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**Deer Management Committee  
Zoom Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2023**

**Committee members in attendance:** Mike Russnok (Chair), Jeff Lapnow, Jeffrey Runge, Brett Amero

**Absent:** Donna Merrill (notified of intended absence)

**Call to Order:** Mr. Russnok called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

- I. Approval of Minutes: March 7, 2023:** Mr. Lapnow MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes as drafted, SECONDED by Dr. Runge and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.
- II. 2023 Hunt Plan Discussion:** Mr. Russnok confirmed the 2023 Hunt Plan is the same as 2022 with two additional contiguous properties added. Gregg/Belknap was identified as an area of trespassing from neighbors.
- III. 2023 Hunt Plan Approval:** Mr. Lapnow MOVED to APPROVE the 2023 Hunt Plan as discussed, consisting of the 2022 Hunt Plan and the addition of a Town Parcel and contiguous Wilton Conservation Land Trust Parcel on Sharp Hill Road, SECONDED by Dr. Runge and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.
- IV. Public Comment:**

Kristin Jacobson, Resident, commented that her property has many deer and they would like to include their area in the program. Mr. Russnok responded that private properties are not included in the Controlled Hunt.

Coral Mitchell, Resident, raised concern about notification to neighbors. Mr. Conklin confirmed all residents within 500 feet of hunted properties are notified. Ms. Mitchell requested an ordinance to ensure private property owners are notified of hunters hunting their properties. Mr. Russnok confirmed this is a state law and is above this committee's purview.

- V. Adjourn** – The meeting ended at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Larkin, Secretary, Environmental Affairs