

Deer Management Subcommittee Minutes

Nov 14, 2018

In attendance:

Jason Cole
Tom Cotton
Bob Douglas
Ben Urquhart
Paul Willard

Topics Discussed:

Paul recommends limited parcels, limited hunter numbers, tree stand only

Andover is petitioning for legislation to reduce 500' setback to 300'
—> maybe other towns (Harvard) can join this petition

Do we need a Town Meeting vote to start this program - Town Admin says “no”

Hunter group:

- to qualify, hit a 6” target 3 out of 5 tries at 75'
- hunters get photo ID, tags for tree stands

Outreach to hunters: in Andover, word spread by word-of-mouth among hunters

In Andover:

- hunters have maps, know allowed areas
- started program with limit of 2 stands/hunter, then 3
- hunting group knows each other, work together cooperatively
- background checks, vehicle info taken

Tom: HCT has probably 2-3 lots that could be used for program

Paul: private property owners must give permission for archery to be allowed

Paul/Tom to do: get a list of areas in town that might be used

Bob: there have been no archery-related deaths in MA

Presentations to town:

- Tom Rawinski
- David Stainbrook
- Harvard Press op-eds
- ConCom, HCT web sites

Jason to do:

- work up draft op-ed to Press
- contact David Stainbrook

Bob handed out packet "Living with Wildlife"

- last page contains a template from Cornell that we could use for regulation

Notes:

- it is not legal to charge a fee for hunting

- no hunting on Sundays

Paul will confirm ConCom's standing on how conservation land will be used (limits on areas etc)

Mass Wildlife advocates hunting as the best means of deer population control

Hunted areas will be marked at trailheads

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