

**TOWN OF HARVARD
DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
ZOOM MINUTES 6:30-7:15pm
Thursday OCT 29, 2020**

**DMS: Cole, Cotton, Urquhart, Douglas
Public: Pulido, Wittenberg**

New Business:

- **Timing of deer herd movements.**

Cole: Numbers of hunters in forest lower than expected. Not seeing hunters at Rodrigues.

Cotton: notes cars on drive by at Barrett. Douglas: Please do drive bys and check cars. Pulido will check Willard.

Urquhart: uptick in log activity this week. Five reports one day. Highest at 9.

Rodriguez Barrett and Willard got first activity this week. No deer harvested yet. Report of sites being challenging to hunt.

Cole: Expect rut activity.

- **Survey of Hunters**

Cole: How program is going. Participation less than hoped. Should we make changes?

Urquhart: I think it is fine to do the survey; changes need to be carefully considered. We should stick to original script.

Cole reviewed survey questions.

Urquhart: Want me to set up as google doc? Send me what you have.

Urquhart: Issues with highway noise on some sites.

Cole will send info for survey.

Pulido: Rodriguez is a long walk. Barrett large setbacks cut into hunting area. Which is a narrow strip to hunt in between setback and swamp.

- **New qualifying Hunter**

Interest after the Qualifiers. Douglas qualified a new hunter (Hunter 30). Four hunters may have left the program.

- **Other Hunt information sharing**

Urquhart: Mentioned Douglas's letter regarding notifying hunters. Boundaries and reports. Will hold off until next meeting.

Old Business:

- **Finalize "Meet the Archery Hunters" program for November 19.**

Cole: Challis Bird & Sue McCarthy are lined up. Joe Pulido and two archers will join.

- Prepare Update for the ConCom due Monday:
Log info, hunter survey, new hunter, Meet the Hunter program, problems with Nashoba dispatch with hunters reporting in – this info was sent to Police Chief Denmark.

- Other information.

Select next meeting.

Approve minutes. October 1 and 8 approved and accepted.

Comments were asked for from public.

Wittenberg “no thanks”

Pulido “Nothing more to add”

Adjourn.