

Here are the notes from last night. Please feel free to add anything I may have forgotten. I thought it was more efficient to include the links to the DEC for specific questions.

Community Meeting with DEC representatives  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
September 28, 7:00 pm

Selinda Brandon, from the DEC, presented an informational meeting to the community. Mike Clark and Regina Willis also attended the meeting as representatives from DEC.

- Approximately 40 community members were in attendance.
- Tone was interested, supportive, and respectful.
- Questions from the participants increased understanding of the current deer population problem and techniques for mitigation.

Mitigation Issues suggested by the DEC:

- Feeding deer is not only illegal, it is harmful to the deer. It was recommended that deer feeding be reported to the DEC office. They can issue a warning and if needed follow up with citations.
- *Here is a link concerning deer feeding:*

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/822fa3ac/QtFkuaCZN0eT0ph11gq-cA?u=https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7197.html>

Questions were asked about moving deer to another area and using sterilization: *Link found in the Community Deer Management Guide:*

[https://link.edgepilot.com/s/710efab8/uiiUxOcqJ0\\_7OVVrWv1RLA?u=https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife\\_pdf/commdeermgmtguide.pdf](https://link.edgepilot.com/s/710efab8/uiiUxOcqJ0_7OVVrWv1RLA?u=https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/commdeermgmtguide.pdf)

Question about bow-hunting in the city:

It is legal to hunt with a crossbow within the city limits by following the DEC regulations:

[https://link.edgepilot.com/s/8609c22a/61m1xQ-sT0Gm GTKjLz\\_ZQ?u=https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/68802.html](https://link.edgepilot.com/s/8609c22a/61m1xQ-sT0Gm GTKjLz_ZQ?u=https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/68802.html)

Selinda discussed a variety of mitigation procedures that could be implemented:

- Wooded areas behind SUNY, Hartwick College, and city owned property could be considered for special deer hunting permits from the DEC for the purpose of deer management. This would increase the taking of does. (Removing a buck, removes one deer from the herd. Removing a doe has the potential of removing three deer.). Private landowners who live in wooded areas outside the city limits may also apply for these special permits and may allow others to hunt on their land. The landowner can require who can hunt, when they can hunt, and where exactly on their land hunting can occur.
- *Here is the link:*  
<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/7249322f/sfMBkC6u-kCbe2HA5z3OAq?u=https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/6403.html>
- Otsego Media filmed the presentation and will put it online. Once it is up, we can link to individual websites and social media. They are including our link for the survey and the QR code.
- Vicky Klukert from the Daily Star just did a phone interview with me about the meeting. I sent her the above information with the DEC links.
- We will keep the survey open until October 15. Vicky K will include the link to the site in her article. I think it might be in the paper tomorrow.
- Don Mathisen interviewed Sandy and myself for his WIOX radio show. (Public radio station in Roxbury NY—91.3 FM)