

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONTROLLED BOW DEER HUNT DURING THE FALL PERMIT AND WINTER BOW SEASONS COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2018 ON TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTRYWOOD, TRAILWOOD, BEE MEADOW AND MALAPARDIS SECTIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP AND DESIGNATED AS, LOT 9 IN BLOCK 8401, LOT 2 IN BLOCK 8104, LOT 12 IN BLOCK 8001, LOTS 16 AND 18 IN BLOCK 803, LOT 6 IN BLOCK 605 AND LOT 23 IN BLOCK 2903 RESPECTIVELY AND THE HANOVER MEADOWS PARCEL, BLOCK 5101, LOT 1 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE MUSCARELLE TRACT) AS SET FORTH ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO PROMULGATE AND ENFORCE RULES AND GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE CONTROLLED DEER HUNT

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover has determined that the proliferation and overpopulation of white-tailed deer inhabiting the Township has caused significant damage to property, including the reduction and/or elimination of native plants, underbrush and other vegetative materials which are essential resources to a healthy environment and other wildlife as well as causing serious damage to ornamental plantings within the community; and

WHEREAS, the health and welfare of human beings is also at stake with the transmission of Lyme disease by deer, and the increasing number of injuries and even fatalities attributed to deer/motor vehicle collisions; and

WHEREAS, in past years, the Township has made a concerted effort to implement a community-based deer management program that included the distribution of deer repellent free of charge to residents, the initiation of a community education program, and the initiation of limited, controlled deer hunts on designated Township owned open space land in 2006 through 2016; and

WHEREAS, although the implementation of a controlled deer hunt by professional sharpshooters using firearms did not produce the desired result of substantially reducing the deer herds in the Countrywood and Trailwood Sections of the

Township, the governing body believes that it should authorize and continue a bow hunting program on Lots 16 and 18 in Block 803 and Lot 6 in Block 605 in the Countrywood and Trailwood Sections of the Township respectively; the Bee Meadow Park open space areas designated as Lot 9 in Block 8401 and Lot 2 in Block 8104; in the Reynolds Avenue open space preserve area designated as Lot 12 in Block 8001; and Lot 23 in Block 2903, in the Malapardis Section of the Township, and by expanding the program to include an open space parcel located adjacent to Morristown Municipal Airport and known as the Hanover Meadows parcel (formerly the Muscarelle Tract), and designated as Lot 1 in Block 5101; and

WHEREAS, hunters must possess a valid deer management hunting permit issued by the Township of Hanover and a valid Hunting License issued by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife as well as a Firearms and Weapons Discharge Permit issued by the Hanover Township Chief of Police, all in accordance with the permit requirements set forth in Chapter 129 of the Code of the Township entitled Firearms and Weapons, and any rules and guidelines issued by the Chief for the proper conduct of a bow hunt in the interest of protecting the safety and welfare of the Township's residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 129-2. entitled "Discharge Prohibited; Exception". under Chapter 129 of the Code, the Township Committee has reserved the right from time to time to change and revise the locations on the Township's official map where hunting may be permitted; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Township Committee to amend and supplement the official Township Map by designating the following Township owned open space properties where bow hunting may take place:

- A. The Bee Meadow Park open space areas located in Block 8401 at Lot 9 and in Block 8104 at Lot 2;
- B. The Reynolds Avenue open space preserve area located in Block 8001 at Lot 12;
- C. The Countrywood open space area located in Block 803 at Lots 16 and 18;
- D. The Trailwood open space area located in Block 605 at Lot 6;
- E. The Jefferson Woods open space parcel located in the Malapardis Section and also known as Block 2903 at Lot 23 between South Jefferson and Malapardis Roads; and
- F. The Hanover Meadows open space parcel located in Whippany (formerly known as the Muscarelle tract) located at Lot 1 in Block 5101.

