

Meeting MINUTES: Facilitator Corey Driscoll Dunham

Attendees: Ken Garno, Sharon Sherman, Perry Singleton, Rick Maylor, Joanne Gardino, Martha Thompson, Peter Thompson, Wendy Vander Boga, Susan Levy, Eric Schroeder, Ellen R., Lucinda Bloomer, Harvey Lewis, Tia Mcausblin, Elaine Wolf, Mark Johnston, Matt Oja, Sandra J. Porter, Susan & Peter Mannoia, Dorothy White, Anita Marusiach, Ebbing DeJong, Richard B. Vincent, Deborah Jones, Ken Balamut, Marilyn Zaleon, Stephen Waldron, Mafine Williams, Tom Fondy, Katie Rice, Aastha Thakov, Christie Bravos, Robert Jenkins, Emilee Lawson Hath, Barbara Blumberg, Audrey Fletcher, Timothy Voorheis, Ron and Marillyn May, A. Marie Sprayberry, Edward Voytouch, Doreen E. Todorov, Mike Chellis, Anna Giacobbe, Nina Andon McLane, Kathy Downing, Starke Donally, Susan Loevenguth, Paul Broom, Catherine Boule, Michael Greene, Charles Miller, Jim & Susan Reilly, Nader Maroun, Joe Nicoletti, Jean Kessner, Lt. Don Scholtz, Assemblyperson Pam Hunter, County Legislature Linda Erwin, Laura Lavine, Paul Driscoll, Juanita Perez-Williams, Dave Kirby, Courtney Lamier, Jacob Dylan, Emilee Lawson Hatch, Kristina Ferrare, Audrey Mitchell

Minutes from the September 19th meeting were reviewed. Ken Garno motioned to approve the minutes as written, Richard Vincent 2nd, all were in favor.

Issues for Police/other departments: Residents complimented DPW on their yard pick-up this summer as well as the striping of the roads.

Deer Management: Assemblywoman Pam Hunter explained that there needs to be a change in Legislation in January that will allow the culling of Deer within Syracuse to move forward. If legislation passes, the Deer Management plan will most likely be implemented next fall. Call, write, email or fax Pam Hunter's office with your support to move the legislation forward. There also needs to be increased advocacy for Lyme disease.

Councilmember Nader Maroun explained that he is part of a 5 person Task Force to work on implementing the plan developed by neighborhood leaders.

Courtney Lamier, DEC big game biologist in this area, encouraged the attendees to visit www.DeerAdvisor.com and DEC.NY.gov to learn more about the topics addressed at the meeting as well as management tools.

Kristina Ferrare, Cornell Cooperative Extension, distributed information on the lifecycle of Ticks and explained that Deer are one component to dealing with tick issues.

Audrey Mitchell, a 19 year old chronically ill from Lyme, expressed the issues with health care professionals inability to properly diagnose and treat Lyme disease patients.

Emilee Lawson Hatch explained that legislation needs to pass from Senator Valesky and Defrancisco to issue a permit that would waive the 500ft radius that needs property owner agreement. DeWitt will be moving forward this winter and will have a noticeable effect on neighborhoods within Syracuse. A draft plan is available to those who sign up for an electronic copy or a paper copy by mail.

Questions were then opened to the floor.