

Mary Holman, Leila Bisharat, Cecil Amos Doughty, Anita AndersOn, Steve Harris, and Marjorie Stratton
Agenda attached

Minutes from Sept 14 Meeting are Ok'd. Mary has finished the "Got Lyme?" page, which is an attempt to hear directly as many of the tick borne cases on Chebeague as possible. It will be at town office , boat bulletin board, store bulletin board, Bev's web page, library, Commons, shed at Casco Bay Lines, Chebeague Facebook page/website link. Steve will distribute flyers for 10/3 meeting as well.

Mary said we could and should bring Susan Elias on a future date since she could not make it for 10/3. Chuck Lubelczyk has confirmed for 10/3. Mr. Lubelczyk is a Vector Ecologist at the Vector-borne Disease Laboratory at Maine Medical Center Research Institute.

Anita reported that very little was forthcoming from Portland regarding tbd prevention. Mike Murray is Island liaison from Portland. Peaks used to have 350 deer which have been culled. They also used bait stations in the winter. There was evidence of inbreeding. The shooting on Peaks was by both residents and professionals. Long Island- Emily Jacobs is the Health Officer. Long Island had all Island Hunters.

The question arises, "What can we ask IF&W to do?"

Cecil has participated in deer hunts on other islands. He is knowledgeable of other Islands' strategies for herd control both successful and not successful. He says that on Cliff Island the McVanes cull the herd. Boisinhert is the biologist there. Chebeague islanders should call the IF&W directly with any deer related problems from traffic problems to garden pests.

Leila reported that Donna Weagle from Swans island and she talked at length. The tick population I "10 times worse this year than last." Also Powassan virus has been seen in significant numbers. People leaving the island seasonally are asked to recognize and report symptoms. A January Hunt which had been denied previously is now being considered by IF&W. The request is for January with no limit in addition to the regular hunting season. Leila asks if we can have a January hunt.

Anita states Mike Robital is Little John's Health Officer. She says they do very little about deer and Lyme disease.

Flagging is proposed for teaching and data purposes. Littlefield's fields, deer point, Campbell's at Meeting House road, and Cecil's property are suggested.

Peaks public works officers are Merton Mulhern and Joe Gilfer.

The question of carcass disposal is brought up. Steve remembers seeing in the Islesboro report that a refrigerator truck was used.

Leila has had extensive discussion with Linda Gilles who is secretary for the Islesboro TBD committee. Linda Gilles is interested in talking with us.

Should we make preliminary reports to the Select Board? The committee appears to think this could be a good idea.

How many flaggers do we need? Can we get stewards from the Land Trust? Is Jay Nunan available for flagging or committee work or as committee alternate?

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