

**TOWN OF HARVARD
DEER MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING 6:30pm – 8:00 pm
Monday SEPT 19, 2022**

Committee members

**Bob Douglas chair, Joe Pulido, Tom Cotton
Don Osmer, Scout
Don Ritchie, ConCom Chair**

Short Pre-meeting with DMS members at 630pm.

Bob gave assignments for presentation.

On log - Tom has added column for "comments"

Joe suggested Herman Orchard to be merged with Rodriguez Tom said it will be done.

Bob welcomed Environmental police Nakris and Gormly. Bob asked about suggestions about deer leaving Conservation property. Joe discussed procedure.

Officer Gormley discussed single site in Zone 10.

Meeting with the Hunters began at 7pm.

Bob recognized that a quorum was present. Tom offered the minutes from the DMS meeting of Mon Aug 29 for approval. Approved unanimous.

Bob called Hunter meeting to order 7pm and welcomed guests.

Conservation Commission Chair Don Ritchie welcomed group "most of the commission is very supportive of your efforts and hope you have a good year" "We appreciate your efforts." "Hope you all are successful"

Bob introduced the Environmental Police Officers (EPOs), Bob thanked the EPOs for being strong partners with the EPOs. Their availability and support at Town Meeting and other places.

EPO Gormly discussed opening times for Zone 10 and Zone 9 Oct 17 Archery.

How to handle hunter harassment. Continue - don't be distracted - get plate number - don't argue -let law enforcement handle - call 911 if need be or 1800-number.

Bob. Phone number for Harvard Police and EPOs is on your ID and Dash Cards.

James discussed Baiting as a deer lure. (Not allowed in Harvard DMS hunt.)

Bob asked if there were hunter Questions,

Tom introduced and gave a demonstration of hunters Log. Fill in fields -Date. Time, Site etc. "any questions?"

One hunter asked about Link to log. Joe explained Google docs and will be distributed and how to enter their hunter number.

Joe asked for hunter license and archery stamps.

Bob other materials Stand Tags, Dash Tags have been/will be distributed

Those missing IDs please contact me. New hunters please send photos. Carry rules and maps with you.

Field mapping software - please use. OnX and HuntStand are used by many for forest navigation.

Bob, Don Osmer, Tom and Joe covered the rules number by number.
Joe asked EPOs about encountering non-program hunters. EPOs recommended speaking with them. Pass on registration information.

Joe follow the town rules and state laws.

Bob gave shout out to Don Osmer and Greg for scouting.

Don Osmer introduced sites and gave field advice for the hunt.

Bob "We are grateful for your participation".

Joe made motion to adjourn. Tom seconded, unanimous vote. Bob closed the meeting.