

Lyme Disease Committee
of the
Board of Health
Dover, MA

Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2014
9:00 AM

Present: Barbara Roth-Schechter, George Giunta, Mary Hable, Jim Palmer, Steve Kruskall, Kate Cannie, Matt Schmid, Karen Hayett

Absent: Tim Holiner, Mike Francis, Jay Walsh, Phil Trotter,

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

Minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. DMP Final update

The report of the LDC, including a final update for the DMP, has gone to the Board of Selectmen.

3. Bill on Sunday Hunting – Kate Cannie

- Kate reported that the pending Sunday hunting legislation, Bill 714, has been reported out favorably and has gone to the House Ways and Means Committee.
- Approval of Bill 714 is anticipated for implementation for the 2015 Hunting Season.
- Kate drafted a letter of support which will be mailed to members of the Ways and Means Committee under Barbara's signature as Chair of the BOH and Chair of the LDC.
- Barbara remarked how fortunate the LDC is to have Kate on the Committee and thanked her on behalf of the entire committee for all her efforts.

4. DPH Summer Internship tick Density Study

- Steve has come up with a list of 20-25 fenced in properties in Dover that may be suitable sites for the tick study. Potential properties will receive a leaflet to let the owners know about the study and see if they want to participate. There would be follow up by the LDC to ascertain if a particular property would be acceptable.
- There was a discussion about the criteria to use for the study, which is designed to determine if there is a measurable difference in the density of ticks in an enclosed space versus the density of ticks in an open space of similar ecology. It was thought that the fence must be at least 6 feet high and erected for a minimum of 5 years with similar wooded areas on both sides of the fence. There will be two weekly drags at each location (i.e., inside and outside the enclosure) for a minimum of 5 weeks starting in late May/early June, weather permitting. It is desirable and planned to ascertain the collaboration of Dr. Sam Telford for analysis of the carriage rate of the ticks.

5. Lyme Disease Committee name change – Barbara

- Barbara informed the Committee that the BOH felt strongly that a committee name change should include either the word illness or disease considering that disease prevention is critical to the mission

of the BOH as well as the committee. After a discussion, it was agreed to change the name to the Tick Borne Disease Committee.

- It was planned to publicize this name change together with the LDC Spring campaign about personal and property tick protection.

6. Adjournment – All

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hayett, Administrative Assistant