

Lyme Disease Committee
of the
Board of Health
Dover, MA

Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2011
9:30 AM - Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Matthew Schmid, Tim Holiner, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Jim Palmer, George Giunta, Mike Francis, Beth Webb, Diane Fielding

Absent: Jay Walsh, Paul Tedesco, Bill Herd

1. Review and Approval of the Final Minutes of Jan 20 meeting

2. Presentation and final review of results from hunter interviews

Jim and George presented the results of the post-season hunters interview. The data were analyzed in several ways and are available upon request. Overall, the hunters were satisfied with their experience and would like to continue in the program for the next year. The large majority of hunters would prefer a larger area than this year and significantly longer time for scouting their area prior to the start of the hunting season.

All members agreed that LDAs (Lyme Disease Agents) should be named from hereon forward **Deer Management Agents (DMAs)**.

3. Close-up discussion of DMP and previous LD Forum

It was agreed to contact Mike Klein from the Dover Cable TV (508-785-0737) to invite him to meet with some members of the BOH-LDC to discuss a possible presentation and other support of the LDC on cable TV. Upon return of John O'Keefe his input will be sought as well.

4. Time lines for report/ meeting with stakeholders re: additional land

It was reported that Con Com has had some discussion about opening additional town land. TTOR has started discussions toward that goal as well. Barbara will draft and circulate a 'report' of the 2010 DMP to the stake holders and the Dover Board of Selectmen. Barbara will send that report and follow up with presentations and discussions if so desired.

The targeted time line for total land available for the 2011 DMP was set as the **end of May 2011.**

5. Time line and content of letter to Dover residents to join DMP

A long discussion of various options to contact Dover residents about joining the DMP ensued. Many options were discussed, some in combination with item # 7 and # 8 below, many in the form of website and possibly You-Tube distribution. It was agreed to reach a final decision concerning content of and approach to LDC – resident interaction at the next meeting. It was agreed that the targeted time line to contact Dover residents is the **end of March 2011.**

6. Time Line for hunter scouting

It was agreed that ideally, parcels should be assigned to hunters by the end of June so that they can do their extensive scouting from **July through September 2011.**

7. Lyme Disease Forum – need, content and time line

See item # 5 above.

8. Time line and approach for educational campaign in town and schools

See item # 5 above.

9. Review of draft invitation of surrounding towns to DMP; time line

Barbara circulated a draft of an Advisory to the Boards of Selectmen and Boards of Health of surrounding towns. No major revisions were proposed and Tim volunteered to complete the invitation by adding the hunter interview results and an appropriate ending. This invitation will be forwarded to the surrounding communities no later than **March 3, 2011.**

10. DPH Intern – project and management

Due to the expiration of the Application time line for 2011, there will not be a DPH intern with the BOH-LDC for 2011. Barbara requested that DPH inform us with the appropriate paper work for applying for an intern in 2012. Barbara will inform Sam Telford to keep contact.

11. Report of Police Chief meeting and LD activity at regional level

Matthew reported about his attendance of the public meeting concerning the search for a new Police Chief for Dover. He was able to point out the important role the Dover PD played in the 2010 DMP and is expected to play during the

coming years (a good review, including Matthew's remarks, of the meeting was provided in the Dover-Sherborn News of February 17).

Barbara reported about having been contacted by State Representative David Linsky who has issued a call for an investigation regarding Lyme disease in the Commonwealth.