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**Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2018**

**Committee members in attendance:** Mike Russnok, Chairman, Ben Couch, Scott MacQuarrie, Loretta Foley

**Staff in attendance:** Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs

- I. Chairman Russnok called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes - Russnok MOVED to approve the meeting minutes of March 13, 2018, SECONDED by Couch and CARRIED 4-0-0.
- III. 2018 Hunt Plan – Russnok reviewed each property in the 2018 Hunt Plan and noted that there were no changes made since last season. He explained that Wild Duck Reserve was producing few deer and suggested that property not be hunted for one year. Russnok also explained that the Aspetuck Land Trust (ALT) added a parcel to the controlled hunt during 2017. The ALT board is reviewing the proposed hunting dates on their property for 2018 and any open hunting dates are welcome with the program.

Russnok asked if the Town would open the Transfer Station parcels to the controlled hunt. Conklin stated he will look into the idea further. Foley asked how many hunters comprise the body of the controlled hunt. Russnok confirmed 45-50 hunters participate on an annual basis. MacQuarrie asked who owns 183 Ridgefield Road and if that parcel could be open for hunting. Conklin explained the Wilton Land Conservation Trust (WLCT) is under contract to purchase the property this year and that Steve White is still the Deer Committee's contact for the WLCT.

With no further changes to the 2018 Hunt Plan, Conklin confirmed he will forward the 2018 Hunt Plan to the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectman for final approval.

- IV. Homeowner Match – Russnok asked if the Homeowner Match will continue this year. The group agreed to continue the homeowner match in 2018.

- V. Status of Filling Open Positions – Conklin confirmed Matt Ellenthal has been appointed to the Deer Committee. He explained the Town is working to fill the other vacancy on the Deer Committee and the open position is advertised on the town's website.
- VI. Adjourn - Russnok MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm, SECONDED by MacQuarrie and CARRIED 4-0-0.