

**Westport, CT Deer Management Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 30, 2013, 7:30PM, Rm 102, Westport Town Hall**

Commenced: 7:36PM, Adjourned: 9:07 PM

The following members were in attendance: Michele Lamothe, Susan Pike, Ben Deipolyi , & Alan Eugley; Domenico Antonelli, Peter Knight and Linda McCracken were absent.

Minutes:

1. 5.16.13 minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. Peter had emailed a "Minority report" to the members of the committee and requested that it be included in the final report. The members in attendance discussed this. They discussed whether the committee should prepare a single cohesive report with specific recommendations for the town or allow for all varying opinions and submit them all to the First Selectman. The concern was that without a direct action plan for Westport, none of the committee's recommendations would be implemented. Ben introduced a motion that any committee member could write their own report with their own opinions which would be submitted as part of the committee's report. The motion was seconded and members in attendance voted unanimously against the motion. The committee agreed that a cohesive report of specific recommendations agreed upon by the majority of the committee would be more effective. It was also discussed that all members had ample opportunity during the 17 months of committee and subcommittee meetings to voice their opinions and submit data which could be reviewed by the entire committee in creating these recommendations. It was also discussed that it was important to explain in the report why the majority of the committee came to these conclusions and include the information used to make our recommendations.
3. Susan obtained a high resolution map of the deer population distribution from the Town of Westport.
4. Michele mentioned that in previous reports Vision Air had color coded the deer clusters on their maps indicating the number of deer in each cluster. Susan agreed to contact VisionAir and see if we could obtain that information; this would give even more detailed information regarding deer populations and their distributions within Westport.
5. The balance of the meeting was spent revising the final report.

Michele Lamothe  
Secretary  
6/10/13