TOWN OF HARVARD DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES ZOOM MEETING 7:45pm – 8:10pm Thursday April 15, 2021

DMS Committee: Bob Douglas, Tom Cotton, Ben Urquhart, Joe Pulido

Public: Dan Tracey

Bob Douglas called the meeting to order at 7:46pm.

Bob discussed the upcoming meeting with ConCom and which member might take what role in the presentation. Joe Pulido to discuss the Quals, Ben Urquhart to discuss Log. Susan McCarthy (FWS) may cover Biology Questions. Tom to speak on site selection for the past year. Summary of season. Joe Pulido discusses recent scouting efforts.

Bob discussed desire to do a pellet transect on Damon Stephenson and asked for availability of DMS, in light of the loss of a volunteer. Two full transect zone studies have been completed already.

Bob discussed a field trip to Ithaca and Cornell to meet with Deer Management techniques. Enclosures, darting, birth control, baiting, sterilization, crossbow sharpshooters. Bob asked DMS if it was interested to have a Zoom discussion with that program's leaders. Ben and Tom stated yes.

Bob asked to approve Jan 28, 2021 minutes. Tom asked to add Tracey & Wittenberg as attending the meeting. Minutes approved to include that addition. Vote taken and declared unanimous.

Bob asked if Dan Tracey had any questions. (13:43)

Tracey asked about six transects to be done on a single day. Bob said the transects are based on distance – and we can ask Susan McCarthy for clarification. Tom reiterated it would be good to confirm with McCarthy.

Bob thanked everyone for attending.

Tom made motion to adjourn.

Unanimous vote. Adjourned 8:05pm