

TOWN OF ISLESBORO
DEER REDUCTION COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, April 19, 2012, 4:30 PM, Town Office

MINUTES

Present: Pete Anderson , Jacob Bethune, Andrew Coombs, Linda Gillies, Paul Hatch, Jr., Philo Hutcheson, Don Johnson, Carol Macaulay (by telephone), Gilbert Rivera, Fred Thomas (chair), William Tilden

Absent: Rachel Rolerson-Smith, Scott Sienkiewicz

By invitation: Caitlin Anderson, Vernon Ziegler

Fred Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes, Meeting of April 5, 2012. Upon MOTION made and seconded, the minutes were approved as written.

Report on new information from MDIF&W. Linda Gillies reported that Kendall Marden had been in touch with her about two matters:

- Timing of Advisory Council's consideration of the DRC's request. The request will be further discussed at three upcoming Advisory Council meetings which have yet to be scheduled. The first will be in June, the second in July, and the third in August. The decision will be made at the third meeting. DRC members should attend the first two meetings; attendance at the third is discretionary.
- Amendments to DRC's request to MDIF&W. Keel Kemper and Kendall strongly recommend that the DRC submit a one-page sheet amending the request submitted on March 19, 2012. The amendments should clarify points made about land available for the Special Hunt, the DRC's long-range plans, and the nature of the proposal. Linda circulated a draft of this document. After discussion and one change clarifying the use of crossbows,

MOTION: The Deer Reduction Committee approves the amendments to the Maine Department of Inland Fish & Wildlife request, as amended.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Planning for Information Meeting, April 26, 2012.

- Map. Vern Ziegler circulated the final version of the map indicating landowner preferences for hunting and hunting methods. A large map (3' x 5') will be on view at the Information Meeting; copies will eventually be displayed at the Town Office and the Sporting Club. Vern stressed that the red or gray areas could change, depending on landowner decisions between now and the Special Hunt.

There are 1265 total properties in Islesboro and we have received responses for 782 of those properties, a 61.8% return. There are approximately 950 unique property owners and we have received responses from 571 of those owners, a 60.1% return. 57% of the Town acreage will be available for the Special Hunt (69% more land than before the survey).

Carol Macaulay said that because of landowner preferences, there would be some small adjustments to the 700 Acre Island map.

- Babe Hatch reported that Public Safety Officer Fred Porter would like to be informed about plans for the Special Hunt and what his enforcement responsibilities might be. It was suggested that Fred meet with Keel Kemper and Kendall Marden when they come for the Information Meeting. Linda will be in touch with Fred about the possibility of this meeting and with Keel/Kendall about coming over on the 4 o'clock boat to make time for it.
- Caitlin Anderson showed a sampling of the Powerpoint presentation that she had put together. The committee then reviewed the third draft of the "script" and made a number of changes.
- It was decided to rehearse the presentation at the Kinnicutt Center on Wednesday, April 25th at 4:30 pm. Linda will make the necessary arrangements.
- It was agreed that there should be outdoor signs at the Community Center, Historical Society and Ferry Road corners, as well as notices in the Post Office, Town Office, ferry terminals, etc. Linda will see that these are done.
- It was agreed that a fact sheet should be distributed at the end of the Information Meeting, as people leave. Linda will prepare the sheet and have it copied.

New business/old business. Vern Ziegler said that because the Town will allow hunting on its property that includes the airport, the airport will have to be closed at certain times. He contacted the FAA, and was told that this can be done through the National NOTAM Center. As the date of the Special Hunt approaches, the Town should call the Center; their staff will help to refine the report. The reason for closing the airport will be "personnel and equipment on runway."

Next Meeting. The next DRC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3 at 4:30 in the Town office.

Upon MOTION made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gillies, Secretary

FOLLOW UP

- Contact Fred Porter, Keel Kemper and Kendall Marden about a meeting before the Information Meeting to discuss enforcement. (LG)
- Update Powerpoint presentation. (CA, LG)
- Arrange for 4/25 rehearsal at Kinnicutt Center. (LG)
- Make and put up signs/notices about 4/26 meeting. (LG)
- Prepare fact sheet. (LG)

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