

**Carlisle Deer Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Feb 19, 2020**

Carlisle Town Hall, Heald Room, 7.00 PM

Committee members present: Barney Arnold, Dejan (Dan) Bojanic, Jonathan DeKock (Chair), John Keating, Alex Parra.

Public attendees: Jeannie Geneczko

Jonathan DeKock opened the meeting at 7:08pm.

Item 1: Review of Minutes

Minutes from the Jan 21, 2020 meeting were reviewed, motioned, seconded and approved unanimously.

Item 2: Review of Annual Report

Minor spelling corrections to the Annual Report were made. Additionally, changes made by Barney were incorporated. Motion to approve the report following corrections made at the meeting was seconded and approved unanimously.

Item 3: Review Open Space & Recreation Plan

Input to the OS&R Committee is due at the end of February. We reviewed the current document and Jonathan agreed to make several clarifications (rewrite last 2 paragraphs including deer collision data). The motion to approve the document subject to revision and no individual objections was seconded and approved unanimously.

Item 4: Ideas for Increasing the Deer Harvest

John has contacted Dover for a copy of the letter to their abutters and their permission form. Also heard from the Dover Deer Agent that they have stopped doing CORI checks and they are giving their successful hunters more than one spot.

More spots have been scouted by John and Dan including:

- Off Hart Farm Road - 1 hunter
- Hanover Hill - 1 hunter
- Swanson Lot - 2 hunters (one hunter lives close by and could walk in)
- Back of DPW - 2 hunters (accessible from DPW car park)

Also, we could add:

+2 Town Forest

+2 Davis (move resident from Greenough to Davis as he is an abutter and backfill the Greenough slot)

We also discussed how productive Greenough was. There was a reported sighting of deer there by

one hunter and we agreed to ask the four Greenough hunters to report back on how often they hunted and how many deer they saw (Action: **Dan**)

Dan mentioned that 13 pre-approved hunters on the waitlist have confirmed they are still interested in joining the hunt.

3 more hunters are on the waitlist but their credentials need to be validated so we potentially have 16 hunters available to join the existing 18 (Action: **Dan**)

We agreed to put forward to the BOS a proposal comprising:

- Increasing the number of hunters to a maximum of 34.
- Increase acreage/number of parcels
- Extend season to Dec 31
- Partnering with Sudbury Valley Trustees to monitor deer impact measurements

All these will need BOS approval. Getting permission from abutters is a communication issue since BOS have already given permission to hunt on Town land. However we will consult with Town Counsel to ensure that wording is appropriate and that the Town is not implicated as an intermediary between the hunter and abutter.

Scheduling BOS, Public Input and other meetings is critical so we can line up all our ducks to ensure regulations are finalized in good time. We anticipate that a March 10 briefing to the BOS is beneficial in getting feedback on next steps.

To help with scheduling, DCC members will continue to provide Dan with feedback on timelines which are available at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18FIJTMYY2Pxbhl3YHmX-8cmLqtxyRydnN90b4mtA2law/edit?usp=sharing>

#### Item 5: Budget & Revenue Discussion

Objective is to minimize admin overhead and for DCC to handle most tasks. Mary will still continue to process hunter applications.

Feeling is that we should keep the hunter administrative fee at \$30 and increasing the number of hunters will help to better offset the administrative costs.

Jonathan will also discuss with the BOS the make-up of the DCC to see if we can have a more effective composition, to better administer the program without increasing costs.

In summary, for the March 10 BOS meeting, we plan to brief the BOS on (actionee for respective slide in parentheses):

- Updated regulations (**John**)
- Revenue (**Alex**)
- Committee make-up (**Jonathan**)

Slides will be sent to Jonathan and distributed electronically for feedback.

Item 6: Public Input

Jeannie asked how many deer were taken in Carlisle last year. Dan said that MassWildlife gave a provisional figure of 36 in total. She had additional questions on metrics of hunt success, David Stainbrook's presentation last fall, and commented on Alan Rutberg's presentation. Jeannie will send written comments for future review and recording.

A motion to change wording in the Annual Report (Rutberg section) from "legal" to "permitted" was seconded and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

The next Deer Control Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2020.

Submitted by Dan Bojanic