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TOWN HALL 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

Deer Committee Meeting Minutes October 8, 2013

In attendance: Mike Russnok, Chairman, Scott MacQuarrie, Steve White, Kevin Clark, Donna Merrill, Frank Mabley

Also in attendance: Judy Mabley

I. Chairman Russnok called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. Frank Mabley made a motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2013, as drafted, Seconded by Donna Merrill and carried unanimously.

III. Marketing Update

The Committee discussed the lack of response from the recent marketing effort associated with the Homeowner Match. Steve White noted that we have assigned approximately 25 properties and many of these were repeats from last year that requested another hunter after being contacted by Loretta. Mike Russnok noted that we are running the risk of having unhappy hunters as the list of hunters exceeds the amount of properties.

Donna Merrill will re-post our poster around Town to reinforce with residents. The most recent article, which the Committee thought was very well written, only yielded 3 leads. Kevin Clark will re-post on a group called Wilton 411 on Facebook. Donna Merrill and Frank Mabley committed to writing a letter to the editor.

Discussion ensued about whether there were any additional land trust parcels that would be able to be hunted. These may be smaller parcels but the Land Trust would need to inventory what is potentially available. Steve White will approach the Riding Club again (was not successful in the past).

IV. Hunt Update

Mike Russnok noted that all properties that have scheduled to open have been hunted. There are some questions about all of the available spots being hunted for all seasons on some of the SNEW land. The year-end questionnaire will be updated to reflect this concern to try and increase the usage of the land during the bow season. The State has not yet begun to publish results of the hunt so it is unknown at this time how the harvest is going.

V. The meeting adjourned at 7:10.