

**TOWN OF HARVARD
DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING 6:30pm – 7:05pm
Thursday JANUARY 20, 2022**

Bob Douglas
Paul Willard
Tom Cotton
Tom Urquhart
Joe Pulido

Bob opened meeting and detailed our mission statement, where to find the minutes and videos of previous meetings.

Welcomed Dr Martin Feehan – State Deer Biologist

Tom moved for approval of Thursday Dec 2nd 2021 minutes, seconded by Paul. Approved unanimously.

Paul moved for approval of Monday Jan 10, 2022 minutes, seconded by Ben. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Tuesday Jan 11, 2022 minutes - as amended by and moved by Joe, seconded by Tom. Approved unanimously.

Bob thanked Team for hard work and double meetings to complete the DMS 2021 Report in time for the ConCom's deadline.

Bob asked Dr. Feehan for his thoughts on the Deer Management Subcommittee's 2021 Season Report. Feehan said the big thing was increase properties and increased the harvest. With just two minor inadvertent incidents (Stand vandalism and camera theft). Harvard deer management is *"Rolling in the right direction – now you have a couple successful years - you have it off the ground - you have not had issues – the harvest is growing – the properties are growing – headed in the direction of opening access and continuing what you are doing."*

Bob thanked Feehan for his counsel in assisting and advising the DMS regarding the assigned hunter hunt which was a departure from the previous year.

Bob asked DMS members to divide the presentation to the Commission between themselves. Tom to do parcels and conclusions – Bob will discuss game plan – Joe will speak to division of parcels.

Ben – suggested we modify report according to Conservation Agent Liz Alder's edits. Joe also offered edits which he had previously circulated. Bob made motion to accept Joe's edits which were including of Liz Allard's comments. Vote by acclamation unanimous.

Tom asked about Stand sweep. (Taking down stands that were not authorized) Joe stated there is one near Shaker Springs – based on OnX GPS maps it is on ConCom land. Its about 25 yards over the line and *"may be displaced"*. Joe has reached out to the owner of the stand. Owner did not meet with Joe as planned.

Bob: *"Dan Tracy, Eve Wittenberg can we help you with anything?"* (15:30)

Eve: *"No thanks"*

Dan: *"No thanks."*

Joe would like to discuss survey at some point. Bob: We can do that perhaps at our next meeting.
Tom: Monitoring – techniques. Bob: We may want to discuss with other towns what they use.
Feehan: Oak sentinels pilot study this year. We can discuss how we may do it with different partners like towns and Audubon.
Feehan: Depends on the town's ability to get seedings.
Bob: We can approach Commission for funding.

Motion to adjourn and join ConCom later. Motion by Paul. Second by Tom. Passed unanimously.
Meeting closed 6:53pm.