

Carlisle Deer Committee Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2019
Carlisle Town Hall, Clark Room, 7 PM

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

Chair Jonathan DeKock opened the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of meeting minutes

Minutes of the July 17, 2019 meeting were approved (5-0-1) with Todd Thorsen as the abstention as he was not present at the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Review input on the Deer Control Committee Charter

No actionable input was received and no revisions were made to the document.

Agenda Item 3: Review input from boards, committees and public on the updated regulation changes for the 2019 bowhunting season and revise accordingly.

Based on input from the boards and committees, as well as the public based on e-mail correspondence as well as the 07-31-19 Public Input session, Chair Jonathan DeKock presented a written summary of regulation changes to be discussed, as well as non-regulation considerations. Key discussion points introduced by board members and Motions introduced for each key issue follow.

Elimination of Hunting on Saturday, No Hunting 10-2 weekdays or Not Extend Season

(Alex Parra) The argument presented at the Public Input session about the difficulty of enforcing no hunting between 10-2 was compelling.

(Barney Arnold) Our goal should be to educate the public that it is safe to walk on the trails during the hunting season. A concern about adding no hunt times is that we are sending a message that bowhunting is unsafe and that people should avoid the trails during hunting, which is not the position of the committee. Chair Jonathan DeKock agreed.

(John Keating) If we extend the bowhunting period into December (to December 20, 2019 as proposed), which would overlap with muzzleloader and shotgun season, the bowhunters would have to wear orange during the shotgun (December 2-14) and muzzleloader (December 16-20) by Massachusetts state law. Wearing orange in late season will make the hunters even more visible to the general public.

(Barney Arnold) If we keep the Carlisle town land bowhunting hunting season like last year, without introducing either the 10-2 weekday no hunt restriction or the no hunt on Saturdays, the season would end on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Staying with the same season is also a viable option for consideration, as we are working on other ways to make the hunt be perceived to be safer through revisions in the other regulations.

(Dejan Bojanic) From the discussion to this point, it is clear that no option will please all. Based on public input and e-mails, there is no clear preference for eliminating Saturdays or eliminating hunting from 10-2 on weekdays in exchange for extending the Carlisle town land bowhunting season to December 20. The hunt for the 2019 season would run from October 7 - November 30,

2019 if we keep the season the same length as last year and don't eliminate Saturdays or 10-2 on weekdays.

Motion to keep the same season length as the 2018 season, which coincides with the Massachusetts state bowhunting only season, and not eliminate Saturdays or have no hunt restrictions between 10-2 on weekdays.

Motion passed 6-0. Chair Jonathan DeKock will write a letter of explanation to the Board of Selectmen.

Crossbow Restrictions

(Jonathan DeKock) We should follow state regulations, as a medical disability is required to hunt with a crossbow in the state of Massachusetts.

Committee does not see crossbows as something that should elevate safety concerns for the hunt, as crossbow users are shooting from tree stands at the same downward angle and range as those using a compound bow.

Motion: Whereas the Carlisle Deer Committee believes that there is no elevated safety risk for the crossbow, crossbows will be allowed for hunters participating in the town of Carlisle town land bowhunting program with a certified disability as permitted by the state of Massachusetts.

Motion passed 6-0.

Marked vs Bootleg (Unofficial) Trails, Setbacks from Private Property

(Jonathan DeKock) 2019 Draft Regulations (Section 9 - Field Regulations) refer to marked trails in terms of setbacks, tree stand positions, etc. Bootleg and random trails do not serve as a basis for regulations.

(Alex Parra) For reference, marked trails pertain to trails in the Carlisle Trails book.

(Jonathan DeKock) We have no say (or jurisdiction) over public trails on private land.

(Dejan Bojanic) Setback from private property when the property line is greater than 500 feet from the dwelling should be worked out between the hunter and the property owner.

Motion that no changes be made to the regulations regarding setbacks from private property and that we add a section in the regulations that clarify marked trails as those defined in the Carlisle Trails book

Motion passed 6-0.

Penalty for Tree Stand Violation

(Jonathan DeKock) Opinion that this topic is adequately addressed in the draft regulations under Section 11 (Enforcement sub-section b) whereas the Deer Agent will make a determination and, if necessary, dictate corrective action.

Motion for no changes be made to the regulations regarding penalties for tree stand violations

Motion passed 6-0.

Rotation of Hunting Parcels, Using Each Parcel Every 4 Years

(Jonathan DeKock) Rotating the parcels so they are only hunted one of 4 years is probably not practical due to the constraints on parcel selection.

The committee concluded that no action is required, with the hunting parcels determined on a yearly basis.

Use of the term 'immediate' in regulations

(Alex Parra) All regulations have a test a reasonableness.

The committee felt that the intent of the language is clear and does not benefit from being over defined.

Encouragement of Antlerless Deer

(Jonathan DeKock) Are we explicitly promoting antler less deer take? Should we consider an "earn-a-buck" system?

(John Keating) There is a perception that the hunters in the program are trophy hunters looking to shoot big bucks. This is not true, as all hunters interviewed for the program understand that the program is about deer control, and, as such, are motivated to take antlerless deer.

The committee felt the existing wording was adequate.

Wording for 'Cease and Desist' - Section 11

(Jonathan DeKock) It is clear that 'cease and desist' within the context of this section refers to hunting-related activities.

No action taken on this issue by the committee.

Annual CORI vs Criminal Background Check for Hunters

The board needs to find out if a CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) check is run on each hunter, which, by definition, only includes criminal cases from a Massachusetts state court, or a criminal background check, which may be local or national. CORI is used in the regulations (Section 5), and it would be good to confirm. The committee wants to know what type of check is done by the Carlisle police and if there is a cost to the town. Barney Arnold will follow up with Tim Goddard.

Language on Entrails under Take Regulations (Section 10.3)

Based on wording discussion for the section by the committee, the following motion was called: *Motion to amend the regulation wording in Section 10.3 of the regulations to "Harvested animals, organs and entrails must be removed from the area with minimal damage to the area without undue delay*

Motion passed 6-0.

