

DEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
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**Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2018**

TOWN HALL
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Wilton, Connecticut 06897
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Committee members in attendance: Mike Russnok, Chairman, Matt Ellenthal, Scott MacQuarrie, Jeff Lapnow, Brett Amero

Staff in attendance: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Russnok called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Lapnow MOVED to approve the minutes of September 5, 2018 as drafted, SECONDED by MacQuarrie and CARRIED 4-0-1, Amero abstained.
- III. **New Member Update:** Russnok introduced new committee member Brett Amero.
- IV. **Hunt Update:** Russnok explained that there have been less deer harvested to date compared to last year. Lapnow noted the wet weather and drastic temperature changes are likely having the most impact on the hunt. Russnok reported the following issues:
 - A trespasser was reported riding a 4-wheeler in Pope's Pond. SNEW was notified.
 - There has been trespassing at the Vista Road property and a clerical error was discovered on the letter that was sent to neighbors within 500 feet of the Vista Road property. The letter mistakenly omitted a notification that firearms hunting is permitted on the property and a clarification letter was sent to the neighbors.
 - The signage will be updated at Belknap/Gregg Preserves to reflect the properties are open to the public on December 24th and December 25th.
 - MacQuarrie asked if all entrances of Sackett are supposed to be posted as he did not recall seeing a sign on the Cheesespring Road entrance. Russnok confirmed that a sign should be there and asked MacQuarrie to let him know if that part of Sackett is not posted.
- V. **Homeowner Match Update:** Russnok confirmed approximately 4 – 8 properties have signed up for the homeowner match program this year. Russnok explained the differences between the Controlled Hunt and the Homeowner Match Program.

A discussion ensued.

- VI. **2019 Deer Committee Meeting Schedule:** Russnok explained the reasoning for the proposed meeting schedule. Lapnow MOVED to approve the 2019 meeting schedule as drafted, SECONDED by Ellenthal and CARRIED 5-0-0.
- VII. **2019 Deer Committee Elections:** Lapnow MOVED to approve Mike Russnok as 2019 Deer Committee Chairman, SECONDED by Ellenthal and CARRIED 5-0-0. Lapnow MOVED to approve Ben Couch as 2019 Deer Committee Vice Chairman, SECONDED by Ellenthal and CARRIED 5-0-0.
- VIII. **Adjourn** - Lapnow MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm, SECONDED by MacQuarrie and CARRIED 5-0-0.