# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NJ FISH AND GAME COUNCIL

Central Region Office Robbinsville, New Jersey November 15, 2016

The regular meeting of the Fish and Game Council was held on the above date.

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman David Burke.

The flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance were completed.

Chairman Burke read aloud the following notice: In accordance with P.L. 1975, c. 231 notice of this meeting was filed with and posted at the Office of the Secretary of State on November 3, 2016 and delivered to the designated newspapers of the Division, the Newark Star Ledger and the Atlantic City Press; published on November 9, 2016.

Roll call was taken.

In attendance were: Chairman David Burke

Councilwoman Cathy Blumig (arrived at 10:10)

Councilman Phillip Brodhecker

Councilman Joe DeMartino (arrived at 10:42)

Councilman James DeStephano

Councilman Jeffery Link Councilman Robert Pollock Councilman Frank Virgilio

Absent:

Councilwoman Barbara Brummer Councilman Agust Gudmundsson

Division employees included: D. Chanda, L. Herrighty, P. Nelson, B. Stoff, L. Barno, E. Conley, A. Ivany, D. Golden, D. Roberts, M. Brown, L.A. Quirk, and S. Coltrain.

There were numerous members of the public in attendance.

Chairman Burke acknowledged the presence of former Councilman Dan Van Mater and thanked him for his many years of service and hope that others will do the same.

Approval of the September 21, 2016 meeting was pushed back to after lunch in order to give everyone an opportunity to read them.

## **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Burke reported the Southern Region of the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs meeting which met on the past Wednesday and informed the Council that they support the Rockport

Pheasant Farm continuing to produce pheasants. The Atlantic County Federation also endorses that effort. Chairman Burke stated he received a lot of good reports on the pheasant and quail stocking. The only negative was the grass was too high at Black River WMA and hunters could not see as well as they would have liked.

# **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, David Chanda, noted he has been meeting with staff in small groups since July. He also stated since the Corporate Business Tax formula has been changed, the plans for new offices for Pequest and the Northern Region office have been put on hold. The Archery Park plan is also on hold. The Division is working with the Green Acres Program to find facilities to be purchased to meet the needs of the Northern Region and Assunpink staff. A school is being looked at for the Nacote Creek office.

In meeting with staff Director Chanda was able to talk to many employees in groups of 10 - 12. Some asked for individual meetings, which was granted. Director Chanda also met twice with Bureau Chiefs individually to go over the issues bought to his attention. Director Chanda stated staff was very honest about their work efforts and the managers they work for. As a result of the meetings, five working groups have been put together. 1) Agency Communications, led by Jon Carlucci with a goal of how to get better internal staff and external constituent communication. It is hoped that Commissioner's Office will allow the Division to create an external newsletter. 2) Technology Needs, led by Ben Trotter from the Assistant Commissioner's Office, who is also Fish and Wildlife's IT person. The goal is to evaluate and make recommendation on what technology will improve the operations and the ability to do the job. One charge to the committee was to give the cost in case funding needs to be realigned. 3) Agency Events, led by Jenny Tomko from Marine Fisheries. This group will look at events during the course of the year that would be a learning experience for staff where they will get a chance to see staff from other Bureau and associate with them informally. 4) Employee Lateral Opportunities led by Nick Healy. This was a request from staff wanting to work with other units to help for a couple of days or a week. 5) Career Progression led by Diane Ogonofski. This group will look at career progression within the Division. Director Chanda will report back to the Council on how the Committee work is progressing.

Director Chanda updated the Council on the status of the Work Plans from the bureaus. Two bureaus still need to complete their plans. Director Chanda announced the Marine Fisheries Administrator, Brandon Muffley, has left the Division to work with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Chairman Burke announced there will be an Executive Session at the end of the Council meeting and there will be no further Council business after that.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### Agriculture:

Councilman Brodhecker reported corn is still being harvested and they are still seeing a lot of bear damage. The early bear season helped with the standing crops. There is still a lot of goose

damage in the small grain. Flocks are seen in large numbers or not at all, which is typical. Councilman Brodhecker reported the State Farm Convention is going on and he was there yesterday. He thanked Director Chanda for speaking to the group in the morning.

Director Chanda stated he was sorry he was not able to stay for the "cocktail hour" where he would get to speak to individuals, but he had to attend a meeting requested by Assemblyman Timothy Eustace to discuss the work being done with black bear. He stated the media does not always report the work being done with towns to educate the public about black bears.

Councilman Link reported the state is now getting the much needed rain for the nursery crop in the south. They are seeing a lot of deer as predicted we would see this year. They appeared to be quality deer thanks to the antler point restriction (APR). Councilman Link accompanied Director Chanda to the Gloucester County Sportsmen meeting. It was a very informative meeting. He noted it is good to talk to the constituents one-on-one to hear what they have to say.

