

TOWN OF ISLESBORO
DEER REDUCTION COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, July 22, 2015, 4:30 PM, Town Office

MINUTES

Present: Michael Boucher, Linda Gillies, Paul Hatch, Jr., Don Johnson, Jr., Gilbert Rivera (chair)

Absent: Rachel Rolerson-Smith, Ken Smith

Also attending: Maggy Willcox

Gil Rivera called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. A quorum was established.

Approval of the draft minutes for the meeting of June 24, 2015. Upon MOTION made and seconded, the minutes were approved as written.

Election of DRC chair for the coming year. Mike Boucher moved that Gil Rivera be elected to serve as DRC chair. The MOTION was seconded by Babe Hatch and passed unanimously. Gil Rivera moved that Ken Smith be elected to serve as vice-chair. The MOTION was seconded by Mike and passed unanimously. Mike noted with appreciation that Linda will continue as secretary.

DRC membership Gil said signs announcing that the DRC was looking to fill vacancies should be put up in the stores, etc. Mike said that increasing the number of members should be referred to the Selectmen, who next meet on July 29. Gil said that he would attend the meeting to bring this matter up. Mike said the Selectmen should make it clear that DRC members should attend meetings consistently. Gil asked whether attendance would improve if the meeting was held at a different time. There was agreement that the regular 4:30 time was convenient for most members.

A possible camera survey. Mike said that he had learned of several companies that do camera surveys and had given Ken a lot of information. Gil recalled that at the last meeting Ken had said that Regional Warden Tim Place had concerns about baiting for camera surveys during hunting season. Mike said that it was possible to do a survey in late August, before the velvet is off the horns, but it would be best to schedule it for November, when there is less food available to deer. As no hunting is allowed within 300 yards of bait sites, the DRC would have to secure permission from the owners of several large properties that would be used as bait sites; these properties would be excluded from hunting during the expanded archery season.

Next Advisory Council meeting. The meeting is to be held at 10 am on Thursday, August 6, at the Maine Youth Fish & Game Association in Pickerel Pond. Gil said that he and Ken will attend.

Landowner permissions during the Special Hunt 2015/16. Linda suggested that the procedure for obtaining permission should be clarified. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next DRC meeting. In the meantime, Linda will check with the Town Office about past practices.

Next DRC meeting. It was agreed that the DRC should meet before the August 6th Advisory Council meeting. The meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 29th, conditional on Ken Smith's availability. Linda said she would check with him and send out the meeting notices as soon as possible.

Upon MOTION made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gillies, Secretary

Follow up:

- Gil to attend Selectmen's meeting of July 29, 2015 to discuss increasing the number of DRC members.
- Linda to check with the Town Office about their system for landowner permissions.

C: Janet Anderson; Sandy Oliver; Laura Houle; Fred Porter; Cindy Gorham; Maggy Willcox; Keel Kemper; Mark Merrifield; Peter Rand, MD; Chuck Lubelczyk

Approved 7/28/15