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**Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2019**

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

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Russnok called the meeting to order at 6:39pm.
- II. **Approval of 2020 Meeting Schedule:** Foley MOVED to approve the 2020 Meeting Schedule with meetings the second Tuesday of the following months: March, May, June, August, November, and December as well as a kick off meeting with the hunters, to be scheduled later, that will occur in late August or early September, SECONDED by Lapnow and CARRIED 5-0-0.
- III. **Hunt Update:** Russnok provided an update on the CT DEEP 2019 Deer Harvest Data. The harvest data has only been published through October 15, 2019. He handed out information from the 2018 Connecticut Deer Program Summary published by CT DEEP. A discussion ensued about how there has been a downward trend in deer road kill since the controlled hunt began. Foley asked when CT DEEP will conduct a new deer population aerial survey. Conklin noted he will inquire with CT DEEP staff. Russnok reported there have been so safety issues or accidents this year.
- IV. **Homeowner Match Update:** Loretta Foley reported there are four (4) homeowners participating in the program this year. There have been no issues to date.
- V. **Election of officers:** Russnok provided an update on the composition of the Committee and noted that Ben Couch resigned from the Committee as he has moved out of Wilton. A potential replacement has been vetted by the Conservation Commission and will be reviewed by the First Selectmen shortly. Foley MOVED to nominate Russnok as Chairman and MacQuarrie as Vice Chairman, SECONDED by Ellenthal and CARRIED 5-0-0.

- VI. **Approval of Minutes:** Lapnow MOVED to approve the minutes of March 12, 2019 as drafted, SECONDED by Foley and CARRIED 5-0-0.
- VII. **Adjourn** – Russnok noted that the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.