Use of Hunting Parcels by Schools and Camps

(Barney Arnold) The schools and camps would like to use the parcels regularly for nature activities. Conant in particular is highly used by these groups.

The committee recommends that hunters assigned to parcels actively used by camps and school be aware of their schedules and work with these groups to maximize safety as a shared use parcel.

Strengthening (or Softening) Enforcement Rules

(Alex Parra) It comes down to a stratification of ingressions. Some are egregious and some are not.

The committee agreed that not all infractions merit immediate expulsion from the program.

(Dejan Bojanic) The criteria for expulsion are clearly written, and the hunters for the 2019 season

will sign a document acknowledging that they understand these criteria prior to the hunt season. (John Keating) The intent of the enforcement rules is prevention. No further action taken by the committee.

Supervision of Deer Agent When He/She is a Hunter

Committee felt that the Deer Agent should be overseen by a separate individual when it comes to monitoring the behavior of the Deer Agent as a hunter, particularly when it comes to hunting violations.

Motion that states "If the Deer Agent is a participant in the program, then as to his/her participation as a hunter, the Deer Committee Chair will act as the Agent.

Motion passed 6-0.

Parking Considerations for the Hunt Parcels

Based on the hunt parcels and the available parking, the committee felt that the parking impact of the hunters does not place undue burden on the ability of non-hunters to park and use the trails. While some concern was raised by the public regarding parking of hunters on public streets abutting town land, all members of the public have the right to park in legal public parking spots.

Statement of Purpose to Precede Regulations

(Jonathan DeKock) A member of the general public sent in a suggested preamble, calling out the reason for the hunt why it is a valuable tool for deer control, and how it positively impacts the town.

(Alex Parra) The purpose of a preamble is to help read regulations and not promote them. No action recommended by the committee.

Agenda Item 4: Consider the creation of town e-mail accounts to aide in communicating with the public

(Jonathan DeKock) Shall we create an e-mail address to be managed by the Conservation Commission (Mary Hopkins) to be forwarded to the Chair and Deer Agent plus a phone number for the Conservation Commission that will connect to Mary?

(Alex Parra) Having Mary monitor the e-mail is a good idea as it becomes public record. Committee will pursue getting an e-mail address.

End of Agenda Items. No Public Input.

Motion to accept revised 2019 Regulations for Bow Hunting of Deer on Carlisle Town Land as amended for submission of approval by the Carlisle Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission and endorsement of other town boards as appropriate.

Motion passed 6-0.

Scheduled upcoming meetings: August 21, 2019, 7pm

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Todd Thorsen

DRAFT 2019 Regulations for Bow Hunting of Deer on Carlisle Town Land

1. The Carlisle Board of Selectmen allows Bow Hunting for deer on select Town properties by permit only. The 2019 Carlisle season shall commence on October 7, 2019 and run to and including December 20, 2019.
2. The Board of Selectmen will annually appoint a Deer Control Committee (“DCC”) to administer this program. An agent (“Deer Agent”) shall be nominated by the DCC and appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Deer Agent shall be a member of the Deer Control Committee. The DCC shall determine the number of Bow Hunting Access Permits to be issued based on the amount of land available for hunting and shall issue and allocate the permits in accordance with these Regulations.
3. Bow hunting is limited to areas specifically designated by the DCC at only the following Town land parcels:
 - Benfield
 - Conant Land
 - Davis Corridor
 - Greenough
 - Town Forest
4. The Board of Selectmen and/or the Deer Agent may close any parcel to hunting for any reason at any time. If closed by the Deer Agent, the decision of the Deer Agent may be reviewed at the next meeting of the DCC.
5. Town land may be hunted only by those persons who have been issued a Bow Hunting Access Permit by the DCC. Permits shall be issued to qualified hunters only. Hunters must be qualified by a DCC interview and assessment process, including a criminal records (CORI) check and determined by the Deer Control Committee to be a qualified hunter and must possess state-approved Hunter Education and Bowhunter Safety certificates. Hunters who have previously been qualified must undergo a current CORI check and submit a current hunting license, but need not be re-interviewed by the DCC.
6. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 5 above, permits shall be issued by the DCC for the 2019 season to qualified hunters in accordance with the following order of preference: (a) first to qualified hunters who received permits for the 2018 season and who reapply; (b) second to qualified hunters on the Deer Agent’s wait list who are town residents or employees in the order that they apply for a permit; and (c) third, to other qualified hunters on the Deer Agent’s wait list in the order that they apply for a permit.
7. The DCC will monitor the program to ensure public safety and reduction of the deer population.

7.1. Trails leading to hunting areas shall be marked with temporary signs indicating that hunting is occurring on the property.

7.2. Hunters are encouraged to obtain antlerless deer permits and to harvest antlerless deer.

8. Permitting Regulations

8.1. All State hunting rules and regulations apply.

8.2. Only bow hunting is allowed.

8.3. Permits will restrict hunters to specific locations as determined by the DCC. Hunters may hunt on their designated parcels only.

8.4. Hunters must carry, at all times, photo identification, all licenses, permits and maps of approved locations showing boundaries. Hunters must be prepared to show these documents to anyone who asks to see them.

8.5. Hunters must be courteous to everyone and make a genuine effort to inform others about the hunting program when encountered. Hunters must notify the Deer Agent of any negative encounters with visitors as soon as possible.

9. Field Regulations

9.1. Daily hunting hours during the season will coincide with the State's allowed hunting hours (from ½ hour prior to sunrise to ½ hour after sunset), except that hunting is prohibited on Saturdays as well as Sundays.

Or

Daily hunting hours during the season will ~~th~~ coincide with the State's allowed hunting hours, except that no discharge of arrows may occur between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

9.2. Hunting is permitted only from temporary portable tree stands. Tree stands shall be set back from any marked trail by at least one-hundred (100) feet. Any tree stand located within one hundred and fifty (150) feet of a marked trail shall not point in the direction of the nearest such trail, as determined by the Deer Agent.

