

PRESS RELEASE



The Town of DeWitt will hold a public hearing regarding the Proposed Deer Management Plan on Monday, October 23rd at 7:05 pm at DeWitt Town Hall on Butternut Drive.

After months of collaboration with residents, extensive research, coordination with neighboring communities and state government, and a public hearing in June 2017, the Town Board will be looking to make a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) determination, and then vote on whether or not to adopt and implement the Proposed Management Plan.

"This has been a very tough issue to navigate," commented DeWitt Supervisor Ed Michalenko. "I myself have family members with Lyme disease, so I appreciate the fears and concerns this issue creates." He added, "The real 'community champions' here are our DeWitt residents; they have organized efforts, collected signatures, drafted management plans for their own neighborhoods, and truly partnered with the Board on this issue." "Their efforts make me even more proud to serve a town that builds community in this way."

If the Proposed Deer Management Plan is adopted, the town will be looking to file with the DEC for a permit to conduct a cull, and will then connect with DeWitt landowners in concentrated areas of deer populations for permission to allow professional hunters onto their property. More information is available on the Town of DeWitt website.



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