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**Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019**

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Russnok called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Lapnow MOVED to approve the minutes of December 11, 2018 as drafted, SECONDED by MacQuarrie and CARRIED 5-0.
- III. **Review of Deer Hunter Surveys:** Russnok discussed the summary of deer hunter surveys which was provided to the members of the Committee in advance of the meeting. Noted that 61 deer reported by the hunters as compared to 70 in the prior year. Decrease consistent with overall trend published by the state (which reported 97 through December 2018 as compared to 126 through December 2017). Russnok noted that was pleased to report no significant events with the hunters and a discussion ensued. Russnok noted two hunters that began the season will no longer participate with one moving to Florida and the other expressing a desire to hunt more state land as no longer gets as much pleasure hunting over bait. Both hunters would be welcome back if future circumstances changed.
- IV. **Homeowner Match Update:** Russnok noted that this was being handled by Loretta Foley who was not able to attend so suggested this item be addressed at a future meeting.
- V. **Initial 2019 Hunt Plan:** Russnok suggested that no significant changes be made from the 2018 Hunt Plan with the exception of adding January to Vista (Town Land with some surrounding Wilton Land Trust Properties). A discussion ensued. Lapnow MOVED to approve the 2019 Hunt Plan and Ellenthal SECONDED and CARRIED 5-0. Amero agreed to help coordinate approval by the Wilton Land Trust.
- VI. **Adjourn** – Russnok noted that the meeting was Adjourned at 7:20pm.