

**TOWN OF HARVARD
DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE Minutes
ZOOM Meeting 6:30 -7:15pm
Thursday December 17, 2020**

**DMS: Douglas, Cole, Cotton, Willard, Urquhart
Public: Tracey, Wittenburg**

New Business:

- Recommendation for membership of DMS

Douglas: Thank you Jason Cole for your huge contribution for the program. Cole: Hope to be back some day. Douglas wishes to advance Don Osmer, Joe Pulido and David Pinard. Cotton: I think they are all great and will serve us well, they bring experience from the hunting side of things, and bring a different perspective that we don't have on the committee. Cole: I know each of them and they have commitment to the program. Douglas: I feel we can advance these as consensus strong candidates. Cole: Don Osmer is a resident of another town. Do you need to be a member of the town? Douglas: Yes, he is from Ayer, and I let the agent know. Don has hunted Harvard for a decade, he knows the residents. I don't know if residency is required.

- Recommendation of hunting sites for 2021

Cotton: Lands discussed previously; Great Elms (near Murray), Williams Land, Prospect Hills (behind town transfer station), Sprague Lands (close to Willard Land). See what Commission had to say about those parcels.

Douglas: Wendy Sisson was also looking for lands. Cole: Sprague showed deer sign in the transects we did. Cotton: Does have a large swamp. Cole: Capobianco property is in that area too. Cole: Tripp land too. Cotton: Currently hunting prohibited as a restricted activity at Tripp. Douglas: Can you research that area? We have seen trespassing stands in there. Cole: We had looked at Dunlap in the past off Old Littleton. Cotton: We had seen an illegal stand in there. Douglas: worth checking setbacks. Cole: Will look at map. Douglas: Will check with ConCom Stewardship Committee. Cole: Best shot is to pattern deer with snow on the ground. That would be helpful.

Select next meeting: Jan

Discuss past season, set goals.

Approve minutes:

Vote to Approve Minutes of Oct 22, 2020 and Nov 13, 2020. Vote to approve and make public passed unanimously.

Douglas: "Let me just before we go let me just see if there are any questions from anyone else, Eve or Dan can we help you out?" (18.56)

Eve Wittenberg: "No I'm just here listening thanks"

Dan Tracey: “Yes, I’m all set Bob, Thanks.”

Vote to adjourn meeting.

Urquhart: Made motion

Cotton: seconded

Unanimous vote.