

Harvard Deer Management
Subcommittee Minutes
Oct 10, 2018
Harvard Town Hall
650pm

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

Topics Discussed:

How do we know there is an
overpopulation of deer?

Estimation of Deer
population Tom Rawinski
– US Forestry
 David Stainbrook – Mass
Deer Biologist

Check with Town
administrator if Hunting on
Town land Conservation
land would require a vote at
town meeting.

Check police reports to see
if there are car-strikes.

Will an archery hunt have

an effect on the deer population?

Ben Urquhart (forestry background) Population ecology has educational value.

Deer transects count scat – linear method

Trail Cam studies –

- Some studies use bait

- Can Id individuals

Browse study – Stainbrook 2017

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Don – seen impact on
ground cover

Has hunted in Harvard in 3
locations by permission of
the owner

People are accepting
Promote sharing harvest
Hunting done in stands
Conservation land is
probably already being
hunted.

Paul- there is gun hunting
that takes place on
Conservation land

Don – Deer Subcommittee

could control the things going on now (eg illegal hunting).

Questions: If we had a hunt:

How many acres would we open?

Which properties?

Note : Hunting is 150ft from Roadways, 500-feet from other properties

Note: one Harvard zone (9 or 10) is open to earlier hunting.

Lyme disease occurs in town and deer are the main host. Perhaps poll Nextdoor Harvard for incidence of Lyme.

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