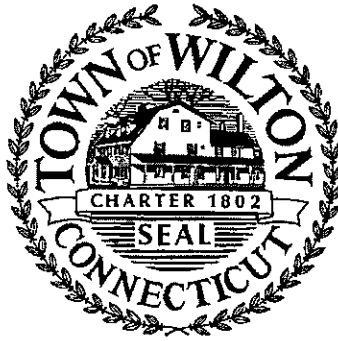
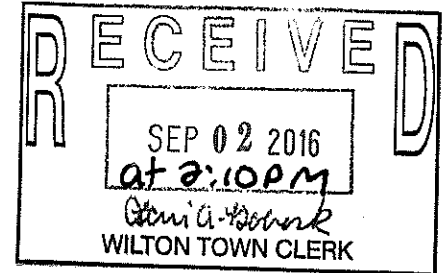


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**Deer Committee
Draft Special Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2016**



Committee members in attendance: Mike Russnok, Chairman, Ben Couch
Staff in attendance: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Elizabeth Larkin, Recording Secretary

I. The meeting began at 7:00pm.

Russnok welcomed the hunters to the meeting and introduced himself as the Chairman, Ben Couch as a Committee member, Mike Conklin and Liz Larkin as staff, and Tim Fridinger as the Police Officer involved in the hunt.

Russnok explained the main concern for the hunters and the town is safety. He encouraged hunters to reach out to him or the town if there are any safety concerns. Russnok further explained safety harnesses are required to be used when hunters are in tree stands as accidents from tree stands represent the highest incidence of injuries nationwide. All hunters are required to post "Park Closed" signs at all property entrances. They were instructed to email Liz Larkin with the number of signs required for each property. Hunters were asked to be respectful of others and to park closer to the Police Department when using Wilton Town Hall Annex as a check station. Hunters were told to pay attention to the dates and implements approved for each parcel, and to use the car ID tags included in their packets.

Russnok confirmed the parks are closed during the season and to report any trespassers immediately. He reminded the hunters any deer seen should be harvested if possible and does are preferred. The harvest numbers for last year were reviewed and the hunters were instructed to use mechanical bait station feeders.

Hunter Packets were disbursed and all paperwork was completed for the hunters that attended.

II. The meeting ended at 8:25pm