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**Deer Management Committee
Zoom Special Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2022**

Committee members in attendance: Jeff Lapnow, Donna Merrill, Brett Amero, Jeff Runge, Mike Russnok

Others in attendance: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs

Call to Order: The meeting began at 6:33 pm.

- I. **Introduction of New Members:** Mr. Russnok reported that he was re-appointed to the Deer Committee and has been officially sworn in as a member.
- II. **2022 Controlled Hunt Plan:** The Commission reviewed the draft 2022 Controlled Hunt Plan. Ms. Merrill asked Mr. Russnok how he thought the 2021 Controlled Hunt went and if there was any need to change the hunt plan for 2022. Mr. Russnok explained the controlled hunt went smoothly and there was one change that was made for Slaughter Field at the Land Trust's request. The start of hunting at Slaughter Field was delayed by one month and the trail was to remain open between 10:00am and 3:00pm. Mr. Amero confirmed the Land Trust would like to continue that change for 2022.

Mr. Lapnow MOVED to APPROVE the 2022 Draft Hunt Plan with the change made to Slaughter Field whereas hunting will take place under the amendment to the 2021 Hunt Plan, SECONDED by Dr. Runge and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Mr. Russnok agreed to update the draft document and forward the final version to the committee members. Mr. Amero & Ms. Merrill agreed to bring the proposed 2022 Controlled Hunt Plan to the Wilton Land Conservation Trust for review at their meeting on May 25, 2022. The 2022 Controlled Hunt Plan will be sent to the Conservation Commission for review at the June meeting.

- III. **Approval of Minutes: March 8, 2022**

Mr. Lapnow MOVED to APPROVE the meeting minutes of March 8, 2022 as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Merrill and CARRIED 4-0-1 with Mr. Russnok abstaining from the vote.

IV. **Adjourn** – The meeting ended at 6:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs