

Lyme Disease Committee
of the
Board of Health
Dover, MA

Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2013
9:00 AM

Present: Barbara Roth-Schechter, Matthew Schmid, Tim Holiner, George Giunta, Jim Palmer, Mary Hable, Phil Trotter, Angela Wilson-Taylor

Absent: Steve Kruskall, Diane Fielding, Mike Francis, Jay Walsh

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

Minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

2. Deer Management – Jim, George

- A list of hunters, vehicle plate numbers, and ID's were compiled and forwarded to the Board of Selectmen as requested.
- Background checks on the new hunters were completed by the Dover Police Department. They are now working on completing checks on hunters returning to the program from last year.
- Jim and George now have 61 vetted hunters in the program for this year.
- ID tags were completed and will be distributed to the hunters the week before hunting season starts.
- Barbara ordered 15 hunting warning signs. George will post these and take down the tick study signs in the process.
- Additional parcels of private land are needed for the program. Barbara will place an ad in the local papers requesting volunteers to come forward.
- All Committee members were asked to think of activities in which the hunters can help out in order to fulfill the community service element of the partnership.
- The Committee expressed appreciation to George and Jim for all their hard work in preparing for this year's hunting season.

3. External Communications II Regional and Beyond - Barbara

- Barbara provided the Committee with an excellent reference to Mass Wildlife publications, maps, and guides at the following Internet address:
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/publications/recreation-publications-dwf.html>
- Barbara also provided an in-depth reference about a deer management program in Connecticut at http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/wildlife/pdf_files/game/urbandeer07.pdf.

- Dr. Rawinski referenced Dover and Barbara in a reply to an inquiry about the status of hunting town land, recommending that Dover might have experience to share. Barbara will update the Committee if she is contacted about this.
- No new discussions have occurred with Eric Olson regarding an exclosure project. The Committee agreed to keep the possibility of doing such a project with Dr. Olson open, but to not actively pursue it for now.
- Discussion ensued about whether other institutions have funded projects that would be a good fit with Dover and how the Committee could go about finding them. It was suggested that asking Dr. Telford would be a good starting point. Barbara will contact Dr. Telford about this. Phil will put thoughts together for a wider contacting scheme.
- Phil volunteered to meet with Dr. Michael Wong of Infectious Diseases at Beth Israel Hospital to discuss potential collaboration opportunities.

4. DPH Summer Internship - All

- Dr. Telford has still not had a chance to analyze this summer's ticks for carriage rate.
- Discussion ensued about a multi-year project for summer interns involving dispersing home-made tick tubes in transects to determine their effect on tick population. Details are still sketchy.

5. Inter-Town Representation and Communication - All

- Discussion ensued about contacting towns in the article Barbara circulated about the deer management program in Connecticut for advice and insight.
- Discussion ensued about the feasibility of forming an alliance with neighboring towns similar to that described in the article Barbara circulated about the deer management program in Connecticut.

6. Website - Matthew

- The banner design was changed so it is more visible on handheld devices. It looks very nice!
- Matthew will check for an update from IT on the status of GIS system.
- Matthew suggested the article about deer management in Connecticut could go onto the website.

7. Database/Archive – Tim

Tim reiterated his request that Committee members send data files to him for inclusion in the archive.

8. Internal Communications/External Communications I Local - Mary

- Discussion ensued about potential new Committee member candidates.
- Barbara will put ads in the Home Town Weekly and the Dover Sherborn Press as mentioned above requesting residents to volunteer use of their private property in the town-approved bow hunting program.

9. Adjournment – All

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.