

Lyme Disease Committee
of the
Board of Health
Dover, MA

Minutes
May 30, 2013
9:00 AM

Present: Barbara Roth-Schechter, Angela Wilson-Taylor, Matthew Schmid, Jim Palmer, George Giunta, Mary Hable, Diane Fielding

Absent: Tim Holiner, Mike Francis, Jay Walsh

Visitor: Gerald Clarke

1. Review and Approval of the Minutes of May 16, 2013 Meeting

Minutes of the May 16, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

2. DPH Summer Internship - All

Tick Study in Shady vs. Sunny Transects

- George flagged the drag sites and put up the signs. The sites are nominally the same as those of last year, though slight appropriate changes were made in two instances. The sites encompass 160 feet for each transect. There are three sites at the high school, one at Caryl Park, and one at Noanet Woodlands.
- Barbara contacted Dr. Sam Telford who agreed to analyze the ticks again this year and sent a pack of tubes for collecting, storing, and transporting.
- Barbara, George, and Julie, the summer intern, met on Monday to walk the sites and agree on the testing protocol. Angela will serve as the contact person for Julie when needed. Julie will try to drag once a week when it is dry. She will use one vial for each drag site and will log in the start time and temperature. Julie completed the first drag on Tuesday.
- Julie made an informative one-page (two sided) handout on ticks and Lyme disease to be distributed to inquiring residents when she is dragging at the sites. The Committee reviewed the handout and voted to use it. She will also distribute tick cards.

3. Internal Communications/External Communications I Local - Mary

New Member Recruitment – Angela posted a notice on the Dover Mother’s Association Big Tent Forum announcing that the LDC is seeking a new member. She will also check into posting it with the Chickering PTO. The notice is now posted on both the town website and with the Dover Mother’s Association. So far no one has responded. It was noted that this time of the year is not ideal for people to be making such commitments and the Committee agreed to let new member recruitment efforts rest until later this summer or early fall.

Dissemination of Dover Lyme Forum DVD – A DVD of the April 2013 Dover Lyme Forum is now available. One copy will be kept for viewing at the office of the Dover Board of Health. Mary will inquire about keeping another copy at the Dover Library. Matthew will check to see if there are any groups for those new to Dover that could also keep a copy. Matthew has also provided a link to the content of the DVD on the LDC website (doverlyme.com). Tim will need to add this information to the archive.

Tick Warning Signs at Trail Heads for the Summer – Nothing new to report on this activity.

Summer Meeting Schedule – The Committee agreed to meet only once per month during June and July to provide a bit of a break before the busy season begins at the end of the summer. Meetings twice monthly will resume in August. Dates for the next four meetings are June 13th, July 18th, August 15th, and August 29th. Mary will reserve the lower conference room in the Town Hall for these meetings.

4. External Communications II Regional and Beyond - Barbara

Barbara received several emails communicating positively of the outcome of the vote in Weston to reject a proposal to prohibit hunting on town land.

5. Website - Matthew

Matthew met with Bill Clark to update the website. Links to other websites that were no longer functioning were dropped or updated. Committee contact information was updated. A link to the Dover Lyme Forum was added. Functionality for tracking hit rates was also implemented. Matthew otherwise found the website to be in relatively good shape and up-to-date. He asked that each committee member review the website before the next meeting and email him with thoughts and suggestions.

6. Database/Archive – Tim

No new updates on the LDC data archive.

7. Inter-Town Representation and Communication - All

Barbara reported that Barnstable held a Lyme disease forum in May.

8. Deer Management – Jim, George

There are no urgent issues at this time. Upcoming action items include interviewing hunters, reviewing available properties, going over the town regulations, readying the applications, and receiving new property forms. Looking for ways to improve productivity is another item the Committee agreed should be looked into.

9. Adjournment – All

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.