

TOWN OF ISLESBORO  
DEER REDUCTION COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, May 31, 2012, 4:30 PM, Town Office

MINUTES

Present: Pete Anderson, Jacob Bethune, Linda Gillies, Paul Hatch, Jr., Philo Hutcheson, Carol Macaulay (by telephone), Gilbert Rivera, Scott Sienkiewicz , Rachel Rolerson-Smith, Fred Thomas (chair), William Tilden

Absent: Andrew Coombs, Don Johnson

In Fred Thomas's absence, Pete Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm. Fred assumed chairmanship of the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Approval of Minutes, Meeting of May 17, 2012. Upon MOTION made and seconded, the minutes were approved as amended.

Report on MDIF&W Advisory Council Meeting of 5/23/11, Princeton Rod and Gun Club. Pete Anderson, Linda Gillies, Carol Macaulay and Fred Thomas, who attended the meeting, reported the following:

- At the meeting the DRC request was in Step 1 of the AC review process.
- During the course of the long meeting it seemed that AC members were more familiar with Islesboro's request than at the March meeting. There was general understanding that the Special Hunt was considered as a deer reduction tool, not a recreational opportunity.
- Keel Kemper did an excellent job of making the case for the Special Hunt, as did Fred in answering questions.
- The new AC chair still had some concern that there would be an unlimited bag limit.
- In his remarks Fred said that of the 87 Islesboro hunters who responded on the survey that they would like to participate in the hunt, most plan on taking only one deer. Only 10-12 hunters plan on taking multiple deer.
- Commissioner Chandler Woodcock suggested that DRC should not call DRC's pre-Special Hunt course "Hunter Safety," as it could be confused with the State's Hunter Safety requirements. Committee members decided that the course will be called the "Special Hunt Safety Briefing."
- One AC member spoke movingly of how his brother was suffering from Lyme disease.
- The next AC meeting is on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in Augusta; the DRC request will be in Step 2 of the AC review process.
- The AC did not respond to Fred's invitation to hold one of their meetings at Islesboro's Sporting Club.

Review of Draft Boxholder Mailing About Individual Protection Against Ticks. The committee reviewed the draft, previously circulated, and made several changes.

MOTION: The Deer Reduction Committee approves the boxholder mailing about individual protection against ticks as amended.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Linda said the mailing would go out in the week of June 4<sup>th</sup>.

DRC Work Going Forward. There was agreement that preparations for the hunt should begin sooner rather than later . Philo will work with his sub-committee members to come up with a draft plan for consideration at the next DRC meeting. Points to be considered by the sub-committee include:

- Each hunter should have some kind of form/statement saying that he/she has attended the Safety Briefing and has passed the range test.
- Each hunter should have written landowner or caretaker permission on his/her person during the Special Hunt.
- There should be stickers for vehicles, perhaps numbered.
- There should be a master list of the hunters qualified to hunt.
- The list should be up on bulletin boards and published in the Islesboro Island News.

Linda offered to type up the sub-committee's draft plan when it's ready.

Next Meeting. The next DRC meeting will be held on Thursday, June 28 at 4:30 in the Town office.

Upon MOTION made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gillies, Secretary

#### FOLLOW UP

- Send out boxholder mailing about tick prevention. (LG)
- Prepare preliminary plan for Special Hunt preparation. (PH and committee)

Amended 6/28/12