

Lyme Disease Committee
of the
Board of Health
Dover, MA

Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2010

Present: Marlayne Brace, Matthew Schmid, Tim Holiner, Bill Herd, Steve Kruskall, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Mike Francis, Jay Walsh, George Giunta, Jim Palmer

Absent: Paul Tedesco

1. Review and Approval of the Final Minutes of Oct 14 meeting

2. Report of the LDAs and Representatives of Stake Holders

Jim: The first week was slightly compromised by organizational glitches which are being addressed. Illegal tree stands and hunters were reported. Significant number of deer were sighted.

George: The first doe was taken in Snow Hill. Significant number of deer were sighted, but no additional harvest.

Both LDAs reported a large increase in tick density due to the humid and warm weather. Marlayne volunteered to draft another alert about personal hygiene to be publicized in the school (Chickering, DSMS, DSHS).

Jay W. reported that some individuals and representatives of the Charles River School were confused about which properties were involved. They were concerned that Hale had joined the DMP without notification.

Mike F. reported that 4 members of the TTOR announced that they did not intend to renew their membership, otherwise no additional concerns were voiced.

Barbara reported that a letter had been received from Peta sent to both the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health. In this letter Peta offers to provide guidance regarding effective, long-term control methods of deer. Several telephone messages were exchanged and ended with the BOH asking for written material since phone contact did not succeed.

All: It was decided to alter the language in the Deer Hunting Regulations of 2010 from "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.**" to "The BOH suggests that all hunters donate a minimum of **two hours of volunteer time** for land maintenance duties on hunting-managed Dover lands **prior to the next hunting season.**"

3. Private Property owners joining of DMP - All

Private property owners wanting to join into the DMP are welcome to do so provided they have a property of at least 5 acres. An application will have to be filed with the BOH which in turn will inform the LDAs for inspection and hunter assignment.

4. Logistics of Illegal hunters on town land – All

Any questionable person found on town land without proper BOH identification is to be reported to the Dover PD.

5. Sam Telford project discussion – All

It was decided to have an informal discussion with Dr. Telford, rather than any formal presentation from either side. BRS will write him a message to that effect. We will formulate one or two questions in our invitation to him and then let the discussion develop. (Questions to be circulated to LDC for input before letter to S. Telford)

6. BOH logistics in preparation for next year's DMP

Diane will try to obtain as soon as possible a significant quantity of tick cards from Mass DPH for next spring's educational campaign. Similarly, she will obtain 50 large plastic signs to be posted on various town lands (Tim suggested to contact VISTA PRINT for inexpensive and good service. Lastly, Diane will request for next year's budget the sum of \$ 5000.00 for the various expenses incurred by the LDC.

7. Application of private property owners

For review:

Application for Participation in
Dover Deer Management Plan 2010
Board of Health

Name:

Street Address:

Size of Property in Acres:

Number of Hunters desired on Property:

Any Restrictions and Time Limitations for Hunting:

I, *name to be printed*, will permit regulated bow hunting by qualified hunters to occur on my property for the 2010 hunting season.

Signature:

Date:

Witness: