

**TOWN OF HARVARD
DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING 6:30pm – 7:15pm
Monday JANUARY 10, 2022**

Bob Douglas
Tom Cotton
Tom Urquhart
Joe Pulido

Bob opened meeting

Tom Cotton advanced minutes of Dec 8, 2021 for approval. Tom made minor corrections, Ben Urquhart made a motion to approve minutes as amended.

Discussion on report began. Bob asked for feedback. Ben “I thought it was quite good”.

Joe will continue to review.

Bob offered minor edit to add positive feedback from Environmental Police.

Committee decided to look over Report, and send individual edits to Tom – and all to reconvene at the next meeting.

Bob mentioned partnership with Conservation Staff, DMS and Commission on guide letter to people walking trails. Bob will add this to the report.

Joe mentioned we may want to do a guide statement for people who see illegal hunting activity.

Tom asked if hunter harassment issue (blocking public lands) from last year’s hunt should be removed from this year’s report. Report will just include this year’s vandalism to hunters stands and cameras.

Joe recapped the stands removed. (Dunlap 1, Herman Orchard 2, Barret /Mass Ave 1, Note: Shaker Spring’s reported stand is under further study by DMS)

Bob stated that Orange signs should come down. Most are down, but if you see one please remove it.

Bob- Remove state statistics blank as they are not in yet. We will report it when the State releases it – likely sometime in February.

Bob discussed summit with other stands related to reporting and logging.

Bob – for consideration for a future meeting – cooperative work with other towns – and discuss new publication regarding new monitoring deer. Committee was in favor of learning more.

-Cat interference-

Executive summary – sent as attachment – was fine – Bob may add some introductory comments.

Bob any questions from those attending? 23:45

Eve Wittenberg: question on Conservation Commission representative missing meetings.

Bob: DMS had representation at nearly all the ConCom meetings in the last four months.

Eve: ConCom member of subcommittee has been absent.

Ben: Why don’t we ask the ConCom representative?

Motion to adjourn Joe, seconded by Tom.