9.3. Wildlife or trail cameras or any similar recording devices used by permitted hunters shall be set back at least one hundred (100) feet from any marked trail.

9.4. Strap-on steps or ladder steps only are permitted.

9.5. The permit number issued by the Deer Agent must be visible on the tree stand and the dashboard of the hunter's car.

9.6. Hunting within 100 feet of marked trails is prohibited. Hunters must not discharge arrows in the direction of marked trails.

9.7. Hunting within 500 feet of an occupied dwelling is prohibited without written owner permission on person, even if the tree stand is on Town property.

10. Take-Related Regulations

10.1. No other forms of wildlife may be taken

10.2. All deer taken must be reported to the agent before the later of 24 hours or by 5pm of the next business day.

10.3. Harvested animals and field dressing remains must be removed without damage to the area.

11. Enforcement

The Deer Agent shall have authority to enforce these regulations and issue cease and desist orders, which shall be reviewable by the DCC at a subsequent meeting, with notice to the hunter.

(a) Offences Resulting in Permanent Exclusion.

The DCC may revoke the permit of any hunter and prohibit any further participation in the program at any time in the future by such hunter if the DCC finds that the hunter: (a) hunted on private property without permission of the landowner; or (b) left entrails in situ.

(b) Offences Resulting in One-Year Loss of License.

The DCC may revoke the 2019 permit of any hunter if the DCC finds that the hunter: (a) is not or has become not qualified as required by paragraph 5 of these regulations during the season; (b) failed to correct any violation of these regulations and any applicable state regulations immediately upon request of the Deer Agent; or (c) failed to immediately comply with any reasonable request of the Deer Agent related to any aspect of deer hunting.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE CARLISLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BY VOTE ON _____, 2019.

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VOTE ON _____, 2019.

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Conservation Commission comments on Interim Draft of Deer Regulations

From: Alex Parra [REDACTED]
To: jonathan_ [REDACTED]
Cc: swillard@carlislema.gov
Date: Friday, July 19, 2019, 03:30 PM EDT

Jonathan,

At its meeting last night, the Conservation Commission reviewed the preliminary draft of the revised deer regulations. Comments were made as to the following:

1. It was questioned why the Deer Control Committee should be appointed annually.
2. A question was raised as to whether a CORI was required or only a police check of criminal records.
3. It was suggested that we ensure that permit fees covered all costs of issuance, including fees charged for CORI.
4. It was suggested that the language regarding removing deer entrails be softened to make clear that it did not mean all traces had to be removed.
5. Although the members generally appeared to favor excluding the 10 to 2 hours, as opposed to Saturdays, the Commission wanted more public input on that subject.

I think that reasonably summarizes the Commission's comments on the draft regulations.

Alex

Re: Community Input Session TONIGHT on draft regulations for 2019 bow hunting on town owned land

From: Barney Arnold ([REDACTED])

To: jonathan_dek ([REDACTED])

Date: Thursday, August 1, 2019, 06:23 PM EDT

On Thu, Aug 1, 2019 at 10:27 AM ann de saussure davidson ([REDACTED]) wrote:

Barney, I'm solo parenting this week, so was not able to attend last night. If it's still relevant, my thought is that increasing access to deer hunting may help our tickborne illness epidemic and therefore should be allowed. Tickborn illness is a major concern of mine. Here is a link to an opinion piece in the vineyard gazette that sums up my thoughts on deer hunting. Thank you for soliciting input and I'm sorry that this is late to the party. Best, Ann

<https://vineyardgazette.com/news/2019/07/29/reducing-tick-borne-illness-marthas-vineyard-demands-urgent-attention>

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2019, at 11:25 AM, Barney Arnold ([REDACTED]) wrote:

Hi All,

There is a link below to the draft regulations for another pilot bow hunting season on town owned land for this fall. Tonight at 7pm, Clark Room, Town Hall, the Deer Control Committee (of which I am now a member as the BOS representative) is holding a session for folks in Carlisle to give us feedback on these draft regulations. The agenda is available at the link as well.

Whatever your point of view, it would be great to hear your input and any concerns. If you are unable to make it tonight, you are invited to submit comments to Sylvia Willard at the Conservation Commission or to me and I will pass them along.

By the end of August we hope to have a set of regulations to present to the BOS and the ConsCom for final approval.

I hope you are all doing well.

Cool thoughts coming your way,

Barney

<http://www.carlislema.gov/196/Deer-Committee>

Barney Arnold
Carlisle Selectwoman
[REDACTED]

tonight's agenda

From: Barney Arnold [REDACTED]
To: jonathan_dekoc [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019, 11:48 AM EDT

Hi,

I know you plan to chair at the beginning and then hand things off to Alex. I note on Dan's email about the presentation he has put together that he raises the question of who should present it. Has that been resolved?

It might be helpful for you to send an email to the committee to review how things will work tonight. I know you said it will be recorded which is great. Is someone also assigned to take minutes? I would also suggest including (in your email to the committee) something about how you would like the community input section to run. Are we just taking in all comments? Are we having any dialogue (in a respectful way, of course)? There may very well be some useful ideas that we should explore a bit.

One comment I've heard from 2 folks (who will try to come tonight) is that having a set back from a town owned trail that abuts someone else's property line (not their house) would be a good thing. So if it's a trail that person uses regularly that is on private property, they know that a hunter has not set up his/her stand right along the trail on town owned land.

Another is about the school's third grade project where kids are given a kind of treasure map to explore Carlisle, including going on some town owned trails like to Castle Rock. It used to happen in the fall and I don't know when it happens these days.

And finally, both folks who contacted me said something about wishing the hunter who was assigned to hunt a parcel near them would stop by and introduce himself. Evidently a hunter in the Conant Land did just that with Frank Proctor across from Castle Rock, and he really appreciated it.

See you tonight.

