

Lyme Disease Committee
of the
Board of Health
Dover, MA

Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2013
9:00 AM

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

Absent: Angela Wilson-Taylor, Diane Fielding, Mike Francis, Jay Walsh

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

Minutes of the August 15, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

2. Deer Management – Jim, George

- Barbara and George presented to the Dover Board of Selectmen and received approval to add two new properties to the town-approved bow hunting program. The properties are 52 acres on Haven Street and 3 acres off Chickering Road.
- The Dover Board of Selectmen asked for a map of the town land included in the program. George will try to find such a map.
- Jim and George interviewed 10 new hunters for the program. Their information has been submitted to the Dover Police Department for background checks as the next step in the selection process. The Police Chief would also like to re-check all the hunters currently in the program from last year. The additional checking should not hold up the program.
- Triple ID's (personal, stand, and car) are being prepared by the BOH. Jim and George need to provide a list of names so this task can be completed.
- Discussion ensued about strategies for hunting the available properties.
- Discussion ensued about points in an article circulated by Barbara about a town-sponsored hunting program in Connecticut.
- Discussion ensued about strategies for improving the efficiency of the hunting program.
- Jim shared an article about hunting on Sundays. Copies were provided to the Committee members.

3. Internal Communications/External Communications I Local - Mary

- Barbara reported that Phil Trotter was approved by the Dover BOH for membership on the LDC.
- We are still looking for an additional member. Discussion ensued regarding potential candidates.
- Barbara recommended that LDC members read the book, *Deerland*, by Al Caulbronne, a new acquisition at the town library, as it is a very good reference book.

4. External Communications II Regional and Beyond - Barbara

- Barbara reported that she sent a summary of the enclosure project to Dr. Telford for review. Dr. Telford suggested that we contact a group in Blue Hills who also undertook an enclosure project to learn of their experience. He also recommended that LDC efforts might be better spent by pursuing an intervention project rather than conducting another enclosure experiment. The Committee agreed that in light of this recommendation the enclosure project should be tabled for now. The next step is to design an appropriate intervention project.
- Barbara circulated a summary of local tick-borne illnesses surveillance data with the latest 2012 incidence rates as provided by DPH. All other data are available at the DPH website.

5. Website - Matthew

Matthew reiterated the email he sent out shortly after the last meeting regarding that he had met with Bill Clark and confirmed that the GIS functionality needed for any sort of mapping capability for the LDC website is forthcoming.

6. Database/Archive – Tim

Tim announced that the archive is up and running. He also provided an updated outline. Committee members should check it out and provide feedback. Committee members should also send relevant documents they have to Tim so they can be entered into the archive. Tim discussed creating a read only copy of the archive for broader sharing of the information. (The archive in its current state meets all Open Meeting laws, but a share archive would provide easier access.)

7. DPH Summer Internship - All

- Barbara reported that Dr. Telford has not yet had a chance to analyze this summer's ticks for carriage rate. It may be later this fall before he gets time to do it.
- Barbara noted that now that we have committed to hosting another DPH intern next summer, we need to design a project. Discussion ensued around different ideas. All agreed on the action item that we bring ideas to the next meeting for discussion. The program application is due in January.

8. Inter-Town Representation and Communication - All

No new news at this time.

9. Adjournment – All

The meeting was adjourned at 11am.