

Harvard Deer Management Subcommittee Minutes

Jan 10, 2019

Harvard Town Hall

650pm

In attendance: Paul Willard,
Tom Cotton, Jason Cole,
Bob Douglas, Ben Urquhart

Topics Discussed:

Jason: Chalis Bird from

Mass Wildlife will probably not come to our forums, but David will

We discussed working closely with HPD if we start a deer management program

Jason suggested these speakers for public forums:

- Sam Telford, epidemiologist from Tufts
- Kirby Stafford, CT Dept of Environmental Protection
- deer management

program leaders from
Weston (Michele Grzenda),
Medfield (Frank Perry),
Dover (Jim Palmer)

Bob presented sample
documents from Andover's
program:

- target
- liability waiver
- rules/regulations of
program
- tree stand signs (printed
on waterproof paper, visible
from ground)
- contact list

Target test: Bill Duckett
might be able to proctor

Andover hunters: half town
residents, half from out of
town

Photo IDs: Andover did this
at beginning, using town ID
system

In Andover:

- hunters can choose their
own tree stand location in
any available parcel -

freedom is appealing to them, and this system works well

- anyone who lives in Andover and can qualify can be in the program. Currently 40 in-town hunters. Also about 40 from out of town. We can decide what percentage of people from out of town to accept.
- some areas (eg, a parcel near a Boy Scouts parcel) only open to town residents
- private landholders

choose which hunters they want to allow

Should we allow ATVs? —
> probably not. We can ask ConCom. Hunters can haul deer by hand.

Setbacks:

- current law is 500 feet from dwellings
- Andover is talking to a state representative about an exemption that would allow town to override state law to reduce setback

Upcoming events to schedule:

- walk Harvard lands, evaluate parcels
- meeting with ConCom to discuss our near-term objectives, parcel selection, program documents
- meet with Select Board
- public forum with David Stainbrook

Next meetings:

Jan 24 (parcel evaluation, invite Marc Sevigny)

Feb 1 (at 630, present to
ConCom at 700)

Feb 27

Tom, re HCT land on Bolton
border: we have no parking,
but hunters could access
from Bolton with agreement

Adjourned 835pm