

**TOWN OF HARVARD
DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
*ZOOM Meeting 6:30
Thursday March 25, 2021***

DMS: Bob Douglas, Ben Urquhart, Tom Cotton, Joe Pulido, Paul Willard.

Guests: Greg Arthur, Eve Wittenberg

Meeting called to order 6:33 by Douglas

New Business:

Discussion on 2020 season report. We received state numbers. Douglas confirmed program deer was recorded as on “public space” as recorded in the tally. While the hunt was limited it did take place on public space.

Urquhart thought report was good will share grammatical changes. Urquhart’s observations on survey can be attached via summary – with redundant data notated and removed.

Douglas will send around draft to team. DMS members agreed.

Urquhart & Douglas discussed abutter that had blocked access to a property and how it should be mentioned in the report.

Douglas will speak with Charles from Weston to see if there is common way to display data.

Recommendations for 2021

Review new locations.

Pulido is reviewing locations, surrounding parcels, parking and access as part of the evaluation.

Urquhart public safety should be a criteria as well.

Arthur – we have been looking at that criteria as well. (13:41)

Douglas thanked Cotton for the maps and the scouts for their preliminary report. Pulido mentioned that the call in to the Harvard Police was confusing to many hunters as the dispatch would either dismiss call or engage in more than the check-in. This improved to the end of the season. Pulido said it would be productive to have some locator of the other hunters in the program. Douglas said he has had feedback from the hunters as to a desire to have an internal network of hunters.

Distribution of Hunters.

Desire of some to have sites assigned. Urquhart said some hunters may want assigned sites, some may not – it will be difficult to please everyone.

Stand Sweep.

Pulido reported on the removal of an illegal stand on the SW side of Damon-Stephenson. Stand had been marked for removal. A follow up message was left. An old collapsed land-blind was removed as well.

Several stands have been sighted on the Herman Orchard property. These should be removed as well at some point.

Deer Pellet transects.

Douglas asked for volunteers for Damon-Stephenson transects for April. Possibly the 17th.

Motion to approve Cotton's minutes for the March 11, 2021 meeting. Motion by Pulido, seconded by Urquhart. Unanimous to approve.

Pulido asked a question about asking adjacent property owners regarding setbacks. This will come after we receive permission from ConCom.

Douglas asked for any questions.

Wittenberg asked about materials discussed in the meeting, and about unposted minutes. (35:36)

Cotton stated DMS approved Minutes had been submitted to Liz Allard and the Town Clerk [Marlene Kenney], *"I thought they were responsible for posting them on the site."* Douglas: *"I think we are only tonight's meeting and one other meeting at this time. Certainly worth monitoring what has been posted."*

**Motion was made to adjourn by Cotton seconded by Urquhart.S
Adjourned at 7:10 PM.**