



**Deer Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2014**

In attendance: Mike Russnok, Chairman, Kevin Clark, Donna Merrill, Steve White, Scott MacQuarry

Also in attendance: Patricia Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs

- I. Chairman Russnok called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
- II. Kevin Clark made a Motion to approve the minutes from September 9, and November 11, 2014, Seconded by Scott MacQuarry, and passed 5-0-0.
- III. Ongoing business

Chairman Russnok provided an overview of the hunting season thus far. His experience and that of the hunters is that the season is slow. Forty three deer have been checked through Town Hall, with only 1-2 deer coming from the newly added properties. More may have been checked elsewhere. One hunter reported on the stomach contents of a doe he harvested; all green matter, no corn. Hopefully the deer will come to the corn as their first food choices become scarcer. Additionally, the weather on Saturdays has been poor, taking a way an important day in the field.

The feedback on Belknap/Gregg Preserves indicates it is not reasonable to keep the property closed past 12/20/14.

Hunting the other properties will be contingent on hunter willingness. Russnok will confirm which hunters wish to continue hunting and where.

IV. New Business

- a. Russnok asked if it is feasible to hunt a 7 acre parcel owned by the Land Trust, located on St. John's Road. Donna Merrill will check with Bruce Beebe and if approved, Patricia Sesto will send the letter out to neighbors per the committee's usual protocol.

Members initiated discussion on ideas for next year's hunt. Rotating properties in and out of the program and/or moving the hunt through the properties at six week increments were seen as reasonable to pursue further.

b. Approximately twenty properties are participating in the program.
No issues have been reported.

V. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.