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The attached proposal for the 2020(January 2021 Archery only) Bethel Controlled Deer Hunt is submitted for approval by the Board of Selectmen. If the proposal is accepted and the Board of Selectmen appoints me I will volunteer to act as "Coordinator" as defined in the proposal.

In lieu of providing insurance we will require each participant to execute a Release and Indemnity Agreement as we have done annually since 2007.

The hunters of Bethel greatly appreciate the privilege of hunting on town property and you may be assured that we will conduct the hunt on the same high level of sportsmanship and integrity as in the past.

If you have any questions my telephone number is 203-948-0738.

Frank Germinaro  
Coordinator

**2020**  
**BETHEL CONTROLLED DEER HUNT**  
**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATIONS**

*It is understood that all firearms and hunting laws and regulations are in force and that the following are additional conditions of participation in this hunt.*

1. All hunters will park in the designated areas: at either cul-de-sac for Terre Haute and hunters who are awarded a permit to hunt Chestnut Ridge will be provided with parking instructions on sign-up day.
2. Hunters are permitted to hunt only in the area and at the season they have received written permission for.
3. No other wildlife is to be pursued. Only deer hunting is permitted.
4. No permanent tree stands will be erected.
5. All hunters will be required to report their success and hunting activity to the town. A questionnaire will be provided with an e-mail address to send the report. Failure to report will disqualify the hunter for future controlled deer hunts. Please Report by January 31, 2021.

## **PROPOSAL FOR THE BETHEL CONTROLLED DEER HUNT**

**GENERAL:** Application and processing for the Bethel Controlled Deer Hunt will be conducted by the volunteer Coordinator subject to the approval of the following proposal by the Town of Bethel Board of Selectmen.

It is understood that the Board of Selectmen may amend the items outlined in the proposal.

### **PURPOSE OF THE HUNT:**

1. To maintain the balance of the deer herd in the area.
2. To combat the tick-borne disease threat.
3. To reduce property damage due to the abundance of deer, the decrease of habitat in Bethel and the lack of harvesting.
3. To reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents caused by the overpopulation of deer.
4. To reduce the number of deer lost to starvation over a harsh winter season.
5. To give the hunting residents of Bethel the opportunity to use town land.
6. To provide meat for the table.

### **APPLICATIONS:**

The first Saturday after Labor Day (September 12, 2020) will be designated as “application day”. Applications will be processed at the Town Hall starting at 8AM. (Outside to assure social distancing)

Permits will be available through the Coordinator later to town residents not able to attend on “application day”.

Prior to hunting applicants will be required to have a current hunting license and to complete the following applicable forms:

1. Consent to hunt deer on private land.
2. Firearms and/or archery application.

All forms will be completed by the applicant and returned to a processor who will check them for accuracy and completeness. The completed forms will be submitted to the First Selectman for signature.

## **APPLICANTS:**

1. All applicants must be adult (18 years old) residents of Bethel who are registered voters or resident taxpayers.

EXCEPTION: JUNIOR HUNTERS (12 to 18 years old) may participate in the controlled hunt if they meet the following criteria:

- (a) They are residents of Bethel.
  - (b) They comply with the regulations as published in the *CONNECTICUT HUNTING AND TRAPPING GUIDE*.
2. Must have a valid Connecticut Hunting License.
  3. Must obtain State of Connecticut permits for each weapon used.
  4. Must execute a Release and Indemnity Agreement.

## **ADMINISTRATION:**

The Coordinator will provide volunteer personnel who will:

1. Effectively handle and process all applications at the Town Hall.
2. Provide maps delineating the boundaries of the hunting areas.
3. Observe conditions and conduct in the field to assure a safe hunt and to assist as required.

The Town of Bethel will provide:

1. All forms, applications and regulations.
2. Adequate facilities at Town Hall to effectively handle all applicants in the allotted time.
3. Whatever publicity is required to inform the public of the Controlled Deer Hunt.

**RULES:** All state regulations pertaining to deer hunting on private land will be in effect. Additional rules and regulations specific to the Bethel Controlled Deer Hunt are summarized in the attached sheet. Each hunter will be issued a copy of D.E.P. Hunting Regulations and the special Bethel Controlled Deer Hunt Rules at the time of application.