

**Westport, CT Deer Management Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday May 16, 7:30PM Rm 102 Westport Town Hall**

Commenced: 7:35PM

Adjourned: 8:50 PM

In attendance:

Peter Knight

Michele Lamothe

Linda McCracken

Susan Pike

Ben Delpolyi

Domenico Antonelli

Absent:

Alan Eugley

Minutes:

1. 4.25.12 minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. Monica Wheeler was unable to attend and will attend the subsequent meeting to discuss resources available to the committee. Literature available from the Westport Weston Health District was briefly viewed by the committee. Susan will request that a packet be made available to each committee member at the next meeting.
3. Susan communicated to the committee that the First Selectman appointed Susan Chairperson. There were no objections from the committee. Susan will contact Mr Joseloff regarding appointment of a Vice Chairperson. The committee is still awaiting a response regarding appointment of a replacement committee member due to Jim McDonald's resignation. It was recommended by Ben that a resident with knowledge of statistics be considered, if available.
4. A discussion of logistics for managing public input resulted in the following protocol for both committee and subcommittee meetings:
  - a. The committee will discuss old business/agenda items.
  - b. The public will be allowed to comment on old business/agenda items.
  - c. The committee will discuss new business.
  - d. The public will be allowed to comment on new business.
  - e. It was requested that any new business requests by the public be sent to the committee in writing prior to the meeting so it is available for the agenda/meeting notice.
5. Subcommittee meetings will begin next Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The subcommittees were re-organized as follows:
  - A: **Lyme Numbers:** Methods of tracking the incidence of Lyme and other tick-borne disease in Westport. (*Alan, Linda, Michele*)
  - B: **Education:** Public education which included general knowledge of Lyme and other tick borne diseases, personal protection against ticks and Lyme, protection of landscaping (personal property as well as Westport town owned property) and prevention of deer-related

vehicle accidents. Methods of tick control with a focus on methods that would be minimally toxic to residents, wildlife and the environment. School curriculums and the Westport-Weston Health District website were possible sources of education for residents.

*(Susan, Linda, Dom, Michele)*

C: **Deer Numbers:** Affordable methods of measuring and tracking the Westport deer population (perceptions vs impacts vs actual deer counts) *(Ben, Linda, Dom)*

D: **Deer Population Control:** Methods of deer population control *(Peter, Michele, Ben, Alan)*

6. Dates were set for the subcommittees and next committee meeting as follows. Rooms TBA:

Wed May 23: Subcommittee A: Lyme Numbers

Wed May 30: Subcommittee B: Education

Wed June 6: Subcommittee C: Deer Numbers

Wed June 13: Subcommittee D: Deer Population Control

Wed June 20: Full committee meeting