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Dear Friends,

A public hearing concerning deer last Wednesday produced a wonderful exchange of ideas and concerns from many residents. The Board of Trustees takes note of these concerns, and will consider the views expressed very seriously.

With so many thoughtful opinions to consider the Board of Trustees took no action other than to hold the public hearing open until Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 7 PM. In the meantime it is evident that residents want more information. We will ask DEC wildlife representatives to provide a presentation of the deer situation on Long Island. Culling, selective nuisance control, deer fencing, and birth control will be discussed along with deer resistant vegetation.

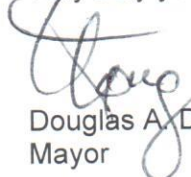
In addition, the Board of Trustees will appoint a Deer Commission, consisting of volunteer village residents, to address this problem and advise the Trustees.

This matter will be discussed by the Trustees at the next work session on October 7th at 7 pm. Note that Village residents are welcome to come to the Trustees' Work Session, as is the public. But due to the nature and purpose of this meeting, comments are not taken.

In addition to more information residents want assurances of safety among other concerns. Also, residents feel that any proposals for code changes or procedures should be very specific.

As a Board, we have come to realize that the unchecked increase in the population of deer presents a threat to the safety, health, well-being, of each Village resident - and of the deer themselves. It is not a problem for just a few. While we are committed to find the way to begin to address this problem, consistent with the reasonable concerns expressed, we also respect the fact that some Village residents do not want deer harmed.

Very truly yours,


Douglas A. Dahlgard
Mayor