

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

COOPERATIVE HUNTER-LANDOWNER MANAGEMENT PLAN

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made this _____ day of _____ 2023 by and between the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management ("DEM"), Division of Fish and Wildlife (the "Division"), and the Town of Bristol, (collectively the "Parties") to allow archery deer hunting on four town properties: Minturn, Hopeworth, Skaters Pond and 100 Acre Woods. The Parties agree to participate in perpetuity unless a new MOU is established. Either of the undersigned "Parties" may withdraw from participation of this program by giving a thirty (30) day written notice with cause, resulting in termination of this agreement between the Town of Bristol and the Division.

This MOU is executed in duplicate and each copy, thereof, shall be deemed original.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND DESIGNATED FOR PUBLIC HUNTING

The Town of Bristol is the fee owner of four separate properties located in the Town of Bristol, County of Bristol, State of Rhode Island, more particularly listed and described in Exhibit A, which is attached and incorporated herein (hereinafter referred to as the "Premises"). This Premises is further described in the Deer Management Plan for Town of Bristol, included as Exhibit B, attached hereto, and incorporated herein.

Tax Parcels for each property are listed below,

1. Minturn: 171-25:91 acres, 144-6: 1.96 acres, 144-7: 2.93 acres
2. Hopeworth: 156-116: 20.16 acres, 145-21: 15.36 acres, 145-112: 6.91 acres, 145-107: 0.12 acres, 145-N.A. Clipper Way ROW: 1.28
3. Skaters Pond: 108-1: 6.36 acres, 108-67: 15.19 acres, 108-11: 4.10 acres, 112-100: 1.48 acres
4. 100 Acre Woods: 89-2: 8.29 acres, 89-57: 6.07 acres, 89-3: 27.14 acres, 89-70: 1.11 acres 92-89: 13.22 acres, 90-67: 11.31 acres, 92-74: 38.67 acres

AGREED TO BY THE TOWN OF BRISTOL

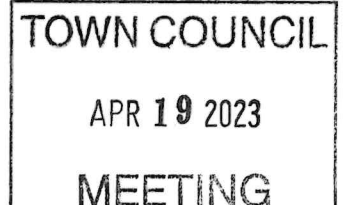
Pursuant to this MOU, the Town of Bristol agrees to the following:

- A. Allow public archery deer hunting on the Premises;
- B. Assist in the detection of violators of law on the Premises.

AGREED TO BY THE DIVISION

Pursuant to this MOU, the Division agrees to the following:

- A. Establish and enforce DEM regulations;
- B. Indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Bristol in case of any injury resulting from hunting use of the Premises.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

WITNESS:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT, DIVISION OF FISH AND
WILDLIFE

By: _____
Phil Edwards, Chief

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE

In Providence, in said County and State, on the ____ day of _____, 2023, before me personally appeared Phil Edwards, the Chief of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, to me known and known by me to be the party executing the foregoing instrument for and on behalf of the STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANGEMENT and he acknowledged said instrument by him executed to be his free act and deed, his free act and deed in his capacity as aforesaid, and the free act and deed of the STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

WITNESS:

TOWN OF BRISTOL

By: _____
Steve Contente, Town Manager

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF _____

In _____, in said County and State, on the ____ day of _____, 2023, before me personally appeared Steve Contente, Town Manager of the TOWN OF BRISTOL, to me known and known by me to be the party executing the foregoing instrument for and on behalf of the TOWN OF BRISTOL and he acknowledged said instrument by him executed to be his free act and deed, his free act and deed in his capacity as aforesaid, and the free act and deed of the TOWN OF BRISTOL.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

Town of Bristol
Minturn



0 0.075 0.15 0.3 Miles

Town of Bristol 100 Acre Woods





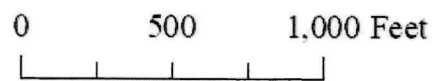
- Parking
- Hunting Area

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

Town of Bristol Hopeworth





-  Parking
-  Hunting Area




Town of Bristol
Skaters Pond



 Parking
 Hunting Area

0 0.05 0.1 0.2 Miles



“Exhibit B”

Deer Management Plan for Town of Bristol

Open four town properties; Minturn, Hopeworth, Skaters Pond and 100 Acre Woods for Archery Deer Hunting on Town of Bristol property located throughout the town of Bristol in Cooperation with R.I. DEM Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW)

Purpose: To assist the Town of Bristol reduce deer abundance through legal regulated archery hunting.

Project Area: The four properties are Minturn, Hopeworth, Skaters Pond and 100 Acre Woods can be seen in Exhibit A.

Minturn: Parking and access may occur on Tower Street between poles 24 and 26. Hunters shall only hunt in the wooded sections of the boundary but may utilize the access road within the boundary seen in Exhibit A.

Hopeworth: Parking and access may occur from Annawamscutt Boat Ramp or Hopeworth Ave.

Skaters Pond: Parking and access may occur on Peter Road.

100 Acre Woods: Parking and access may occur at the end of Elmwood Drive, end of Jameson Drive, and parking area on San Francisco Drive.

Proposed Management: To reduce deer abundance and associated negative impacts, the DFW and the town will open said properties to archery deer hunting. As members of the Bristol Town Council are concerned for public safety, archers must obtain an Archery Proficiency Card prior to hunting any of the said properties.

Terms: The Division of Fish and Wildlife will maintain signage posting entrance areas stating that archery deer hunting is occurring. This management agreement shall be in effect in perpetuity. During the period of agreement changes in management practices may be discussed and agreed upon before implementation. Any modifications to the agreement must be in writing and agreed to by both parties. Either party may cancel this agreement with written notice showing cause thirty (30) days prior to termination.

Schedule: Annually in September, the DFW will post entrance areas with DEM/DFW signs if they have been removed.