

**TOWN OF HARVARD
DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
ZOOM Meeting 6:30 -7:15pm
Thursday January 07, 2021**

**DMS: Bob Douglas, Ben Urquhart, Tom Cotton
(Note: Technical problems logging in – reported by Allard and Willard)**

New Business:

- **Recommendation for membership of DMS**

Douglas: Pinard will be interviewed tonight, by ConCom. Osmer has withdrawn. Pulido was been interviewed at a December ConCom meeting.

- **Recommendation of hunting sites for 2021**

Cotton: Williams, Great Elms, Prospect Hill (large parcel), Sprague land (south of Willard land). We may want to check with hunters to see which would be productive. Douglas: Other sites? Cotton: Dunlap (has deer stand on it). Ask the hunters to scout or we do? Maybe we make a request early April. Douglas: Take suggestions to ConCom Stewardship Committee. Rather get on their agenda sooner rather than later.

Urquhart: We should ask for six more lands.

- **Thoughts on last year's season.**

Cotton: Do another survey. What did you think of the properties? How would you rate the lands? Recommendations for next year?

Douglas: From a hunter, "It is very difficult to take deer." Most hunters do not take deer.

Cotton: We should add lands as quick as possible to allow for enhanced scouting.

Urquhart: Would like to write a report. Documenting challenges of this first season. (Agreement from DMS)

Urquhart: Also include survey results in report. Part of our plan – thank you and reminder to remove stands. Cotton will do Email blast.

Monitoring:

Thoughts?

Douglas: would like to set exclosure – location(s) to be determined.

Urquhart: ok in multiple locations. Long term study – not short term.

Next meeting Jan 21, 2021 630pm

Adjourn