Barney

Barney Arnold
Carlisle Selectwoman
[REDACTED]

From Claire Wilcox

From: Barney Arnold [REDACTED]

To: jonathan_ [REDACTED]

Date: Thursday, August 1, 2019, 06:26 PM EDT

On Wed, Jul 31, 2019 at 11:37 PM Claire Wilcox [REDACTED] wrote:
Hi Barney —

Thanks for sending this email. I'm on the Cape so wasn't at the meeting. I do have comments, some of which I've made before, regarding the hunt. First of all I would say that if there has to be a hunt, there needs to be some way to balance it with the ability of Carlisle residents and taxpayers to enjoy the woods in the best walking season of the year, and not to be fearful while doing that. To state that taking 10 deer is worth having residents fearful of walking in the woods to me is ludicrous. If deer control is really the issue, then a serious effort to cull deer should be made with a large kill over a couple of days. (I am not in favor of this, by the way!). That leaves me wondering what the real motive behind all this is. Is it an attempt by a specific interest group to open our woods to hunting? Or how many deer would constitute a successful hunt? Surely it would have to be more than 10. Is there some ideal percentage of deer that needs to be killed? If it's a large number, that would imply even more hunters further impinging on townspeople's use of the trails without fear. I noticed that the Deer Committee has been renamed the Deer Control Committee, and I wonder if you are discussing any other methods of deer control or if this is just another name for what is really a Hunting Committee. When I went to a public hearing on this in the spring of 2018, I don't recall any discussion of anything other than bow hunting.

Now for some concrete suggestions. If we have to have bow hunting in our woods. There should be no hunting on Saturdays and Sundays. During the week, hunting should be limited to a few hours just after sunrise and just before sunset. Concord does this in Wright's Woods. (Some have said that we can't do this because it's town property and governed by state hunting regulations. This is simply not true. We can't make local regulations less restrictive than state rules, but we can make them more stringent.) The local hunting season should not be extended to coincide with the state dates, as has been suggested. At least one of the parcels, the Davis Corridor, has too many hunters assigned to this area. This land is fairly "narrow" in many sections. It's not the largest parcel, and yet it was open to the largest number of hunters. Walking there last fall, my loop route took me past 4 tree stands easily visible from the trail, some with hunters sitting waiting for deer to come their way. As you can tell from this comment, I continued to do my daily walks, perhaps a bit more cautiously, but a number of my neighbors did not, and I find this sad.

Our woods are a main reason why many of us love Carlisle, and it seems to me that the BOS needs to find a way/compromise that allows all those who wish to walk to do so without fear. I do not think making discussed changes about signage or about getting the tree stands down when the season is over address what the main issue is. How do all of our citizens use the woods that belong to all of us without fear all year, not just when it's not hunting season?

I hope these comments are helpful and that you will share them with the Hunting Committee and the full Board. Thanks for reading them, and good luck with your discussions.

Claire

Claire Wilcox
74 Prospect Street

Sent from my iPad

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Barney Arnold
Carlisle Selectwoman



comments on the draft regs from Eric Amati

From: Barney Arnold [REDACTED]

To: jonath [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019, 10:56 AM EDT

Passing along comments from Eric Amati, an experienced hunter who hunts on Marjie Findlay's property. Just FYI.

To honor the OML, please reply only to Jonathan.

See you all tonight.

Barney

Barney Arnold
Carlisle Selectwoman
[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Erik Amati [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Marjie suggested I send you the new draft regs for bow hunting in Carlisle
Date: July 29, 2019 at 3:10:42 PM EDT
To: Barney Arnold [REDACTED]

Hello Barney,

I hope all is well with you.

I am not sure what side of the fence you are on with all this, I am assuming pro hunting (since you let Gordy and I hunt your property for coyotes)but like many abutters have other concerns as well.

Either way, I took a look at the document and here are some things to "think" about regarding a controlled hunt and it's rules for folks:

1. It looks like the town is only allowing hunting a "portion" of the state's season . (Deer can be hunted with archery tackle from 10/07/19 to 12/31/19 under state regulations-more opportunity could be allowed by the town if they chose.)
2. Do hunters have to "qualify" by actually shooting? Is that part of the "assessment process". Most controlled hunts have a shooting component to qualify.
3. The CORI check seems a bit strange to me for the activity of hunting, especially since it's on public property and other recreational users(hikers, bikers, etc.)don't need one to utilize the same properties to my knowledge.
4. All the state licensing/permits regarding hunting make total sense.
5. I would think all hunters would be required to obtain antlerless deer permits -females are the key to reducing population numbers-the hunt's purpose and all that apply would get one from the state for this deer management zone.
6. "Earn a buck" rules would require an antlerless be harvested before an antlered deer-very common in controlled hunts and in many other state rules and regulations-something to seriously consider.
7. Saturdays are the days most folks can only find the time to hunt-not allowing it will reduce hunter participation .

8. It says you can hunt state hours ½ before and after sun up/down, but you can't release an arrow between 10 am and 2pm. This is strange- either post hunting hours as ½ to 10 am and 2pm until ½ after or allow all day release of arrows-deer move throughout the day.
9. I would think that since this is so controversial, than the enforcement section of this bylaw would be tolerating zero infractions by a permittee and not have the "levels" of offences and enforcement as described.

I certainly understand all too well why the wording and these regulations have become drafted. These hunts usually are split down the middle with folks in the community...

I guess the bottom line is if the town is serious about trying to reduce deer numbers by allowing folks to hunt on their properties, than these regulations could certainly be modified to allow for more opportunities, actual hunting "time", requirements and enforcement streamlining.

I hope this helps Barney. Please understand I am writing this to you as a friend of Marjie and Geoff and my "two cents worth" as a hunter of 35 + years and a wildlife professional of 26+ years. If you would like to have Mass wildlife's official input, I could certainly put you in touch with our Deer Biologist.

Please feel free to call me on my cell phone (978) 516-8449 if you want to "pick my brains" some more.

Thanks for reaching out to me and have a great day!

