

Minutes
Bar Harbor Deer Herd Control Task Force
April 3, 2014
Upstairs Conference Room-Municipal Building
93 Cottage Street
4:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
In attendance, Robert Kelley, Jesse Wheeler, Robert Burgess, Bruce Connery, Tom Schaeffer. Also Alyssa Reischauer from the National Park Service about GIS mapping and three members of the public.
- II. Absences
Robert Jordan, Chuck Starr, Shaun Farrar
- III. Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting approved, 5-0
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda adopted by 5-0 vote.

Tick updates: The Park Service has secured \$3000 for analysis of ticks in the spring and fall. This will be coordinated with Dr. Peter Rand of the Maine CDC. Surveys will overlap previous transects (Erica's 2013 and 1991). Dr. John Anderson's COA class will also participate. Objectives are to survey ticks in coastal habitats screening for Lyme disease and other tick borne illnesses such as Ehrlichiosis and Babesiosis that are emergent. Bruce will provide maps with previous sampling sites and Maine CDC will choose sites. Tom Schaeffer's recommendation is to insure that sampling is broad enough to be meaningful. Chuck Lubelczyk of Maine CDC will provide training on tick sampling. Tom also noted that the Lyme disease rate on Swan's Island is even higher than Islesboro.

Mapping update: A revised map showing structures was presented by Elissa. Also, acreage was updated based on road set backs (10 ft from paved road). 13,308 acres (49% of Bar Harbor) are off limits to hunting (Park, town, schools, road setbacks), 6889 acres (26%) are within 100 yards of a structure and would require permission, 6757 (25%) are outside this area, but would still require permission to access private land. The legend needs to be recoded , but it otherwise very clear.

The Department of Transportation can provide special signs that can be fold open or closed at times of high deer/car incidents. High frequency spots would include Rt. 3 near Hamilton Station, Rt. 3 in Salisbury Cove, and 102/198 South of Gilbert Farm and Crooked Rds. Someone locally would

have to be able to activate the signs at appropriate times.

A visual of current Maine deer seasons was presented.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

None

VII. Items for Next Agenda

Discuss urban deer management document from the State of CT, provided by Tom (now posted on the task force website).

Update graphics, with vegetation, accidents by month, speed limits.

Update tick survey efforts.

VIII. Adjournment

6:15 by unanimous consent.