

Harvard Deer Management Subcommittee Minutes

June 6, 2019
Harvard Town Hall
645pm

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

Topics Discussed:

Regarding Harvard Conservation Trust participation in a deer management program, HCT, will evaluate any program and decide this at a future time

Motion for Marc Sevigny to become a full member: 2-2 deadlock (Paul absent at time of the vote). Two members who voted “no” were concerned that, since Marc is an HCT member, there might be a

perception that HCT too heavily involved in this effort.

Jason will send links to group from an audience member so that we can respond to questions/concerns.

Re sterilization/contraception for deer population management:

- Why is this banned in MA? A subject for our research
- Bob has left messages with Alan Rutberg at Tufts re forum presentation

Telford presentation:

- The group voted to approve Samuel Telford as a guest speaker at an upcoming forum.
- Bob: Harvard Board of Health declined to co-sponsor Telford presentation

Paul/Ben: we need to do more to establish “the problem,” ie are deer in Harvard overpopulated?

Vegetation monitoring: perhaps Tom Rawinski can teach us the “ten tallest” method.

Ben: program should be self-adjusting

Bob: in Andover, ConCom votes yearly to continue deer management program

Vote to invite Alan Rutberg as guest speaker at a forum: passed (3-1)

Adjourned 730pm