Erik

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 24, 2019, at 12:12 PM, Barney Arnold <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Erik,

Marjie Findlay is a good friend and when I mentioned that I am on the Deer Control Committee in Carlisle, she suggested I get in touch with you as a hunter who is very knowledgeable and trustworthy. The committee has drafted a new set of regulations for 2019, and we are gathering input from various organizations and the public.

If you have a few minutes, I'd really appreciate it if you would review the proposed regulations and give me your feedback. Thanks so much.

Barney

Barney Arnold
Carlisle Selectwoman
[REDACTED]

<Bow Hunting Regulations Draft for circulation 7-19-19.docx>

Re: Deer Control Committee Regulations - 2019 Draft

From: Henry Cox [REDACTED]
To: jonathan_de [REDACTED]
Date: Saturday, July 20, 2019, 01:59 PM EDT

Hi.

I have often seen wording to the effect "...for any reason at any time, or for no reason.."

Not sure if that helps or hurts.

I think the intent is to prevent arguments of the form " that is a stupid reason".

With respect to timing, I suspect that there are hunters who can only hunt on weekends (Saturday) due to job or some other reason.

I also suspect that more non-hunters use the trails on the weekend than during the week - so Saturday prohibition might make them happier. (Doubt that they will be happy, regardless.)

These two are in direct opposition.

On Fri, Jul 19, 2019, 20:49 Jonathan DeKock [REDACTED] wrote:

Trails Committee Members,

Attached, please find the Deer Control Committee's proposed 2019 Bow Hunting Regulations. I would like to have a discussion at the next trails meeting about this, however, due to the compressed timelines we're working under to prepare for a hunt that starts in early October and the fact that Trails doesn't have an August meeting, we need to finalize these before the next Trails meeting in September. I can, however, accept input from you individually. To comply with Open Meeting Law, please don't do a Group Reply, just send your input directly back to me only.

The major changes from last year are that we're considering to either restrict it to disallow hunting on Saturdays or from 10-2 daily (but not both), and that we'll extend the hunting season to compensate for the lost time due to those restrictions. We are also requiring hunting stands between 100 and 150 feet from a trail to not face the trail, and restricting wildlife cameras used by hunters to be at least 100' from the trail. We've also added some enforcement provisions which were lacking last year.

We have a Public Input Session scheduled for Wednesday, July 31 at 7pm at town hall if you would like to provide public feedback there rather than email me individually.

Marc - if possible I would like to add this topic to the September Agenda so the Trails Committee can say whether or not they endorse these regulations, even if it does come after the BoS will likely have finalized them (if things run according to schedule).

Thanks,

Jonathan DeKock
Deer Control Committee, Chair

Regulations for Deer Hunting on Carlisle Town Land

1. The Carlisle Board of Selectmen allows Bow Hunting for deer on select Town properties by permit only. The Carlisle season will coincide with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Archery Hunting season, and will not include the shotgun or muzzle loader seasons.

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4.2. [Hunters are encouraged to obtain antlerless deer permits and to harvest antlerless deer.]

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5.2. Only archery hunting is allowed.

5.3. Permits will restrict hunters to specific locations.

5.4. Hunters must carry, at all times, photo identification, all licenses, permits and maps of

Comment [J1]: 1) This is a Regulation Requirement and an important position. However, the town did not independently appoint an agent for last year's hunt, and did not appoint an agent for this year's hunt. 2) The agent was/is a Deer Committee member who volunteered for the position although an active hunting participant in the program. This is a significant perceived conflict of interest that the deer agent is self-policing himself. Further, as an active hunter in the program, it can be perceived that the agent is biased towards the other hunters and the hunting program. The only way this can be resolved is if the current agent removes himself as an active hunter from the hunting program or a new agent who is not an active hunter in the program is appointed legally by the town.

Comment [J2]: Greenough is Conservation Land, not Town Land and the Conservation Regulations must be changed to accommodate hunting for hunting to be allowed.

Comment [J3]: There are no established "land management goals" so this statement is meaningless. There is nothing in writing approved by the town so how can the goals be met? If those goals exist, they must be referenced properly.

Comment [J4]: This statement would not appear in regulations to control deer overpopulation. The state asserts that the antlerless deer must be targeted in order to control overpopulation. This statement encourages trophy hunting. (I have not seen anything yet that shows that Carlisle has a "deer problem."

approved locations showing boundaries. Hunters must be prepared to show these documents to anyone who asks to see them.

- 5.5. Hunters must be courteous to all property users and make a genuine effort to inform others about the hunting program when encountered. The agent and the BOH must be notified of negative encounters with visitors as soon as possible.

Comment [J5]: The BOH is no longer relevant with respect to the deer hunt. Therefore, BOH must be deleted from this document; and their signature is no longer needed. The basis of the hunt originated when there was a perception that killing the deer would lower the risk of Lyme Disease. That perception is not true. Please see the attached papers by 1) The Carlisle Lyme Disease Sub-Committee of the BOH and 2) Kugeler's paper (from the CDC).

6. Field Regulations

- 6.1. Daily hunting hours will coincide with the State's allowed hunting hours (½ hour prior to sunrise to ½ hour after sunset).
- 6.2. Hunting is permitted only from temporary portable tree stands.
- 6.3. Strap-on steps or ladder steps only are permitted.
- 6.4. The permit number issued by the agent must be visible on the tree stand and the dashboard of the hunter's car.
- 6.5. Hunting within 100 feet of marked trails is prohibited. Hunters must not shoot in the direction of marked trails.
- 6.6. Hunting within 500 feet of an occupied dwelling is prohibited without written owner permission on person, even if the tree stand is on Town property.

7. Take-Related Regulations

- 7.1. No other forms of wildlife may be taken
- 7.2. All deer taken must be reported to the agent before the later of 24 hours or by 5pm of the next business day.
- 7.3. Harvested animals and field dressing remains must be removed without damage to the area.

Deer Control Committee Public Input Notes - JDK

From: Jonathan DeKock [REDACTED]

To: jonathan_dek [REDACTED]

Date: Friday, August 2, 2019, 03:02 PM EDT

George:

- * Asserts goal of not having hunters on trail with non-hunters will not be met by 10-2.
- * Recommend either Saturday or pull back to end of Nov.

