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## Meeting Minutes May 12, 2020

**Committee members in attendance:** Mike Russnok, Chairman, Matt Ellenthal, Loretta Foley, Jeff Lapnow, Brett Amero; Scott MacQuarrie

**Others in attendance:** Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Paul Polishan, Resident

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Russnok called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.
- II. **2019 Controlled Hunt Review:** Russnok provided update on harvest numbers from the 2019 Season. He also reviewed the hunters' survey responses. Members discussed specific properties and noted Rimer Preserve is not viable for 2020 as there is a private hunter's stand nearby. A discussion ensued relating to coyote sightings.
- III. **2020 Hunt Plan:** Lapnow MOVED to APPROVE the 2020 Plan, SECONDED by MacQuarrie, Russnok, Foley, Ellenthal & Amero all voted in favor. A discussion ensued relating to the kick-off meeting. Paul Polishan, a Wilton resident, asked the Committee to consider allowing new hunters. Russnok explained the waiting list and process of vetting new hunters. Foley agreed to remain the Homeowner Match Coordinator.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Lapnow motioned to Approve the December 10, 2019 minutes as drafted, Seconded by Foley, Ellenthal, Amero, Russnok all voted in favor. MacQuarrie Abstained.
- V. **Status of Open Position:** Conklin confirmed a candidate was selected and he will confirm with Board of Selectmen that this individual was appointed.
- VI. **Adjourn** – Russnok noted that the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.