

**TOWN OF HARVARD  
DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
ZOOM MEETING 6:30-7:30pm  
Thursday SEPT 24, 2020**

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

Members present: Tom Cotton, Bob Douglas, Paul Willard, Jason Cole and Ben Urquhart  
Guests present: Paul Rich, Eve Wittenburg and Daniel Tracey

Bob began the meeting at 6:30 PM with the standard language regarding remote meetings in the pandemic.

Jason has revised the parcel maps and the parking maps. Wendy was concerned about a small piece of the Willard Land to the east of Willard Land, and asked that it be excluded. She also expressed concern about a portion of Perini that is very wet,

Damon-Stephenson (Zone 10) is limited to Harvard hunters only for the first two weeks it is open. Discussion on whether that limitation should be extended. Recommended to extend the limitation of Harvard hunters only through Oct 31.

A hunter with a disability that allows him to hunt with a crossbow has requested to hunt from the ground using a chair. The proposal is to allow this hunter to use a chair, but it must be at a high elevation to shoot downwards. Ben concerned about the higher velocity of the crossbow. Motion by Paul, second by Jason; voted 3-2 to take to ConCom.

Letters were sent out to the abutters. Wendy identified the abutters and wrote the letters (each parcel had a unique letter). She and Liz mailed them out.

Hold participant count at 29 for this year.

Jason said Wendy asked for additional changes to the log. Ben will reach out to Wendy to get the details. Log needs ConCom approval.

Bob working on a procedure for deer recover from private property. DMS will review and then send to ConCom to review.

Signs regarding hunting at properties will be going up within the next week. Different signs for Zone 9 and 10.

Bob will write a letter to Harvard Sportsmen's Club thanking them for holding the hunter qualifications for this program.

Minutes from the September 8, 2020 DMS Meeting (Captain Amati presentation) were reviewed. No changes or edits proposed. Motion to accept by Ben, seconded by Paul. Approved unanimously.

Minutes from the September 10, 2020 DMS Meeting were reviewed. Correction to item on hunters rotating parcels proposed. Motion to accept minutes as amended by Jason, seconded by Paul. Approved unanimously.

Bob opened the meeting to public comments and questions.

Eve Wittenburg asked for the language of the motion to allow the disability hunter to use a chair be read. The clerk had not captured the specific motion for that vote. The following new motion was proposed:

*In a desire to comply with the Citizens for Disabilities Act to allow a disabled archery hunter (participant #10 in the program) to hunt from a chair or a chair blind provided the chair is on elevated ground and any shots taken would be towards ground at a lower elevation.* Motion by Tom, second by Jason; 2-2 to take to ConCom. Paul had disconnected from the meeting and was not present for the re-vote.

Daniel Tracey brought up that the ConCom voted at their Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to limit Damon-Stephenson access to Harvard hunters only for the first two weeks of the Zone 10 season. ConCom voted based on a recommendation from DMS.

Eve Wittenburg reminded DMS that Wendy does not speak for ConCom in terms of what is acceptable for maps, log content, etc. ConCom needs to approve these.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, Oct 1 at 6:30 PM. It was noted the ConCom meets that evening at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22