Ed:

- * Tree stand violations should result in a penalty, like permanent expulsion

Christina:

- * 3 weeks added is too much for 7 days or 4 hours per day reduction
- * What happens when injured deer end up on private property?
- * There are more humane ways to control the deer population

Stacy:

- * How does the deer committee ensure the 500' setback from a dwelling?
- * Are there limits on the use of kinds of bows and arrows?

Ken:

Jeff:

- * Trail on private property, can we have a 100' setback from private property

Jeannie:

- * Lyme disease not valid reason for hunt
- * Hunting does not reduce herd size
- * Need criteria for flora and fauna impact, quantitative data
- * Documents on website should be managed by town clerk so they remain accessible
- * Should not use crossbows
- * Conservation Commission is responsible for conservation land, not BoS
- * Asking for IDs of hunters is not harassment, hunters should comply with regulations
- * Should not extend hunt

George:

- * The Lyme disease issue is real

Kay:

- * Do we have a decision on if there will be a hunt from the BoS?
- * Will the # of hunters be the same?
- * Can we make the location of tree stands available to the public?
- * Should we have an experience or effectiveness component in the vetting process?
- * What is the criteria for success? Is it # of deer taken?
- * What is the protocol for monitoring and managing the hunters?
- * The encouragement to take antler-less deer seems to be missing
- * The 10-2 discharge of an arrow seems difficult to monitor and manage
- * What does cease-and-desist mean - stop doing X or you may not hunt?
- * The word immediate may need tempering
- * Should have emergency contact information for deer agent
- * Who decides on the success criteria - perhaps it should be the BoS, not the Deer Committee?
- * We are assuming we have a problem with the understory, how do we know?
- * 10-2 doesn't seem like it is really giving anything up because hunters hunt at dawn and dusk
- * Should not extend season for 10-2 limitation

Brendon:

- * Prefers not hunting on Saturday to not hunting 10-2
- * Will have less interaction with trail users and hunters

Roger:

- * Reason for hunting is not to manage population, but to give pleasure to hunters
- * It is an infringement on private land if wounded deer come from this process
- * Should not have hunting in mixed use residential areas
- * What is the purpose of the 100' setback from trails? Is it safety?
- * Arrow discharge limitation 10-2 is not enough, example of fishing without a hook

Elsbietta:

- * Why continue season - do we still have overpopulation?
- * Previously had problem with arrows on her property from an abutter
- * Why have warning signs on trails if it is so safe?
- * She does not see children or families using trails during hunting season

Margie

- * Would like to know where the tree stands are located
- * Would like to have contact information for hunters
- * Opinion no hunting on Saturday, but got there from hearing Hunter's opinions

Christina:

- * Hunters have an impact on the ecology too - area trampled etc...
- * Expansion in the future to additional parcels would be bad

George:

- * Hunters will take more deer over time as they learn the land
- * Hunters do not run after deer if they are wounded, they track them at a later time

Jeannie:

- * DCC would like to expand hunt

Roger:

- * Hunting should involve scouting the land so you are more successful

George:

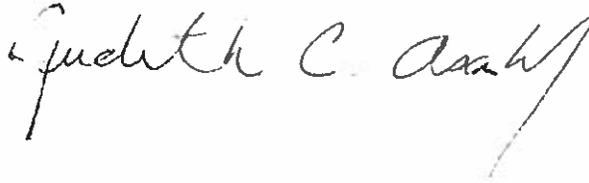
- * Last year timeframe was compressed, hunters will get better over time

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

From: Judy Asarkof [REDACTED]
To: Rigleyman [REDACTED] swillard <swillard@carlislema.gov>; swillard <swillard@carlisle.mec.edu>;
Selectwoman Arnold <[REDACTED]> Dejan Bojanic <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Hunting options
Date: Wed, Jul 31, 2019 12:36 pm

As I will be out of town today late afternoon, (Wed July 31) and unsure if my arrival back in town will enable me to attend all of the deer hunting meeting as advertised in the paper, I would like to submit my request/vote for the option that removes the hunters from the conservation lands between 10am - 2 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Judy Asarkof
[REDACTED]



To: Jonathan DeKock, chair of the Deer Control Committee
Date: August 1, 2019

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at last night's meeting. You allowed plenty of time for additional input but I felt I had used my fair share of time already. However, I have the following comments/questions that I would like to add.

It wasn't clear if the decision for a 2019 hunt requires a formal vote by the select board. There was an *assumption* that the board would approve a hunt. Will there be a vote? If so, when will it happen?

There is an assumption that we have loss of biodiversity and habitat destruction due to deer. At town meeting many claims were made but not substantiated. Evidence of browsing is evidence of the *presence* of deer – not automatic evidence of too many deer. I have met with Land Stewards and ConsComm to advise them of my understory assessment project. It is not focused on deer; it is focused on the state of the understory. They were receptive although I had very few details to give them at the time. Since then, studies have begun in the Towle Land and in Davis Corridor and my protocol has been reviewed by the Deer and Moose Project Leader at Mass Fish and Wildlife. He has deemed it “OK” and offered to walk me through the state protocol. I will request time on Land Stewards agenda later in the season when I have sufficient data to share with them – also ConsComm if both groups want it.

The two choices of hunting times create the appearance that the DCC is biased in favor of hunters vs the rest of the townspeople. A concession by hunters to acknowledge the use of our land and show goodwill should not be rationale to prolong their use of the land and negate any goodwill. I suggest both options be revised to *exclude* extending the season into December, which would show more balance, and in that case I would opt for the 10am to 2pm alternative to give townspeople an everyday option for land use.

