

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-203

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, the Township Administrator requested permission by Somerset County Park Commission, by letter dated September 1, 2016 seeking authorization to hunt on certain County owned properties designated as Block 57 Lot 5.01, and 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 portions of the East County Park – Block 86.01, Lots 8.02, 03 as shown on map and Block 198 Lot 9.12 owned by the Township and the County.

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

SOMERSET COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY:

<i>SOMERSET COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>ACRES</i>
Block 57 Lot 5.01 – bow & muzzle only	32 Ferguson Rd.	59.47
Block 59 Lot 11 – bow & muzzle only	13 Arvidale Rd.	27.90
Block 87.01 Lot 8 – bow, muzzle, shotgun	155 Mountain Ave.	45.96
Block 87.01 Lot 2.01 – bow, muzzle, shotgun	Mountain Ave.	16.25
Block 34 Lot 25 – bow only	17 Dock Watch Hollow Rd.	18.82
Portions of East County Park - Block 86.01 Lot 8.02, 03 as shown on the map. Bow only.	Lot 8.02 = 101 Old Stirling Rd. Lot 86.01 Lot 3	51.73 40.00

TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY	ADDRESS	ACRES
Portions of Block 86 Lot 4 -- bow, muzzle, shotgun	195 Mtn. Avenue, at the rear of the Wagner properties.	62.50
Block 25 Lot 14.05 – the Codington property for bow only.	15 Mt. Horeb Rd.	44.47
Block 87.01 Lot 1.01 – the former Glenhurst Golf course. Blue Ridge will not hunt this property on September 12, 19, 26, 2016 as per prior agreement with the Trails Committee. Bow, muzzle, shotgun	185-A Mountain Ave.	99.0
Block 87.01 Lots 9, 10, 11 – Adjacent to the Glenhurst Golf course, along the Passaic River. – bow, muzzle, shotgun	Old Stirling Rd.	Lot 9 = 2.4 Lot 10 = 2.39 Lot 11 = 19.01
Block 35 Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5 – Properties between the Dead River and Mt Bethel Rd on the north side of Route 78. Bow, muzzle, shotgun	Lot 1 = 26 Dead River Road Lot 2 = 143 Mountain View Rd Lot 3 = North side Route 78 Lot 5 = N/S Highway 78	20.76 50.84 17.30 13.42
Block 15, Lot 13 – Bow only. South of Timber Ridge Drive.	88A Mountain View Rd.	9.99
Block 15 Lot 29 – Bow only. South of Timber Ridge Drive.	66B Mountain View Rd.	20.29
Block 82 Lot 22.09 – Bow, muzzle, shotgun	19 Saw Mill Rd.	94.76
Block 28, Lot 10 – Salvato Nature Preserve. Bow only.	24 Mt. Horeb Road	20.68
Block 78 Lot 37 – Bow only.	173 Mt. Horeb Road	21.83
Block 6 Lots 2, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05, 3.06, 4 & 5 –Bow, muzzle, shotgun	Lot 2 = Access Rd/Route 78 Lot 3.01 = 19 Mountain View Lane Lot 3.02 = 21 Mountain View Lane Lot 3.03 = 23-24 Mountain View Lane Lot 3.04 = Mountain View Lane Lot 3.05 = 22 “ “ Lot 3.06 = 20 “ “ Lot 4 = Frontage Rd. Lot 5 = 29 Dead River Rd. All of the above are North of Route 78	16.29 2.54 1.59 4.40 4.60 1.56 2.38 18.55 29.62
Block 57 Lot 8.05 – Bow, muzzle only.	28 Berkshire Drive	23.5
Block 114 Lots 17, 28 & 29 – Bow & muzzleloader only – 14 acres	Lot 17 = Stirling Rd Lot 28 = 107 Stirling Rd Lot 29 = 101 Stirling Rd	5.3 8.48 1.09
Block 198 Lot 9.12 – Bow only NEW PROPERTY TO LIST	Township & County owned off Mary Street. Bow only.	50.84

The proposed tentative 2016-2017 hunting season as determined by the NJ DEP (Zone 13) is as follows:

<p>ANY ANTLERED DEER TAKEN IN ZONE 13 MUST HAVE AT LEAST 3 ANTLER POINTS ON ONE SIDE OF THE RACK.</p> <p>LEGAL HUNTING HOURS: ½ HR BEFORE SUNRISE TO ½ HOUR AFTER SUNSET. NO FIREARM DEER HUNTING ON SUNDAYS. LIMITED SUNDAY BOW HUNTING ALLOWED.</p>		
Fall Bow	First deer must be antlerless:	Sept. 10 – Sept. 30, 2016
	Antlered or antlerless:	Oct. 1 – Oct. 28, 2016
	Season bag limit is unlimited Antlerless deer and ONE Antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at a time.	
Youth Day	Bow Only Firearm Only	Sept. 24, 2016 Nov. 19, 2016
Permit Bow	Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. Two deer may be taken at a time.	Oct. 29 – Dec. 24, 26—31, 2016
Permit Muzzleloader	Antlerless Deer Only Antlered or Anterless	Nov. 21—23, 25, 30 and Dec. 2, 5--10, 2016 Nov. 28—29, Dec. 12, 13, 17—24, 26—31; Jan. 2, 2017, Feb. 11, 2017
	Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time.	
Six Day Firearm	Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.	Dec. 5—10, 2016
Permit	Antlerless deer only:	Nov. 21—23, 25; and NOV 30 – DEC

Shotgun Season	<p>Antlered or Antlerless:</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time.</p>	<p>2, 5—10, 2016</p> <p>Dec. 14—16, 2016; and Jan. 7—Feb. 11, 2017</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at a time.</p>	<p>Jan. 1—Feb. 18, 2017</p>

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
		MARION	x			
x		DINARDO	x			
		SORDILLO	x			
	x	GARAFOLA	x			
		LAZO	x			

CERTIFICATION

I, Cathy Reese, 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 8, 2016.


Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk