

Boxborough Private Landowner Deer Hunting Survey

On September 25, 2009, surveys were sent out to 103 private landowners of 5 or more acres in Boxborough. Questionnaires were not sent to large commercial properties like the Holiday Inn, Cisco and Minuteman Airport. The purpose of the survey was to determine the number of parcels and acres of privately held land in Boxborough on which deer hunting is allowed.

Results

- 59 responses (57%)
 - 18 (31%) allow hunting
 - Altogether, these respondents own 736 acres, or 64% of the total respondents' acreage
 - 41 (69%) do not allow hunting
 - Altogether, these respondents own 415 acres, or 36% of the total respondents' acreage
 - 12 (29%) of these respondents may consider allowing hunting on their land in the near future (114 acres)

Conclusions

- Owners of larger parcels, i.e., those with 25 or more acres tend to allow hunting
- Owners of smaller parcels, i.e., those with less than 15 acres tend not to allow hunting
- A small percentage of landowners who currently do not allow hunting may consider allowing hunting on their land in the near future

Comments from respondents who allow hunting

- 10 acres - only bow hunters after meeting

Comments from respondents who do not allow hunting

- 5 acres - because of our horses
- 6 acres - have 9 neighbors but would like to reduce the deer population
- 9 acres - too residential, too dangerous
- 10 acres - would allow hunting but run a business on the property
- 11 acres - no one has ever asked for permission to hunt
- 16 acres - don't allow because have stock animals
- 17 acres - believe adjacent homes too close

Miscellaneous comments

- Let's control the deer population
- Walk dogs in the woods and am against hunting