



Town of Carlisle

Deer Control Committee

66 Westford Street
Carlisle, MA 01741

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2020 7:15pm

Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen

Attending: Jonathan DeKock, Alex Parra, Barney Arnold, Dejan Bojanic

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM.

A discussion was held with the Board of Selectmen. The Deer Control Committee first asked, "do you want this Deer Control Committee to implement the original charge of reducing the deer overpopulation in town?" To which the Board of Selectmen responded that they wished to understand the details of the proposed plan before answering. These details were explained as the recommendation to expand the hunt by making all of the following changes to the program:

- 1) Add the Hart/Swanson land to the set of land being hunted with 2-5 hunters.
- 2) Add the DPW land with an addition of 1-2 hunters.
- 3) Increase the number of hunters on various properties, up to an estimated 1 hunter per 10 acres of huntable land.
- 4) Increase the season length to match the state's full deer season (rather than end at Thanksgiving)
- 5) Talk with abutters about the 500' setback and see if any are willing to allow hunting within 500' of their house (while still on town land) as this will increase the amount of huntable land.
- 6) Increase the number of hunters up to a max of 34, depending on which of the above items are chosen making enough additional huntable land.
- 7) Enable a time-sharing mechanism, if necessary, so that two hunters would share a common area, but not be there at the same time allowing more than 1 hunter per 10 acres.

No votes were taken.

The Board of Selectmen concluded with a request that the Deer Control Committee to contact other boards for their input, specifically for reaffirmation from the Conservation Commission and the Land Stewardship Committee that this is a goal that is really important for those two bodies to achieve and redefine the goal of those two bodies, e.g. is it a certain number of kills or a particular outcome they are looking for and provide a specific recommendation. The Board of Selectmen also requested a joint meeting with these boards or adequate representation at a future Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss the bow hunting program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM