

# The Shelter Island Deer & Tick Committee

## Meeting Minutes 9/11/08

Present: Chairman Rae Lapidés, Janalyn Travis Messer, Dr. Scott Campbell, Dr. Bill Zitek, Mike Scheibel, Patricia Shillingburg, Supervisor James Dougherty, Police Chief James J. Read, Clerk Nancy Byrne and reporter Jake Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am.

### **New Business:**

There will be a meeting for hunters on Thursday September 18, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Shelter Island Town Hall. The DEC and Cornell University will be on hand to go over the new hunting guidelines that will be in place for the 2008 hunting season. Information will be given out on how hunters can hunt in conjunction with the 4-Poster units being in place.

### **Budget Review:**

Chief Read said that the deer management hunting would be working around the 4 posters and that it will give way to the study areas as a priority. It will be a greatly scaled back version.

Chairman Lapidés raised a question about the need for the nuisance hunt to continue this year. Mike Scheibel said that the deer herd is not decimated at all and that the flyover data proves that fact.

Chief Read went over the 2009 budget line by line. He said that the Deer and Tick Committee budget and the 4-Poster budget are the same. Revised budget:

	<u>Account #</u>	<u>2008 Budgeted</u>	<u>2008 Projected</u>	<u>2009 Requested</u>
<b><u>Deer &amp; Tick Equipment</u></b>	A4010.2.000	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
<b><u>Deer &amp; Tick Advertising/Education</u></b>	A4010.4.95	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b><u>Deer &amp; Tick Professional Services</u></b>	A4010.4.97	\$150,000.00	\$52,315.00	\$0.00
<b><u>Deer &amp; Tick Personnel Services</u></b>	A4010.1.000	\$2,127.00	\$2,127.00	\$1,000.00
<b><u>Deer &amp; Tick O&amp;M</u></b>	A4010.4.84	\$800.00		
Permethrin			\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Premiere Pest Control Maintenance Bid			\$60,450.00	\$75,450.00
Neptune Feed - Projected Corn Needed (189,000 lbs) - 36 Weeks			\$44,550.00	\$55,000.00
Shelter Island Town Highway (Unit Servicing/Set up/Breakdown)			\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00

Signage, rollers, repair parts, applicator guns and etc.		\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Misc. expenses		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
		\$123,500.00	\$159,450.00
<b><u>Deer &amp; Tick Research</u></b>	A4010.4.180	\$700.00	
Vision Air Research (Deer Count)		\$9,916.00	\$8,000.00
<b>Total</b>		\$156,627.00	\$138,543.00
			\$169,950.00

Chairman Lapidés said that the Deer and Tick Foundation would help raise monies after they finish raising the money to cover their Cornell University costs obligation.

Nancy Byrne will get Chairman Lapidés the information on the corn we use so that she can begin to solicit vendors before the Town goes out to bid.

Discussion was had about taking the Shelter Island Highway costs out of their budget and not ours, but it will remain in our budget so that we can show the exact costs when need be. Nancy Byrne's salary for clerk services will come out of the Deer & Tick Personnel Services line (\$1000.)

The word 'Education' will be added to the Advertising budget line.

The Committee should run by Nancy Byrne any monies they wish to spend out of the Advertising/Educational budget before spending anything out of that budget line because we need to make sure we don't go over it.

The monies for the aerial photos were decreased because we don't need to include North Haven as part of the flyover anymore. It is not necessary for the study to be conducted.

Janalyn Travis Messer and Nancy Byrne will present this budget to the Town Board in October when the Committee is asked to go before the Town Board. They will meet with Supervisor Dougherty before hand.

**New 4-Poster Locations:**

There are 58 units currently placed. Chairman Lapidés wants to see if there are any other locations that are more suitable for those units that are not being utilized as much. Dr. Scott Campbell thinks that the committee should wait for the deer behaviorists at Cornell University to ask for help with prosperities rather than give them direction as to certain properties the Committee thinks are good to use.

Dan Gilrein and Susan Walker will scope out locations they feel will be good and then the committee will help them in any way they can to obtain permission or etc.

Chief Read reminded the Committee and Cornell that they need to run any movement of the devices by the Town Board if they will be within 300' of a residence, park or etc. They may not want to allow the devices to enter into the 300 foot buffer zone as now allowed by the DEC. Dan Gilrein assured everyone that nothing has been moved, replaced or set up within the 300 foot zone as of that point.

Chairman Lapidès suggested that Cornell bring in the devices as of November 15<sup>th</sup> and that the Town hold off it's nuisance hunting until November 15<sup>th</sup> and no devices will then have to be moved, replaced or etc.

**Cornell Report:**

Dan Gilrein and Susan Walker informed the Committee of the following:

They are trying to relocate some devices that may present problems with the Town's Nuisance hunters. They are trying to wrap up the device movement by the end of the month. Again, Chief Read said he would rather inconvenience the nuisance hunters than move the devices. The Chief and Dan/Susan will work it out.

There is less animal damage to the devices then in the past months due to the installation of metal parts that control the corn flow.

The storms have not really affected the units too much, just some standing water where the corn comes out. Cornell is keeping it cleaned out for the most part.

Dr. Campbell brought up the issue of controlled burns, but it is too complex for us to get into right now.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46am.