

**TOWN OF HARVARD  
DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
ZOOM MEETING 6:30-8pm  
Thursday SEPT 8 2020**

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**Please Note: A recording of this meeting may be found at Harvard TV.**

Tom, Ben, Bob present.

Meeting was a discussion with Capt Amati of the Environmental Police and some of the 2020 qualifying archers.

Bob opened meeting introduced committee and Captain Amati.

Captain: DMS is doing a good job and look forward to working with you.

The Captian discussed game stamps and licenses and stressed that tags must be with you – need paper tags, not on the phone – no multi copies.

Harvard is in Zone 9 (opens Oct 19); and Zone 10 South of 495 (Opens Oct 5)

There will be an issue if all show up. “If there are a lot of people, its just not your day.” We expect people to police themselves.

No recent changes in deer regulations.

Questions were asked about hunter harassment. “Anything that prevents you from a legal hunt can be harassment”

Question about if a deer leaves the Conservation hunting zone. Contact homeowner, ask permission to recover. Do this for posted and unposted property to show respect to the land owner. If denied access, contact Env Police and they will recover the deer. (Homeowner may not take deer).

Gut piles, use common sense. Do things properly, keep away from trails.

Question from group: Should we expect harassment?

Captain: Arrests were made in the Blue Hills.

“I know it was a hot-button issue in your town – I think it was a two-to-one when the vote went through if I remember correctly.”

Question from group: Question about maps and parking.

Tom Cotton: If a stand is damaged who do we let know? Amati: We have made cases on vandalism. This is also harassment.

Group member: This of course depends on leaving stands. I don’t plan to leave a stand (uses a climber).

Bob: You will have two stand tags – you can fix them on in place stand or use or use a climber. Each will have your hunter ID on it.

What is the number for the Environmental Police?

Amati: 800-623-8075

Manned 27/7.

Bob: You will have it on your paperwork too.

Wittenburg: asked about the setbacks.

Amati: No hunting closer than 150-feet of a hard surface highway (roadway)

No hunting closer than 500-feet to a Dwelling in use.

The exception is if you have permission from the homeowner, then you can be closer that 500-feet. 500-But you must have permission from all the homeowners that 500-feet cover that spot.

“Your program maps are excellent”.

Amati: Crossbows users must have a permanent disability signed off on from a doctor. (on license)

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Bob: To hunters, you are required to have a device with you that will show your location. HuntStand, On-X are very popular downloads. Oliver is also used.

You are to check in with Police Dispatch as you go hunting – and check out when you leave.

Its ok to call or email me at anytime.

It is a privilege to hunt conservation land and we appreciate all the good work you are doing.

Hunter Question: Can the police let us know who is on what parcel.

Bob: Police will log

It would be good to communicate with each other, email, Facebook, phone, etc.

I encourage you working together.

Hunter Q:When do we get stand tag, ID and car tag?

Bob: We will arrange for pick-up from town or me or by arrangement.

-Bob thanked guest-

Hunter- is it mandatory to place cat ID tag?

Bob – Prefer you use tag

Amati – Hit or miss “I would use tags”

Eve Wittenburg- It is mandatory to use ID placard irrespective of vandalism

Amati and Bob clarified hunt will run from start of bow season through the end of the year.

Blaze orange must be worn during shotgun season and primitive arms season through the end of the year.

No hunting on Sunday

Bob- feel free to reach out with any questions. Bob Closed meeting.

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