

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

**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 21, 2013**  
**9:00 AM**

**Present:** Barbara Roth-Schechter, Matthew Schmid, Tim Holiner, George Giunta, Jim Palmer, Steve Kruskall, Mary Hable

**Absent:** Kate Cannie, Phil Trotter, Angela Wilson-Taylor, Mike Francis, Jay Walsh

**1. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the November 7, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**2. Internal Communications - Mary**

- Barbara reported that the task of interviewing and hiring a new BOH administrative assistant is in progress.
- Barbara reported that Angela informed her that she will be resigning from the LDC.

**3. External Communications - Kate**

- Barbara reported on her efforts to investigate information about a new method for curbing the incidence of Lyme disease that involves vaccination pellets that inoculate mice when consumed, breaking down the chain of transmission of the bacteria that causes Lyme. Details are provided in the following link: <https://www.tennessean.com/article/20131113/BUSINESS/311130158/>. After a discussion with Dr. Telford Barbara doubted the viability of this particular method but was encouraged by the prospect of other more feasible approaches described by Dr. Telford that are currently being worked on by researchers at Tufts.
- Barbara provided information about the Community Innovation Challenge Grant. This grant provides funding for joint community work. Unfortunately the deadline for applying was the following day and no one on the LDC could commit to taking on the task of preparing the application. Steve agreed to look into whether or not the grant will be offered again next year.

**4. Deer Management – Jim, George**

- Jim reported that a total of sixteen deer (10 bucks and 6 does) have been harvested so far. Medfield is now at about 20 or 21.
- Discussion ensued about how to increase the efficacy of our deer management program. Jim and George will contact any hunters in the program who have not yet picked up their tags. An idea was also brought forth regarding having each hunter and the LDC members put in \$10-\$20 each to create a pool to be used for cash prizes at the end of the season. The thought was to create a sense of community and competition among the hunters that might translate into more productivity. The Committee agreed to consider the idea more fully for next year.

- George reported that Selectmen approval for a few specific additional properties for the deer management program is required. George and Barbara will try to address the Selectmen at their next meeting.
- Steve reported that the DLCT members discussed the LDC's request for land at their last meeting and have questions. Specifically they require a detailed explanation of the role of deer in the tick life cycle. Barbara will forward the formal DLCT request to LDC members so the questions can be discussed and a group answer can be formulated at the next LDC meeting.

**5. Website - Matthew**

- The list of LDC Committee members has been updated on the website.

**6. Database/Archive – Tim**

- Tim continues to work on populating the archive with the 500 documents Barbara provided.
- George will send to Tim the updated map of all the public hunting areas for inclusion in the database.

**7. DPH Summer Internship - All**

- Barbara received a final report from Julie. The report will be entered into the LDC archive.
- George will collect the signs from last summer's project still at the drag sites.
- Discussion ensued about the project for this coming summer. The following points were covered:
  - Barbara has recruited five properties to the study so far. Discussion ensued about whether more would be needed. It was agreed that it was feasible to conduct the study with the five properties obtained. Additional qualified properties would be welcomed if attained.
  - Barbara drafted the flier soliciting residents with fenced properties to volunteer for the study as agreed at the last meeting. Tim will review the draft and make hard copies for Steve to distribute. Tim will be the email contact for volunteers.

**8. Adjournment – All**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.