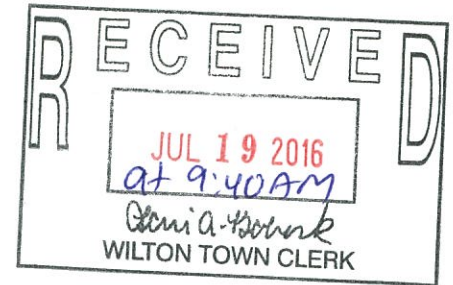


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Deer Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2016

TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, Connecticut 06897



In attendance: Mike Russnok, Chairman, Donna Merrill, Loretta Foley, Scott MacQuarrie, and Kevin Clark

- I. Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- II. Mike made a Motion to approve the minutes from May 10, 2016 subject to an edit to note that Slaughter Field was agreed to not have any hunting in January of 2017 (draft minutes noted that no change from prior year was agreed to), Seconded by Scott MacQuarrie and passed 4-0-1. Loretta Foley abstained as she was not present at the meeting on May 10th.
- III. The Committee discussed the status of the open position on the Committee and Mike noted that Ben Couch had completed the vetting process and is now a member of the Deer Committee. Mike noted that due to a schedule conflict Ben was not able to attend this meeting.

The Committee then discussed the status of the 2016 hunt plan. Mike noted that after the Conversation Commission mailing to all residents that 2 requests for a hunter had been received from Wilton homeowners. Mike noted that 2 requests confirmed the approach for having the list for homeowner match limited to hunters that participate in the controlled hunt. Loretta noted that the residents requesting a hunter were notified that the list of hunters was not yet final and that we will be in touch when finalized.

Mike then noted that the forms for the controlled hunt were sent out to the hunters that participated in the program last year and that the expectation is that there will not be too many open spots for new hunters this year. Mike noted that he will report back to the members of the Committee at the next meeting and schedule the kick off meeting for some time in late-August or early September.

Donna then noted that the Wilton Land Trust has approved the 2016 hunt plan but the Conservation Committee has not yet approved as it was not discussed at their last meeting. Donna noted that there is no meeting of the Conservation Committee in August, so she will try to obtain approvals in advance of the August meeting to ensure that the hunt is not adversely impacted.

The Committee then discussed assigning several hunters to each member of the Committee to get more regular updates on the hunt and agreed that the level of communication now, through information discussions, data gathered at Annex deer check, facebook private group and data provided by the state, was sufficient and no further action agreed.

Mike then noted that the FAQ's were updated to reflect the 2016 hunting dates but no other significant changes were thought to be necessary.

IV. With no further business, the committee adjourned at 7:10 p.m.