

TOWN OF ISLESBORO
DEER REDUCTION COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, October 18, 2012, 4:30 PM, Public Safety Training Room

MINUTES

Present: Pete Anderson, Jacob Bethune, Linda Gillies, Gilbert Rivera, Rachel Rolerson-Smith , Fred Thomas (chair), William Tilden

Absent: Andrew Coombs, Paul Hatch, Jr., Philo Hutcheson, Don Johnson, Carol Macaulay, Scott Sienkiewicz

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

Approval of Minutes, meeting of October 4, 2012. Upon MOTION made and seconded, the minutes were approved as written.

Review of community information meeting, October 11, 2012. There was agreement that the meeting, attended by approximately 30 people, had gone well.

Review of Hunter Information summary. The committee discussed the following:

- *Hunter applications.* If hunters show up at the first Safety Briefing on October 21st not having filled in an application at the Town Office, they should not be allowed to participate in the briefing and range exercise. They should be asked to apply at the Town Office and to attend the second briefing.
- *Deer yards.* Question arose as to whether it would be legal to kill deer that have yarded up (the rule book says no). Linda will check with Keel.
- *Deer storage in the refrigerated truck to be loaned by Hunters for the Hungry.* Linda reported that since the last DRC meeting Jason Hall had received authorization from Hunters for the Hungry to lend their 16-foot refrigerated truck to the Town of Islesboro/DRC from December 10-31. It will stay on the island and will be used to store tagged deer before they are taken to Moon's. Hunters for the Hungry staff will bring the truck on the 10th and pick it up on the 31st. The truck, which is new, will be fitted with rails on which deer can be hung and a protective cover for the floor. Hunters should have rope with which to hang the deer.

There was discussion as to where the truck should be parked. While the Town Office parking lot or the Transfer Station were options, it was decided that having it at one of the tagging stations would be best. Rachel Rolerson-Smith said it could be parked in her driveway. Fred asked Linda to check with Laura Houle to see if this was OK with her.

The Town will reimburse Rachel for additional electricity charges during the three-week period.

Committee members expressed appreciation for Hunter for the Hungry's loan of the truck, which considerably facilitates the deer storage. They said the DRC would be sure to do a good job in cleaning the truck after the hunt.

- *Trucking deer to Moon's.* During the Special Hunt DRC members will take deer from the refrigerated truck to Moon's in their vehicles on an as-needed basis. Fred Thomas, Babe Hatch and Rachel have volunteered to be drivers. It was agreed that the drivers should have a written authorization to transport deer out of the regular season.

There was question as to how long it would take a deer to freeze in a truck on the way from Islesboro to Moon's. Linda will check with Keel and Moon's about this.

- *Clarification about butchering cuts.*
 - It should be made clear to that a hunter wishing a special cut should take deer to Moon's and pay the cost him/herself.
 - There was question as to whether all meat being donated to Hunters for the Hungry would be hamburger or whether it could be stew size. Linda will check with Steve Jacques at Hunters for the Hungry.

New business/old business.

- It was agreed that DRC should prepare "bulletins" to be included in both the November and December Town calendars.
- Linda asked whether the DRC should consider arranging for discount blaze orange clothing to be provided to students at Islesboro Central School during the hunt. Committee members said this was not necessary.

Next meeting. The next DRC meeting will be on Thursday, November 1st at 4:30 in the Town Office. Then there probably will be no need for a meeting until just before the hunt, Thursday, December 6 at 4:30, location tbd.

Upon MOTION made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gillies, Secretary

Follow-up:

- Check with Laura to see if she is OK with the Hunters for the Hungry refrigerated truck being parked in Rachel's driveway. (LG)

- Check with Keel about :
 - Legality of hunting deer that have yarded up.
 - Written authorization for drivers transporting deer from Islesboro to Moons during the Special Hunt.
 - How fast deer freeze in an open truck?
- Check with Steve Jacques at Hunters for the Hungry about cut of meat (all hamburger? stew meat?).
- Check with Moon's about how fast deer freeze in an open truck covered with a tarp.

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