

**TOWN OF HARVARD  
DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
ZOOM MEETING 6:30-8pm  
Thursday Aug, 27 2020**

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

Tom, ben, bob, jason, joe pulido present

Fall hunt:  
Great hunters so far

Discussion on Rodriquez parking access:

ConCom has closed the old mill road street-side parking area next to the garage. Thoughts on alternative locations?

- Tom: Olin land is on other side of Bower's Brook – no bridge – no easy way to cross

- Can 4x4 pull up dirt road? Have to ask concom.

- Bob till talk to public safety about parking elsewhere along Old Mill Rd or elsewhere

- Jason: ask Liz about pulling into dirt access rd? Clear brush to make room? Jason: McLaughlin/Parker farm access?

Can possibly ask...

- Bob: we can ask Marc and Public safety for insights/help on this...

Quals:

- Ben: weekend qual good attendance, 9 archers, 6 passed. Those who failed not that far off. Joe did great job, safe session. Tom did paperwork

- Tom: a couple of archers didn't have good form; Bob: we will add this requirement for passing.

Bob we are lucky to have the help of the Harvard Sportsman's Club and Joe on this.

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Discuss Conservation Commission rep to DMS:

Bob: ConCom at a meeting recently discussed replacing Paul Willard with either Eve Wittenberg or Mark Shaw. I believe the ConCom representative should be a partner who believes in deer management.

Paul: I'm mystified as to what is going on. I will talk to Don. DMS is charged with developing a plan, and ConCom rep to DMS should be in favor of hunting program.

Maps, ID tags, signs:

- maps show setbacks,

Jason: I will add road setbacks to parcel maps.

Paul: should we just say DFW/MA rules apply.

Jason: we can do both - give map and tell hunters they need to obey law.

IDs:

photos on cards

Ben has organized photos

Signs:

signage at all sites, at trail heads, all entrance trails to parcels

Say: No hunting except with special pass

season dates, no hunting sundays, EPD/HPD/ConCom phone numbers

still safe to walk trails

EPD meeting:

Amati will meet and do kickoff for program. Committee thoughts?

Joe - might reserve HSC for Sunday before labor day as qual day and kickoff day, or we could do zoom.

Ben: zoom – due to the need to socially distance.

Tom: zoom – tough to get people together

Jason: zoom

for spacing and as close to 100% attendance as possible

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Jason: made motion to schedule zoom, Tom seconded. Zoom passed unanimously.

Bob will approach EPD with 9/2,8,9,10

If we schedule kickoff prior to last qual, later entrants can watch video.

Joe: 9/3 is HSC archery dedication ceremony 5-8pm == conflict

Bob: we will have another qual 9/6

Log:

Draft went to ConCom

Ben: reporting nifty; everyone should fill in some data, will show you what data looks like

Jason: Demo at last ConCom meeting went well. they were impressed, had some comments which Ben has acted on before sending revised draft to them via email.

Signage:

Paul: is CC aware of plans to attach to trees? Nails not good. Wraparound tape would be better.

Ben: will make prototype wrap- something that wont hurt tree.

Joe: will accept position as Archery Coordinator if cleared by ConCom

Bob will do IDs

Joe: re maps, should we contact adjacent property owners about program?

Bob: we have envisioned doing this. Knock on door, leaving letter. Let abutters know.

Bob: Andover and other towns have not done this

Paul: it is proper etiquette, should do, would be good will

Ben: one representative should do this

Minutes:

Some edits; approved unanimously as amended

Next mtg Thur 9/3 630pm

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