

Approved Minutes
Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust
Hunting Ad Hoc Committee
Meeting
January 22, 2024

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm, by D. McNaughton. Members present were D. McNaughton, S. Souza, B. Mackintosh, L. Brousseau, C. Trocki, B. Hathaway.

D. Osborn arrived at 4:45pm.

2.) Introduction, purpose, scope, and discussion: D. McNaughton explained that the purpose of the group is to figure out how the hunting program should run and make recommendations to LCACT. Any recommendations from this group would be submitted to the LCACT.

The members introduced themselves.

D. McNaughton explained the differences between LCACT fee owned properties and LCACT easement properties. LCACT can only make decisions for their fee owned properties.

The number of deer in town were discussed. More access to properties would lead to a greater number of deer being taken and this would help to reduce the deer population.

It was noted that next week the Sakonnet Preservation Association is having a guest speaker about coyotes. The coyote problem is worse because of the deer population.

It was suggested that LCACT could ask hunters to report deer taken to LCACT.

The properties which have historically been hunted were reviewed.

Currently, LCACT has eleven (11) properties being hunted by fifteen (15) hunters. LCACT needs to determine which properties could be open to hunting, and the number of hunters allowed on each property.

Several suggestions were made including:

- Limiting the properties to ground blinds and climbers,
- Must take a doe before taking a buck,
- The goal for this year should be to get the program up and running,
- Create a questionnaire to gather information (D. Osborn and L. Brousseau will work on this). This questionnaire will be sent to all hunters in town. D. Osborn will come up with a list of questions to solve.
- A list of all hunters in town is needed. C. Cady will ask the LCPD for a list and also for the numbers of deer vs vehicle accidents for the past five years.
- Need to determine if properties should be open to the rest of the state. Discussion was that properties should be open to all hunters and not limited to only town residents.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Cady