

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

**Minutes
March 14, 2013**

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

Absent: Steve Kruskall, Mary Hable, Tim Holiner, Mike Francis, Jay Walsh

1. Review and Approval of the Minutes of February 28, 2013 meeting

The minutes of the 2/28/13 meeting were unanimously approved

2. LDC Survey –2013 final results vs LDC Survey – 2009 final results

Barbara presented comparative results between the two surveys. A first impression seems to indicate that compared to 2009 (with a return of mailed surveys of 31%) the self-reported incidence of LD over the previous 12 months in 2013 (with a return of mailed surveys of 23 %) has significantly decreased: from 26 % in 2009 to 11 % in 2013. The reliability of this comparison will have to be established prior to the Forum.

3. Lyme Disease Forum - All

It was agreed that we divide the Forum time (7 to 9 pm) into four sections of approximately 25 minutes each

Local accomplishments of the LDC

- a) Physician survey (BRS)
- b) Shady vs Sunny (BRS)
- c) 2013 survey vs 2009 survey (Mary)
- d) Hunting on Dover town land (Jim)

Ecology and Management of LTBD (Sam Telford)

Symptoms and treatment of acute and chronic LTBD (Sam

Donta)

Question and Answer period

Further details of Tables and instructions for Q&A were discussed. Barbara will contact the speakers to agree on details, establish presence of audio-visual and microphone, screen and will invite Tom O'Shea (MWL), Jim will invite Mike F. and Jay W.

All other details are in preparation.

4. Summer Internship- All

Based on previous discussions there are several options for additional projects (see Minutes of February 14). Any further discussions were postponed until after receipt of a DPH response.