

**TOWN OF HARVARD
DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING 6:30pm – 7:30 pm
Monday SEPT 12, 2022**

Committee members

Bob Douglas, Joe Pulido, Tom Cotton, Ben Urquhart

Bob gave the introduction.
Stated materials are available online.

Reviewed the minutes of the August 22, 2022 meeting.
Tom made a motion at accept as written. Joe seconded. Accepted unanimously.

Tom gave a summary of conversation with Wendy Sisson of the ConCom's Land Stewardship Committee (LSC). She recommended we consider and forward to LSC for review the Coke Farm area as a new property for the fall archery hunt.

We can discuss alternatives to monitor including camera studies and oak sentinels.

Joe asked about mowing at the Hermann Orchard land and if it could be done a different time other than the rut.

Bob and Joe discussed materials to be distributed to the hunters such as IDs, Tree tags, Car tags.

Joe mentioned the Hunter log. Tom will duplicate last year's log and update for 2022. Bob thanked Tom for help with that.

The date of the Deer Archery Hunter meeting was discussed.
Bob will reach out to the State Environmental Police (EPOs) to see if they can attend.
We will shoot for Sept. 19th. DMS Scout Don Osmer may attend as well.

Bob and Joe discussed sign placement.

Tom asked if there is a chance you could proof and format?

Next ConCom meeting Thursday September 15th.

Bob is also in contact with Paul Cutis from Cornell - he also has a camera study protocol.

Joe had been informed that a bait pile and salt lick was set up on a DMS program property. A Trail cam is on site as well. This is NOT a program hunter.
Bob recommended contacting the EPOs and do a report. Bob will contact EPOs and visit site with our authorized volunteer hunter. Don recommended we leave signs if we take the camera.

Tom recommended next meeting date 630 PM next Monday (Sept. 19th). DMS pre-game and hunters to come on at 7:00 PM that same night.

Bob asked for comments or questions from attendees.

Dan Tracey (22:02) Mentioned Sars Covid in deer. Requested that hunters be informed.

Bob: State Deer biologist recommended hunt go on. Only one single case of transmission from deer to people in Canada on a commercial deer farm of a farmer that worked very closely with deer.

Tom motioned to adjourn, seconded by Joe. Unanimous vote.