

Wildlife Committee Deer Management Update October 2016

On September 14, 2016 the township committee adopted a resolution amending the discharge ordinance (Ordinance #2016-17). Hunting will now be permitted on “parcels of three (3) acres or larger” which may be “aggregated continuous acreage of more than one landowner”. This is a step forward designed to reduce the deer population and result in fewer motor vehicle accidents, reduced incidents of Lyme disease, reduced loss to agriculture and damage to property.

If you see deer in your neighborhood, please consider safe and regulated hunting on your property.

What is required to meet the amended ordinance?

1. Applicable to private property only.
2. Hunters will possess all appropriate licenses and zone permits issued by NJ State Fish & Wildlife Division for hunting white-tailed deer.
3. Written permission from all pertinent landowners must be in hunters' possession while hunting. NO exceptions.

Good neighbor suggestions...

The goal is to assure a safe and successful hunting season by dramatically increasing the number of properties available for hunting. For the program to be successful, an increased number of properties is essential.

Please be aware that hunters are obligated to retrieve all animals and may need to track an animal to adjacent private property. Advise your neighbors that hunting is permitted in advance.

Procedure:

1. Talk with your neighbors about allowing hunting on your lot(s).
2. When an aggregated continuous lot of three or more acres is secured, consider one property owner as the 'lead' to disseminate all communications.
3. "Lead" to contact Colts Neck Wildlife Committee coltsneckwildlifecommittee@gmail.com to obtain list of suggested hunters.
4. Make certain the abutting neighbors are fully aware of what property will be hunted as well as hunter(s) location. This communication will help when an animal needs to be retrieved outside of the applicable lot(s) without trespassing.
5. Provide hunter photo and vehicle registration to neighbors so they are fully aware.
6. Ask all hunters to carry out (100%) and dress elsewhere.
7. Ask hunters to report their activities to the Colts Neck Wildlife Committee coltsneckwildlifecommittee@gmail.com and Fish & Wildlife .
8. Please report all deer related Motor Vehicle Incidents to the Colts Neck Police Department (732-462-4343 - 24 hour dispatch).