The vehicle collision rate was slightly overstated last night as being 30 incidents per year. For the past 3 years it averaged 27 per year. The information left out is that the rate was more or less steady which suggests one or more of the following:

- the deer population didn't rise over those 3 years (perhaps hunting on private land is sufficient)
- there is less traffic on our roads
- the speed limit reductions are having an effect
- drivers are taking more care

Thank you for any consideration of this input.
Respectfully submitted by
Kay Hurley

Deer Committee - Public Input/Inquiry - Procedural Question

From: Mary Hopkins (mhopkins@carlislema.gov)

To: jonathan_dekoc [REDACTED]

Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019, 02:23 PM EDT

Hi Jonathan,

There seems to be some confusion regarding the process for public submittals/inquiries to the Deer Control Committee. One of the two individuals who submitted testimony this afternoon said she is aware of several individuals who have different understandings of the process following their attendance at town board/committee meetings and reading articles in the Carlisle Mosquito. It would be helpful to clarify this as soon as possible as the logistics of the 2019 hunt are being worked out.

I had been the primary point of contact for residents, staff etc for the 2018 season and am happy to do so for the 2019 season if that is the preference of the Deer Comm and the BOS.

Thanks,

Mary

Mary Hopkins

Administrative Assistant

Carlisle Conservation Commission

66 Westford Street

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FW: Rotation of Deer Hunting Areas

From: Mary de Alderete (Mdealderete@carlislema.gov)

To: jonathan_dekock@carlislema.gov

Cc: pwang@carlislema.gov

Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019, 03:35 PM EDT

Jonathan,

Kate may send this to you, but just in case....

Also, I noticed that the room is not setup for chairs – I think Al didn't realize there was a meeting in there tonight.

I can put a few out, if you'd like, but depending on your expected attendance, you might need more.

Best regards,

Mary de Alderete, CMC

Carlisle Town Clerk

Justice of the Peace, Notary Public

mdealderete@carlislema.gov

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From: Mike Hanauer <mhanauer@carlislema.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 3:23 PM

To: Kate Reid <kreid@carlislema.gov>

Cc: Tim Goddard <tgoddard@carlislema.gov>; Barney Arnold <barney.arnold@carlislema.gov>; Townclerk <Townclerk@carlislema.gov>; Mike Hanauer <mhanauer@carlislema.gov>

Subject: Rotation of Deer Hunting Areas

Hi Kate,

I cannot attend tonight's Deer hunting meeting (7/31/2019), and can find no email for Deer committee members.

Would you PLEASE see that the following is well considered by the Deer Committee and the Board of Selectman, which apparently have a lot of discretion here. Note that I previously contacted Barney, but am not sure where things stand.

AllTheBest and Thanks. Feel free to contact me with questions.

Mike Hanauer

200 Long Ridge Road

978-318-1980

M [REDACTED]

Mike Hanauer <[REDACTED]>

To:Barney Arnold

Cc:Mike Hanauer

Jul 29 at 8:35 AM

Hi Barney,

Hoping you can be of help here. Thanks.

~Mike

On Saturday, July 27, 2019, 07:54:20 AM EDT, Mike Hanauer [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks so much, Barney.

I can't attend on the 31st but sure would appreciate your help.

Fall is the ideal season for walking in the woods. I have led these walks over a period of years, usually mid morning, but last year was a problem. And a hunters car was parked opposite my driveway virtually every day, with others close by as well.

My assumption is that this hunting may never end!

At the very least, I would like to see an area not used more than once every 4 years. I think that would be fair and reasonable to all. From what I am reading, the BoS has a lot of discretion here.

Could you introduce this condition? Thanks so much.

Consider Better, not Bigger. So many advantages. Just ask. USA adds a Chicago to our overpop each year.

*"Still more population growth is not our way to a healthy community, a healthy planet, **OR** enjoyable cycling."*

~Mike

On Friday, July 26, 2019, 05:46:32 PM EDT, Barney Arnold <b[REDACTED]@net.net> wrote:

Hi Mike,

I hope you will be able to attend the Public input Session on the new regulations being proposed. The Deer Committee really wants public input.

The session is This Wednesday at 7pm in Clark Room at Town Hall. Spread the word.

Could you tell me more about the walks you lead? When during the week, time, # of people? How often etc.

one option being considered is to limit hunting from 10-2pm every day. No hunting on Sunday by state law.

Another option is no hunting at all on Saturday but no hours restriction Monday- Friday.

What is your feeling?

Thanks for reaching out to me.

Barney

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2019, at 12:58 PM, Mike Hanauer [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Barney,

I sometimes lead walks in the Davis Corridor, which abuts my home. Last Fall, with the deer hunting, I found that people, including myself, were hesitant to go.

If the hunting is to continue, I would like to see the areas rotated so as to ease this situation.

Would you help advocate for such a policy please?

Many thanks.

~Mike

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~Mike

Sylvia Willard

From: Rick Oches [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Barney Arnold
Cc: Sylvia Willard; Francis Tacardon
Subject: Re: Community Input Session TONIGHT on draft regulations for 2019 bow hunting on town owned land

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Barney and Sylvia,

We can't make it tonight, but thanks for offering to collect comments. Francis and I are fully supportive of the deer hunt (bow hunting only). During the pilot last year, we continued to do our daily walks with our dog in Conant Land, on the trails between Town Hall, Rockland Rd., and the DPW area behind your horse pasture. We were mindful of the hunters, so we put an orange bandana on Molly (German Shepherd, could be mistaken for a coyote) and kept to the trails, knowing that hunters would be in tree stands well off the trails. Only once did I encounter a hunter - we were heading out of the woods at the same time and had a nice conversation along the way. I was impressed with his knowledge of the local ecology, commitment to safety, and interest in talking about how to adjust the hunting rules to accommodate different concerns.

Our main reason for supporting the hunt is the need to address the excess deer population. Humans have actively removed all other natural predators of the deer over the last few centuries, and only recently have coyotes returned. With the lack of natural predators, the deer population grows nearly unchecked, except when disease, starvation, or impacts with cars thins the herd - all signs of over-population. While neither Francis nor I are hunters, and frankly, I can't imagine killing one myself, we do support a humane hunt by experienced, vetted, and town-approved hunters. Without that, we'll continue to see an increase in the number of dangerous car collisions, our forests (and gardens) will suffer the impacts of overgrazing, and the deer are at greater risk of disease and food scarcity due to increased competition. The other option is to re-introduce wolves and cougars to the New England woods, and I doubt the community would go for that. Unless we find a way to do a mass-sterilization or other means of limiting population growth, a thoughtful, carefully-managed, town-regulated hunt seems like the best option. The regulations posted in the link provided in your email look good to me.

