

Greensboro Selectboard

July 27, 2023 Special Meeting – Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Kelley, Gary Circosta, Ellen Celnik, Eric Hanson

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Peter Romans

OTHER ATTENDEES: Josh Karp, Jane Hoffman

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:05 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Approve minutes from 7/24/23 special meeting.

REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES FROM 7/24/23 SPECIAL MEETING

Gary made the following motion:

The Board approves the minutes from the 7/24/23 special meeting, as written.

Ellen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING TRAPPING ON TOWN PROPERTIES

David read aloud the proposed ordinance:

GREENSBORO ORDINANCE REGARDING TRAPPING ON MUNICIPAL LANDS

Section 1. No person shall trap fur bearing animals on land belonging to the Town of Greensboro except for those purposes set forth in Section 2 below; nor shall any person access a stream from town land for the purpose of trapping a fur bearing animal except for those purposes set forth in Section 2 below.

A. Fur bearing animal means beaver, otter, marten, mink, raccoon, fisher, fox, skunk, coyote, bobcat, weasel, opossum, lynx, wolf, and muskrat.

B. Lands belonging to the Town of Greensboro include, in addition to Town greens and other lands, all Town roads and their right of ways, culverts, leased land and non-navigable waters.

Section 2. Permission to trap fur bearing animals on lands belonging to the Town of Greensboro shall only be granted for the purpose of:

A. Protecting public health or safety, property, including crops, livestock and domestic animals, municipal infrastructure, conservation, including protection of threatened or endangered species, and government or university sanctioned research.

B. Any use of leg hold, body gripping or drowning traps should be accompanied by evidence that their use is necessary and the most humane option that meets the needs of the sanctioned use.

David then opened the meeting to public comment.

Jane Hoffman said she supported the ordinance.

David said a handful of communities around the state are proposing similar ordinances, with the primary intent of sending the message to VT Fish & Wildlife that trapping for recreational purposes should no longer be allowed in the state.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Josh Karp