
**Deer Management Implementation Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 1, 2018
Time Start: 7:00 pm
End Time: 8:00 pm
Location: Town Hall, Lower Level Small Conference Room

In Attendance: Stefano Zandri, Chairman and Huntmaster
Steve Scala
Paul Payne
Richard Szentkuti
Chief John Roche

- 1) Motion by Steve Scala to approve the February 1, 2018 meeting minutes; seconded by Paul Payne.

All in Favor

- 2) Discussion of 2017-2018 Controlled Hunt.
Chair Zandri spoke with Connecticut State officials who advised Stefano Zandri of the importance of continuing Ridgefield's Controlled Hunt to control the deer population. The officials had recommended adding locations to the Controlled Hunt to make a better impact on the deer population. Current practices maintain the numbers as they presently are.

Chair Zandri said that the 2017-18 Controlled Hunt was a success with sixty (60) deer taken and a total from State records of 161, making Ridgefield number nine (9) in deer taken. Twenty (20) deer were taken in January 2018. Given a delay of the Controlled Hunt and two (2) properties not approved for the Controlled Hunt, the numbers indicate a successful season for the hunt.

- 3) Members of the committee were notified of the Board of Selectmen meeting.
- 4) Paul Payne reported on his meeting with Ms. Jennifer Reid regarding Lyme Disease and felt it would benefit the Committee to have Ms. Reid present to the Committee – members agreed.
- 5) Chair Zandri reported he gave the Committee's Controlled Hunt 2017-2018 letter to the First Selectman for review.
- 6) Motion by Paul Payne to close the meeting; seconded by Richard Szentkuti.

All in Favor

Chief John Roche
Secretary

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2017 -18 Deer Hunt Properties

1. Levy Park (archery, shotgun and muzzleloader only) (AM only)	46acres
2. Shadow Lake (archery, shotgun and muzzleloader)	40 acres
3. Laurel Lane (archery, shotgun and muzzleloader)	50 acres
4. Linden Lane (archery)	26 acres
5. Between Old Trolley and Shadow Lake (archery only)	20 acres
6. Ridgefield Municipal Golf Course (archery with limited muzzleloader)	166 acres
7. Reed Park (archery, shotgun and muzzleloader)	27 acres
8. Keeler Court (archery only)	26 acres
9. Ledges property (archery & firearm)	26 acres
10. Stonecrest (archery, shotgun)	34 acres
11. Ridgebury Farms (archery)	94 acres
12. Silvermine Ridge (archery only)	14 acres
13. Kiah's Brook (archery) – new	53 acres
14. Sarah Bishop (archery, firearm) – new	39 acres
15. Bobby's Court (archery) – new	34 acres
16. West Mountain McManus (archery) – new	28 acres
17. Colonial Heights (archery) – new	19 acres
18. Peaceable Refuge (archery) – new	16 acres

2017 -18 Deer Hunt Seasons

Archery:	October 10, 2017 – January 31, 2018
Firearms:	November 15, 2017 – December 5, 2017
Muzzleloader:	December 6, 2017 – December 30, 2017