

**Subject:** MINUTES FROM JUNE 6, 2012

**Westport, CT Deer Management Subcommittee Meeting**

Wednesday June 6, 7:30PM Rm 202 Westport Town Hall

Commenced: 7:30PM

Adjourned: 9:30 PM

In attendance:

Linda McCracken

Ben DeIpolyi

Absent:

Domenico Antonelli

**Minutes:**

1. Ben deIpolyi was elected Deer Numbers subcommittee chairmen.
2. The subcommittee recognized an accurate baseline count of the deer herd in Westport was essential to evaluate the effectiveness of any future management program that the town might adopt.
3. A discussion was made of well established deer counting methods including aerial counts and sampling methods like road kill counts and droppings measures, and the accuracy limitations of each of the counting methods. A new, 100% accurate measure using FLIR (forward looking infrared radar) held the best promise of achieving an accurate count.
4. Linda Macracken agreed to contact higher education resources to see if a program using graduate students would be available to design sampling methods for deer counting.
5. Ben delpolyi agreed to contact the Westport High School principal to determine the protocol for creating a program utilizing high school students for data collection in designed sampling methods.
6. Domenico Antonelli would be asked to contact the State of Connecticut to access what data (numbers, location) the State kept on deer road kill, specifically on the Merritt Parkway and I-95.
7. A date was set for the next Deer Numbers Subcommittee meeting: Tuesday, July 3, 7:30PM.

Ben deIpolyi