

**Minutes**  
**Bar Harbor Deer Herd Control Task Force**  
**January 23, 2014**  
**Upstairs Conference Room-Municipal Building**  
**93 Cottage Street**  
**4:30 pm**

I. Call to Order  
In attendance, Robert Kelley, Shaun Farrar, Jesse Wheeler, Robert Burgess, Chuck Starr. Also one member of the public.

II. Absences  
Robert Jordan, Tom Schaeffer, Bruce Connery

III. Approval of the Minutes  
Minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting approved as written, 5-0.

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda adopted by 5-0 vote.

Examining Isleboro as a model: the island had standard archery hunting in place prior to their special hunt of 2012. As a measure of effectiveness, Isleboro has budgeted a deer survey every other year (Stantec consulting, \$11,000/survey). The town covered the cost of processing venison and donations to Hunters for the Hungry. Tick counts were performed by Maine CDC, vector borne disease lab.

What are costs associated with administering a hunt? How are they covered? Isleboro budgets \$12,550/year for the special hunt, \$11,000 every other year for a deer survey, \$3,940/year for tick surveys. Hunt costs may include processing (what else?). In Missouri or Georgia, hunts were on a lottery basis and application/permit fees covered costs. We would therefore need to make a budget recommendation for Bar Harbor.

Measuring success: Car/deer reports (free of inexpensive?), tick surveys (cost associated unless it could be a community/school science project?), property damage (gauged by depredation permits, free), deer survey (costs associated).

Timing: Developing a plan and having sufficient public input by June will be a challenge, ballot issue in November may be more realistic and would get more participation.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

VII. Items for Next Agenda

Get most recent car accident data (Shaun Farrar).

Look at Isleboro costs from budget

Updated GIS mapping information (Bruce)

Information from CDC on Lyme Disease locally and tick surveys (Rob)

VIII. Adjournment

5:30 by unanimous consent.