WHEREAS, the Township's bow hunt program shall take place during the following seasons, all in accordance with the New Jersey 2017-2018 Deer Regulation Set # 8:

- A. Fall Bow Season beginning September 9 through October 29, 2017;
- B. Permit Bow Season beginning October 31 through December 24, 2017 and December 26 through December 30, 2017; and
- C. Winter Bow Season beginning January 1 through February 17, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. For all of the reasons and justifications set forth in the preamble above, the governing body hereby authorizes a continuation and expansion of the bow hunting program to take place during the following time periods, all in accordance with the New Jersey 2017-2018 Deer Regulation Set #8:

- A. Fall Bow Season beginning September 9 through October 29, 2017;
- B. Permit Bow Season beginning October 31 through December 24, 2017 and December 26 through December 30, 2017; and

C. Winter Bow Season beginning January 1 through February 17, 2018.

2. Bow hunting will be permitted on the following Township owned open space parcels designated by the governing body, with the approval of the Chief of Police, to include the following:

- A. The Bee Meadow Park open space areas located in Block 8401 at Lot 9 and in Block 8104 at Lot 2;
- B. The Reynolds Avenue open space preserve area located at Block 8001 in Lot 12;
- C. The Countrywood open space area located at Block 803 in Lots 16 and 18;
- D. The Trailwood open space area located at Block 605 in Lot 6;
- E. The Jefferson Woods open space parcel located between South Jefferson and Malapardis Roads in the Malapardis Section and also known as Lot 23 in Block 2903; and
- F. The Hanover Meadows open space parcel located in Whippany (formerly known as the Muscarelle tract) located at Lot 1 in Block 5101.

3. Bow hunting shall not be permitted on Sundays during any of the bow hunting seasons listed in paragraph 1 above.

4. In accordance with regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, no bow hunter may carry a nocked arrow or hunt within 150' of a building or within 450' of any school, playground, even unoccupied.

5. Pursuant to Section 129-2. entitled "Discharge Prohibited; Exception." under Chapter 129 of the Code of the Township entitled Firearms and Weapons., the governing body hereby amends and supplements the Township's official map, as it pertains to the discharge of firearms and weapons within the boundaries of the Township of Hanover, to include the Township open space properties designated in paragraph 2 above where bow hunting only may take place during the period

commencing September 9, 2017 through February 17, 2018 (except Christmas Day, December 25, 2017). A copy of the Township's Tax Map depicting the Lots and Blocks mentioned above is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

6. Up to a maximum of thirty-five (35) bow hunters only shall be designated by the Chief of Police to hunt. In order to participate in the bow deer hunting program, all applicants seeking a Hanover Township Weapons Discharge Permit must possess a valid deer management hunting permit and Hunting License issued by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

7. To protect the safety and welfare of bow hunters and residents, the Chief of Police is authorized and directed to prepare appropriate rules and guidelines for the controlled bow hunting program. All bow hunters issued a Hanover Township Weapons Discharge Permit shall comply with the Chief's rules and guidelines and the rules, regulations and laws of the State of New Jersey governing hunting in general.

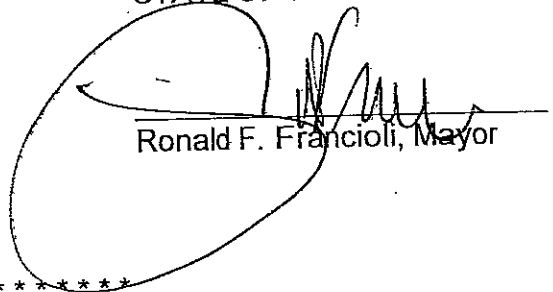
8. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Chief of Police for reference and action purposes.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: July 13, 2017

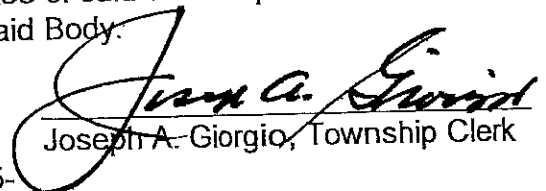
ATTEST:


Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk


Ronald F. Francioli, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on the 13th day of July, 2017, at a meeting duly convened, of said Body.


Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
GALLAGHER	✓			
FERRAMOSCA	✓			
BRUENO	✓			
COPPOLA	✓			
FRANCIOLI	✓			
TOTAL	50			