

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

**Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2011
10:00 AM - Lower Level Conference Room**

**Present: Steve Kruskall, Matthew Schmid, Beth Webb, Barbara Roth- Schechter, Jim Palmer, Diane Fielding, Tim Holiner, Paul Tedesco, George Giunta,
Absent: Bill Herd, Mike Francis,**

1. Review and Approval of the Minutes of November 3, 2011 meeting

2. Update on 2011 DMP - All

So far, only 8 deer have been harvested. The hunters are disappointed by the scarcity of deer. Apparently, this year deer congregate much in open space rather than in the woods, probably due to the fact that there are significantly fewer acorns this year and that the woods are water-logged and soggy.

Two illegal tree stands have been found and will be removed after accurate staking of the property (George).

Based on Sam Telford's assessment of this year's increased tick density (3-5 times previous years) it was decided to place a tick alert on the Dover website (Barbara), into an e-blast to parents of all schools (Barbara) and a flyer to the DMA (Beth).

3. Sam Telford Project – All

No further answers have been received to our inquiries for funding of Sam's research project. Additional names were mentioned and will be pursued (George, Matthew).

4. Review of informative letter to abutters – Matthew, Tim, All

A revised draft of this letter was provided by Tim, but its review was postponed to the next meeting (Dec 12/11)

5. Feedback from Sudbury Valley Trustees – Barbara, George

A letter was provided summarizing the meeting of October 25 and a list of all participants was included. No immediate action is planned as of now, but we will be informed of any further action..

6. Discussion and other outstanding issues – All

Matthew obtained and distributed a listing and graphical summary of all ‘hits’ on the Dover website with additional statistics about origin and progression of website interactions. Matthew will try to obtain the same information for the BOH and LDC site. He also obtained the feedback from the town clerk concerning reverse-911 calls by the BOH – LDC: the answer is negative.

Paul shared information about two herb plants that are claimed to deter deer when planted. It was decided to incorporate the information into next year’s property protection advisory after input and clarification has been obtained from the MWL botanist Tom Rawinski (Barbara).