Westport, CT Deer Management Committee Meeting - Approved Wednesday March 13, 7:30PM

Commenced: 7:30PM Adjourned: 9:10 PM

In attendance:
Domenico Antonelli
Ben Delpolyi
Alan Eugley
Peter Knight
Michele Lamothe
Linda McCracken
James McDonald
Susan Pike

Minutes:

- **1.** Review of 2.29.2012 minutes
- **2.** Fairfield County Deer Management Alliance Colin Kelley sent an email to all members of the committee giving a brief synopsis of the Alliance's meetings and how or whether they relate to Westport. He also gave a brief synopsis during the meeting. Members of the committee who are able to attend the 3.19.12 meeting plan to attend.
- 3. Jim McDonald reported back to the committee his conversations with First Selectman Gordon Joseloff and town attorney Gail Kelly regarding whether the committees' scope included lethal means of deer control. The First Selectman confirmed, supported by statements from the Police Chief and the Town's attorney, that any form of lethal means, including a "cull" or "controlled hunt" for the control of the Town's deer population, is outside the committee's scope and that the committee should focus only on non-lethal means of deer control. A discussion concerning the focus of non-lethal control followed, which included members of the committee, members of the RTM who were in attendance, and members of the public.
- **4.** In order to facilitate topics for consideration by the committee, the members of the committee will each put together a list of all topics and resources the committee should be considering. Michele Lamothe, as secretary, will compile the list and these topics and resources and how to best approach them will be the focus of the next meeting.
- **5.** Date for next committee meeting: Wednesday March 28, 7:30 PM; room 309.