Thanks,
Rick Oches & Francis Tacardon
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 31, 2019, at 11:25 AM, Barney Arnold [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi All,

There is a link below to the draft regulations for another pilot bow hunting season on town owned land for this fall. [Tonight at 7pm, Clark Room, Town Hall](#), the Deer Control Committee (of which I am now a member as the BOS representative) is holding a session for folks in

Carlisle to give us feedback on these draft regulations. The agenda is available at the link as well.

Whatever your point of view, it would be great to hear your input and any concerns. If you are unable to make it tonight, you are invited to submit comments to Sylvia Willard at the Conservation Commission or to me and I will pass them along.

By the end of August we hope to have a set of regulations to present to the BOS and the ConsCom for final approval.

I hope you are all doing well.

Cool thoughts coming your way,

Barney

<http://www.carlislema.gov/196/Deer-Committee>

Barney Arnold
Carlisle Selectwoman

[REDACTED]

Re: Deer Control Committee Regulations - 2019 Draft

From: Warren Spence [REDACTED]

To: jonathan_dekoc [REDACTED]

Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2019, 10:25 AM EDT

Hi Jonathan,

The new deer regulations are excellent.

I prefer that no hunting be allowed between the hours of 10am to 2pm, and allow hunting on all days of the week. People who were afraid of the hunting could easily walk knowing that they were safe from hunting during these hours.

I also feel that the season should be longer as the hunt would then be more successful. Possibly last year's hunt would have been more successful if it lasted a few more weeks. Our climate is changing and is more variable as to when in the season it gets colder.

Hiding the trail cameras at least 50 feet off trail (or even 100 feet) is a good improvement. I did not like being spied on last year as I walked in the Town Forest as one camera was not near any hunter's stand but was pointed at the trail. But using a trail camera to prevent vandalism to the tree stands is useful.

Please add the following paragraphs at the beginning of the document. Hopefully we could respect the reasons for deer hunting and the hunters who are responsibly following these deer hunting regulations. Adding these statements to the document would remind all citizens that we must all responsibly share the use of conservation lands.

Statement of Purpose: The deer population in Carlisle is so large that many native plants are being completely consumed and destroyed by the overpopulation of deer. Many deer are hit by automobiles and sometimes these deer die on the road and sometimes they die in the woods where their carcasses. Carlisle, like many other Massachusetts is allowing deer hunting on town conservation lands using the below regulation.

Please respect all uses of town conservation lands: The Carlisle conservation lands are used by many people in many different ways. The conservation lands are shared by people hiking, jogging, exercising and with dogs, bicycles, horses, sled dogs, cross country skis, snowshoes, and hunting. We wish that all people using the conservation lands respect everyone's different use of these lands.

Sincerely,

Warren Spence

On 7/19/2019 8:49 PM, Jonathan DeKock wrote:

Trails Committee Members,

Attached, please find the Deer Control Committee's proposed 2019 Bow Hunting Regulations. I would like to have a discussion at the next trails meeting about this, however, due to the compressed timelines we're working under to prepare for a hunt that starts in early October and the fact that Trails doesn't have an August meeting, we need to finalize these before the next Trails meeting in September. I can, however, accept input from you individually. To comply with Open Meeting Law, please don't do a Group Reply, just send your input directly back to me only.

The major changes from last year are that we're considering to either restrict it to disallow hunting on Saturdays or from 10-2 daily (but not both), and that we'll extend the hunting season to compensate for the lost time due to those restrictions. We are also requiring hunting stands between 100 and 150 feet from a trail to not face the trail, and restricting wildlife cameras used by hunters to be at least 100' from the trail. We've also added some enforcement provisions which were lacking last year.

We have a Public Input Session scheduled for Wednesday, July 31 at 7pm at town hall if you would like to provide public feedback there rather than email me individually.

Marc - if possible I would like to add this topic to the September Agenda so the Trails Committee can say whether or not they endorse these regulations, even if it does come after the BoS will likely have finalized them (if things run according to schedule).

Thanks,

Jonathan DeKock
Deer Control Committee, Chair

Regulation Changes

1. No Saturday, 10-2, or Not Extend Season
 - a. Wording relating to 10-2
2. Trim Season to less than Dec. 20? Or extend to Dec. 31?
3. Limit to not having crossbows?
4. Marked Trails vs. Bootleg Trails?
5. Public Trails on Private Property?
6. Setbacks from Private Property?
7. Penalty for Tree Stand Violations?
8. Rotate Parcels, each only hunt one in 4 years
9. Uses of the word “immediate”
10. How to encourage antlerless deer (earn a buck?)
11. Wording relating to Cease and Desist
12. Use of the word “CORI” vs. “Criminal Records Check”
13. Soften language on entrails – this is not “leave no trace”
14. Use by School or camps (esp. Conant land)
15. Strengthen (or soften) enforcement rules
16. Supervision of the Deer Agent when he/she is a hunter?
17. Wording of “or for no reason?”
18. Signing by the ConsCom too?
19. Wording near former “land management goals”
20. Parking considerations?
21. Statement of Purpose of Regulations

Non-Regulation Considerations

1. Process for Deer Committee to proactively manage hunt
 - a. Location of Tree Stands
 - b. Hunting times of day & season
2. Criteria for successful hunt?
3. Location of Tree Stands made public?
4. Emergency contact information?
5. Discuss purpose of setback from trails?
6. Why have warning signs on trails?
7. Contact information for hunters – hunter/abutter meeting
8. Annual Appointments?
9. Change of fees to cover costs?
10. # of hunters assigned to a given area
11. When will the BoS vote happen?
12. Process for input to Deer Committee – aka email and phone