

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-205

AUTHORIZING DEER MANAGEMENT HUNT ON CERTAIN TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, residents have expressed concerns to the Township Committee regarding the impact of the increase in the deer population upon their properties; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee in 2005, designated a subcommittee to develop options regarding deer management; and

WHEREAS, this subcommittee recommended that the Township Committee authorize the Blue Ridge Sportsman Club, 1383 Schindler Drive, South Plainfield, NJ, a nonprofit hunting club, be permitted to hunt on certain Township and/or County owned properties along the Passaic River and Dead River; and

WHEREAS, this deer hunt occurred during the 2005-2008 hunting season and the Township Committee desires to reauthorization the program; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator requested permission by Somerset County Park Commission, by letter dated August 4, 2010 authorizing to hunt on certain County owned properties designated as Block 57 Lot 5.01 and Block 59 Lot 11, Block 87.01 Lot 8, Block 87.01 Lot 2.01 and Block 34 Lot 25 which is the former Dock Watch Quarry. Hunting will be limited to bow and muzzle loader on Block 57 Lot 5.01 and Block 59 Lot 11 and bow hunting only at the quarry site; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Park Commission has granted permission for hunting on County property by letter from Ray Brown dated August 17, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to authorize hunting on the following Township owned properties:

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Park Commission has approved our request except for the portion of the East County Reserve; Block 86.01 Lot 3; and

The properties to be hunted are:

SOMERSET COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY:

- Block 57 Lot 5.01 – bow only
- Block 59 Lot 11 – bow only
- Block 87.01 Lot 8
- Block 87.01 Lot 2.01
- Block 34 Lot 25 – bow only
- Block 57 Lot 5.01 – bow and muzzle only
- Block 59 Lot 11

TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY:

- Portions of Block 86 Lot 4 – 195 Mtn. Avenue, at the rear of the Wagner properties.
- Block 25 Lot 14.05 – the Codington property for bow only.
- Block 87 Lot 1.01 – the former Glenhurst Golf course.
- Block 87.01 Lots 9, 10, 11 – Adjacent to the Glenhurst Golf course, along the Passaic River.
- Block 35 Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5 – Properties between the Dead River and Mt Bethel Rd.
- Block 15, Lot 13 – Bow only. South of Timber Ridge Drive.
- Block 15 Lot 29 – Bow only. South of Timber Ridge Drive.
- Block 15 Lot 8 – 87 Round Top Road. Bow only.
- Block 82 Lot 22.09 – 19 Saw Mill Road.
- Block 28, Lot 10 – 24 Mt. Horeb Road. Salvato Nature Preserve. Bow only.
- Block 78 Lot 37 – 173 Mt. Horeb Road. Bow only.
- Block 6 Lots 2, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05, 3.06, 4 & 5 – former D'Angelo property

The additional properties proposed are:

- Block 89 Lot 2.01 – 5.8 acres - Bow only.
- Block 57 Lot 8.05 – access off of Berkshire Drive – 23.5 acres
- Block 114 Lots 17, 28 & 29 – Bow & muzzleloader only – 14 acres

The proposed hunting season is as follows:

Fall Bow: (antlerless) September 11–October 1
(antler or antlerless) October 2—29, 2010

Permit Bow: Oct. 30 – Dec. 24, 26-31, 2010

Permit Muzzleloader: (antlerless deer only) Dec. 1-3, 6-11, 2010
(antler or antlerless) Nov. 29, 30 Dec. 13, 14, 18-24,
27-31, 2010 and
Jan. 1—Feb. 12, 2011

Six day Firearm: December 6-11, 2010

Permit shotgun (antlerless) Dec. 1-3; 6-11, 2010
(antler or antlerless) Dec. 15-17, 2010 &
Jan. 1—Feb. 12, 2011

Winter Bow

Jan. 1- Feb. 19, 2011

Youth Day

(Bow)
(Firearm)

Sept. 25, 2010
Nov. 20, 2010

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, hereby grants permission to the Blue Ridge Sportsman Club to conduct a deer management hunt on the Township owned properties as described above and on County owned properties as approved by Somerset County on the dates above, utilizing the methods as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blue Ridge Sportsman Club shall provide a certificate of insurance naming the Township of Warren and the County of Somerset as an additional insured for their respective properties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blue Ridge Sportsman Club shall coordinate with the Chief of Police and Superintendent of Public Works relative to posting the property and informing the public as to the hunt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blue Ridge Sportsman Club will provide the Township Committee with periodic reports as to the program authorized above.

INTRODUCED	SECONDED	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
✓		DINARDO	✓			
	✓	PLAGER	✓			
		GARAFOLA	✓			
		SALVATO				✓
		SORDILLO	✓			

CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC, Township Clerk of the Township of Warren, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee held on September 16, 2010.

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk