

**Westport, CT Deer Management Committee Meeting - Draft  
Wednesday July 25, 7:30PM Rm 309 Westport Town Hall**

Commenced: 7:30PM, Adjourned: 8:50 PM

In attendance: Peter Knight, Domenico Antonelli. Michele Lamothe. Susan Pike. Ben Deipolyi. Alan Eugley

Absent:Linda McCracken

Minutes:

1. 6.20.12 minutes were reviewed and approved with one change.
2. Each Subcommittee gave a summary of their meetings:
  - A: **Lyme Numbers:** The committee began compiling the incidence of Lyme Disease by town in Fairfield County. The possibility of tracking Lyme Disease in Westport through Health Map was discussed. The committee will generate a graph of Lyme cases comparing rates among towns in Fairfield County and contact Greenwich to determine why their Lyme rates are lower than other communities.
  - B: **Education:** Committee members reported on the following items: Information on use of deer whistles to repel deer from automobiles and motorcycles, current available research on use of deer crossing signs and effectiveness; possibility of deer repellent plants for use in landscaping in addition to deer resistant plants; available information on deforestation by deer. The committee will start writing up the information they have collected. The committee will research some of the following information: a recently published study by Yale investigating the effects of deer browsing in western CT; rebound capabilities of deer (specifically twinning information) which potentially could effect deer population reduction efforts; check into a study by Brigham Woman's Hospital on Lyme education programs.
  - C: **Deer Numbers:** Vision Air's Forward Looking Infrared system for counting deer was further discussed.
  - D: **Deer Population Control:** The committee is continuing to collect information on the impact of hunting programs on surrounding towns, sterilization options and possible open spaces available for deer population control. The committee is especially interested in PZP use for sterilization which has become much more economical and efficient in the past few years.
3. New business: The committee would like the town to schedule and fund a deer count as soon as possible. We will look into the logistics and procedures required to do this.
4. The next full committee meeting is scheduled for Wed, August 29 at 7:30 PM, room TBA.

Michele Lamothe  
Secretary  
8/29/12