

Deer Management Taskforce

Meeting Notes: 01/10/23

Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall

Attendees

Betsy Holland, Susan Lettis, Catherine Paluch, Wendy Miller-Willis, Thomas Travisano, Sandra Bright, Marge O'Mara

Guests

Eric Berger, Jon Clark, Travis, Bob Pierce

New Business

1. Answer/discuss questions sent from the QLIC
2. Review the purpose and work completed by the Taskforce to provide background for guests
3. Elicit questions, concerns, and input from guests concerning proposal, equipment list

Notes

- **Questions received from QLIC:**

1. What other communities have established a DDP standing committee?

List of NYS communities with herd reduction programs with links to their proposals was provided to taskforce and will be sent to the QLIC

2. Do you foresee the DDP committee researching possible locations for culling and initiating contract proposals?(recommending locations and doing the work to make sure the landowners of those locations are "on board" are two different things, of course)

The taskforce believes that this is a next step that will be defined more clearly once the management proposal is accepted. Next steps: (1) Formation of a Deer Management Oversight Committee (a volunteer group of experienced hunters who will help finalize and implement a herd reduction program). (2) Deer Management Oversight Supervisor (volunteer who will supervise the implementation of the herd reduction program, make final adjustments to plan, recruit and evaluate participants, be on call during implementation events, delegate responsibilities within the committee, and report back to the Common Council).

3. Please provide a breakdown of what the \$5000 would be used for with this program

A draft list of equipment used by the Town of Camillus was provided to the taskforce. A detailed description of each piece of equipment with the cost of each was included. A breakdown of start-up costs and estimated ongoing costs per year was included. After discussion with guest hunters, the task force concluded that specific types of equipment would likely be modified by the actual participants in these events. The draft is a ballpark estimate that gives a general

outline of costs and equipment needed. The list is guideline and while specific equipment may be modified, the costs will likely remain similar.

Action Items

1. Final editing on proposal for the Jan 27 QLIC meeting
2. Continue communication with our guests. Their insights and experiences are essential to our understanding.

Next Meeting Agenda

Meeting will be 5:00 January 17, at Marge O'Mara's house, 4 Ravine Parkway North. Snacks are encouraged. :). We will review our proposals, all paperwork that will be submitted to the QLIC, and enlist the support and knowledge of our guests.