

**TOWN OF HARVARD
DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
ZOOM MEETING 6:30-8pm
Thursday Sept 17, 2020**

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

Tom, Ben, Bob, Jason, Paul present

Bob opened meeting at 635.

Conversation on distribution of hunters. Bob mentioned concern that Damon-Stephenson reservation (DS) would be open two weeks before the other reservations and may become overloaded. Bob walked the site with Wendy Sisson. Marked parking lot. Bob stated he would like to see multiple entrances. Bob suggested hunters be assigned DS as it probably can't hold 29 hunters at one time.

To select hunters we could use proximity to the site and doe tags as criteria.

Ben asked the concern would pass after the other lands open.

Bob: Yes, lots of open land.

Ben: Be careful small steps - avoid a person by person selection basis. Choose people by criteria – zone tags and proximity.

Bob: Important to let people know DS is closed to the masses.

Tom: Harvard Hunters and zone 10 tags preferred.

Jason: 5 to 10 Harvard Hunters with antlerless tags.

Paul: slower is better

Ben: we are concerned about excess numbers.

Bob: large group in a small area all trying to find space

Bob: Hunters select themselves – this is a case where we should set a limit.

Ben: this is exactly the kind of careful responsive self reflective process I was hoping for if there are lessons we can take away to other properties. Lets keep it up.

Bob: We need to take into account what we see on the ground and act in a positive manner.

Paul: We need to get it right our first go around and we will learn.

Ton: Motion first 2 weeks DS no more than 10 hunters – Harvard hunters and those with doe tags for Zone 10.

A parking plan was discussed

Jason: On Pheromones. A synthetic version can be an attractant for both bucks and does and to mask scents. Real urine has been banned in as a possible vector of disease.

Jason: Letter to the ConCom went out this morning

Bob: Thoughts on Qualls, 29 hunters have qualified. We could add in alternates, but recommending we stay at 29.

Tom: Ok with 29

Ben: Its fine. Proceed carefully and slowly.

Jason. For it. "round down".

Bob: We had good support from Joe and the Harvard sportsman's club. Vote by acclimation to send a thank you.

Ben and Bob: Lets have a cold start on the log books.

Tom: Good idea. Good feedback from the users

Bob: Wendy did edit the Rules, we will review with ConCom tonight.

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Parking

Jason: Spoke with Wendy. What spaces are available in neighborhood. How many cars/hunters can be accommodated? We need to be sensitive to neighborhoods. Wendy mentioned possible satellite parking. Wendy had a total of 17 spaces for the parcels.

Jason asked Paul about the Hazels.

Paul: Hazels say no. Hunters can find a way out. Hunters can find a place to park.

Bob: Signs sent to Commission for approval. Thanks to Ben for Dash cards.

Bob: Draft minutes for Capt Amati meeting ready, ok to release as draft.

Ben: Will release last meeting minutes soon.

Jason: Lets do a letter to press with links to website.

Bob Adjourned meeting 709pm

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