

Minutes
Bar Harbor Deer Herd Control Task Force
Feb. 6, 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, Tom Schaeffer, Bruce Connery. Also three members of the public.
- II. Absences
Robert Jordan
- III. Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of the January 23, 2014 meeting approved as written, 7-0.
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda adopted by 7-0 vote.

Rob Kelley shared Maine CDC report on ticks and Lyme disease, 1,111 cases were reported with some shift in age demographics of infection. Rob Burgess will ask Steve Cornell to link to this report from the deer task force website (Rob Kelley will send website). Bruce mentioned contact from Dr. David Wong (National Park Service, Commander of US Public Health Service) who was aware of the local 1991 tick/Lyme survey and was interested in reassessing compared to historical data. Bruce will contact him.

Bruce is working with a new COA student, Rebecca, on GIS mapping, should have something by 2/20 meeting. Can plot car/deer accidents, revised property map with 300 ft set backs (can incorporate more specific IFW rules for 2013/14), and also determine percentage of area inside exclusion zones versus total. Note, all exclusion zones except schools and other such buildings can be open by landowner permission, therefore, being able to incorporate willing property owners into map would be helpful.

Re: Measuring success. Bruce noted that with Erica's help in March 2013, pellet counts were done on 44-48 transects, including 22 done by Harrison in 1991 in the Park plus as many more done on private land with permission, so some ability to compare to historical data and also establish a base line for population estimates going forward. Also performed pellet chemistry with Dr. Anderson at COA, determine nitrogen content as indicator of nutritional stress. Survey required about 6 people and a week, so not expensive, but requires some manpower. Tick surveys by flagging are similar, collecting/counting is easy, assay for spirochetes and Lyme is

more expensive (\$20-25/sample?).

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

VII. Items for Next Agenda

Get most recent car accident data (Shaun Farrar).

Updated GIS mapping information including property set backs, pellet surveys (Bruce)

VIII. Adjournment

5:45 by unanimous consent.