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**Deer Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2014**

In attendance: Mike Russnok, Chairman, Scott MacQuarrie, Steve White, Kevin Clark, Donna Merrill, Frank Mabley, and Loretta Foley

Also in attendance: Judy Mabley and Bruce Beebe, Wilton Land Trust President

- I. Chairman Russnok called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- II. Frank Mabley noted that he was not in attendance for the Committee meeting on May 13th in order to make a motion to adjourn.

Loretta Foley made a motion to approve minutes, as amended, seconded by Donna Merrill, and carried unanimously.

III. Ongoing business

Mike Russnok updated the members of the Committee on the logistics of pursuing a special permit to be able to hunt at night. After further research it was noted that there was a significant cost associated with the necessary equipment but there would also be extensive training that would be needed. There would be a very minimal number of hunters that would be properly trained in order to pursue hunting at night. A discussion ensued and it was agreed amongst those in attendance that further pursuit of night hunting should not be made at this time.

A discussion then followed on the potential to complete a state permit to cull deer non-recreationally. It was decided that if the permit allowed us to extend the firearms season (either during the traditional archery or before / after the 'normal' state hunting season that this permit should be pursued. Further logistics (time allowed, hunting implements and locations) will be discussed at further meetings when Ms. Sesto is present to further educate the members of the Committee.

IV. New Business

Mike Russnok updated the group on the status of the 2014 hunt plan. The proficiency test is scheduled for July 27th. It will be held at noon at Lions Field. Hunters for the controlled hunt have been asked to send in their application by the end of July. It is expected that we would have a kick off meeting in late August.

A discussion then ensued with Bruce Beebe as to which parcels that are associated with the Wilton Land Trust would be available for hunting, for what time periods and any restrictions for each parcel.

Donna Merrill noted that she would follow up with the Riding Club to see if we would be able to secure access for the property to be hunted. Frank Mabley noted that he has been in discussions with the Silvermine Golf Club but it does not look likely that we will be able to hunt that property in the near term.

V. The meeting adjourned at 7:30.