

Dover Board of Health Tick-Borne Diseases Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2019

Present: Stephen Kruskall, M.D., Dr. Joseph Musto, Jim Palmer,

Absent: Tim Holiner

1. Meeting called to order at 9:18 am Meetings

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous

- On a motion by Jim and seconded by Joe, the meeting minutes of September 20, 2018 were unanimously Approved.

1. Deer Management Program Update

- 17 deer were harvested - 12 does and 5 bucks
- Jim reported that the numbers for the deer hunt were down throughout the state.
- Steve will speak with Tom French of the DLCT about the possibility of having some of its land in the deer management program for the next hunting season.
- Steve will contact the Sherborn BOH chair to learn the status of a deer hunt program starting in that town.

2. Education

- The tick banner will be put up within the next few weeks.
- The TBDC is requesting that Parks and Recreation put up the tick banner during any times when there is a display vacancy as the banner is for public health protection.
- Pamphlets from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) will be ordered and placed in common areas around town to further tick disease awareness.
- There is a tick symposium scheduled later in the spring.

3. Membership

- Steve has received a few names of potential members and will contact them.

4. Education

- The demographics of ticks are changing with more types of ticks than just local ticks found.
- Prophylactic doxycycline is 99% effective against tick-borne diseases if given within 24-48 hours.

5. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Karen R. Hayett