

DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
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**Deer Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2013**

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

- I. Chairman Russnok called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- II. Election for 2014 was deferred until the next meeting.
- III. Frank Mabley made a motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013, as drafted, Seconded by Kevin Clark and carried unanimously.

IV. Ongoing Business

Hunt Update: Mike Russnok noted that the current harvest tally for Wilton, posted by DEEP is 133 deer. The composition was 106 with archery and 27 with firearms. Mike Russnok noted the number harvested with the rifle was less than expected but, in total, we have already exceeded the total harvest from last year with approximately 7 weeks of hunting to go.

Mike Russnok noted the Town purchased corn for the hunters to use for baiting. While the budget allocated for this has been reached, the hunters appreciated this effort by the Town and Mike believes it has helped with the harvest numbers being better than the prior year.

Marketing Update: Donna Merrill noted there were 3 parcels opened up for hunting as a result of some diligent work by Steve White to identify additional properties that could be available to hunt.

Mike Russnok noted there were no other marketing plans in the works as we were fairly far into the season. Mike Russnok also noted that while Steve White was not able to attend the meeting with the official number of properties signed up, his understanding was that there was a positive response by Wilton homeowners to the recent marketing efforts.

- V. Discussed the 2014 meeting schedule and the consensus was the committee will continue to meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.
- VI. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm