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**Deer Management Committee  
Zoom Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2021**

**Committee members in attendance:** Matt Ellenthal, Jeffrey Runge, Jeff Lapnow, Donna Merrill

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

**Call to Order:** Mr. Conklin called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

- I. **Election of Chair:** Ms. Merrill VOTED to APPOINT Mr. Ellenthal as the Chair, SECONDED by Mr. Lapnow and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.
- II. **2021 Hunt Update:** Mr. Conklin advised the archery hunt is well underway and there have been no safety incidents or resident complaints. He noted the CT DEEP reported seeing lower than normal harvest during the first month of the season, with warm and wet weather as the contributing factor.

Dr. Runge suggested the Committee research deer disease and how that affects the harvest. Mr. Conklin asked Dr. Runge to provide information on what to look for and confirmed staff can inspect for signs of disease while checking the deer. Mr. Conklin stated the last flyover to count deer was done in 2015.

Mr. Conklin announced that one of the hunters that was a member of the controlled hunt for many years passed away just prior to the start of the season.

- III. **Adjourn** – The meeting ended at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary