedesco, Jim Palmer, Diane Fielding**

**Absent: George Giunta, Jay Walsh, Bill Herd, Mike Francis**

**1. Review and Approval of the Final Minutes of Dec 2 meeting**

Minor corrections were reviewed and the Minutes were approved

**2. Report of the LDAs and Representatives of Stake Holders -update**

Jim P. reported that the total of deer harvested stands at 16 with 14 does and 2 bucks. A discussion ensued as to possible reasons why this number is relatively low. Jim pointed out that our program started on a very short time line and hunters did not have the time to walk the land and establish tracks prior to the start of hunting season. It was agreed that hunters would be encouraged to walk the land all winter in preparation for next year's DMP.

**3. Discussion and finalization of Hunter follow-up questionnaire- All**

The follow-up questionnaire was drafted with the following questions:

During the 2010 Hunting Season:

1. How many times per week (on average) did you hunt?
2. How many hours (on average) did you remain in your stand?
3. Did you have to move your tree stand and why?
4. How many other animals did you see and which ones?
5. How many free-running dogs (if any) interfered with your hunting?
6. How many encounters (if any) with people did you have?
7. Do you want to stay in the program for the following years?

In view of this year's experience and in preparation for the upcoming hunting season:

Do you have any additional comments/ suggestions?

Jim agreed to circulate the questionnaire to the hunters via email.

**4. Review and Approval of the LDC allocation for Warrant (\$5000.00)**

The approved \$ 5000.00 by the Board of Health for the functioning of the LDC were tentatively budgeted as follows:

The budget is intended for (but not limited to):

1. Preparation of town-wide Lyme disease warning signage owners
3. Subsidizing of permethrin coupons for private property protection
4. Preparation of triple ID cards for the hunters
5. \$ 500.00 consulting fee to the each of the two Lyme Disease Agents (LDA)
6. Materials for the potential tick study
7. Functioning of the Lyme disease forum with potential guest speaker

**5. Proposed Schedule Jan 6, Jan 20, Febr 3, Febr 17**

This schedule was agreed to; Barbara reserved the **LL Conf Room** for each of these dates from **10:00 to 11:30 am.**