Councilwoman Blumig reported she received a phone call from someone who tried to buy a license at the Heritage Guild in Whitehouse and was told by Matt Bowlers the Division is no longer allowing people outside the Division to sell licenses. She also reported the Middlesex Federation voted the pheasant farm should be phased out and the Division should look for vendors in a graduated way. Hunters are reporting they are seeing deer. Union County voted to keep the pheasant farm and Hunterdon voted to do away with the farm.

Councilman DeStephano had no report as he was away since the mid-October.

Councilman Virgilio stated one of his goals was to visit Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) on opening day of pheasant season. He chose Glassboro because it is a diverse WMA. There is an asphalt hiking/biking trail that is adjacent to the hunting fields. He looked at the experience the hunters were having as well as the hikers/bikers/dog walkers experience and interaction with hunters. The hikers/bikers/dog walkers felt their experience with hunters were good. The hunters would start with their back toward the trails and progress away from them. The hunters were helpful and advised them it would be helpful if they wore orange. In talking to the hunters, they liked the quality of the bird they were getting.

Councilman Virgilio reported he attended a statewide range committee meeting. He gave kudos to staff member Trevor Anderson for his presentation. His knowledge and enthusiasm regarding the use of ranges are great.

The Southern region voted to keep the pheasant farm. The State Federation will hold its vote after tonight's Upland Game Committee where the discussion of the pheasant farm will take place. Councilman Virgilio attended a meeting at Lake Hopatcong State Park regarding access problems. State Parks and the Park Police are trying to help solve these problems. They have come up with a temporary permit that is in revision. Councilman Virgilio announced the S1933 bill, the Wildlife Violators Compact, passed both house and senate yesterday. He noted it is an important piece of legislation. The Federation and NJ Outdoor Alliance are behind the bill. This law makes an individual with a revoked license in New Jersey revoked in 48 other states in the compact.

Chairman Burke stated there is a sports store in Williamstown called Bangers where the owner died and manager committed suicide. Guns that were in for service is now locked up until the probate court intervene.

Chairman Burke announced he will now add to the agenda a space for newly appointed Councilman Robert Pollock to report and asked if he had any comments. Councilman Pollock thanked him and offered his input to Director Chanda for the newly formed committees discussed earlier. He noted he is responsible for Environmental Management of over 1,000 miles of overhead transmission lines in the state.

Director Chanda noted there is a Council Manual and one of the Assistant Directors should get a copy to him. Councilman Pollock stated he read the monthly reports and would like to give his input if it is warranted.

# Federation Reports:

Councilman DeMartino did not attend the Federation meeting and had no report. He reported receiving letters from people complaining that he would give to the Chairman later.

#### Finance Committee:

Assistant Director Nelson asked that a Finance Committee meeting be scheduled for January. The Committee meeting is tentatively set for January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.

# Legislative Committee:

Assistant Director Nelson noted the report she handed out is the regular full report and since there was a lot of activity yesterday the other is recent a recent activity report, which she used to make her report below.

A793 & S316 – requires Department of Agriculture and DEP to work with the US Army Corps of Engineers to establish joint permit application process for aquaculture projects. This has gone through the process and is now going to the Governor's office for his signature. Assistant Director Nelson noted on yesterday they reconsidered their vote from October 20<sup>th</sup> and re-voted with an amendment.

A794 - moving in tandem with A793 & S316 – Requires Department of Agriculture and DEP to adopt joint permit application and review program for aquaculture projects. This is now going to the Governor's office for his signature.

A3527 - Removes black bear from list of game species. Voted out of the Assembly Environment Committee. Chairman Burke asked if black bear becomes a non-game species, how much would the sportsman have to continue pay to manage the species. Assistant Director Nelson noted the answer was unknown. Animals on the non-game list are usually not a nuisance

A4160 – Permits certain deer control activities; prohibits deer feeding; and establishes check-off donation on hunting license applications to support venison donation program. On October 30<sup>th</sup> it was voted out of the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee. This permits

certain deer control activities, prohibits deer feeding and establishes a check off on the hunting license applications for venison donation program. Assistant Director Herrighty further explained, this would allow the Division to issue depredation permits to forestry operations where deer was causing a problem.

A4191 – Creates advisory Committee on New Jersey's Historic Commercial Fishing Grounds. This is a Marine Fisheries bill.

AR127 - Opposes expansion of black bear hunting season in New Jersey. The resolution moved out of the Assembly Environment Committee.

ACR25 – Determines that Fish & Game Council's adopted rule to allow use of encapsulated foothold traps is inconsistent with plain language and legislative intent of 1984 law banning animal traps of steel-jaw leg-hold type. Assistant Director Herrighty commented the Division's attorney stated this resolution is moot because in October in Superior Court Middlesex County the Department won a lawsuit which came against the encapsulated traps and which ruled encapsulated traps are not steel-jaw leg-hold type traps.

AJR 24 – Declares aquaculture an important State economic driver and urges State to include aquaculture industry in its economic development plans.

AJR25 & SR14– Recognizes Delaware Bayshore as region of special significance of New Jersey. Both are going to the Governor.

S317 – Requires Department of Agriculture and DEP to adopt coordinated permit application and review program for aquaculture projects. This is the substitution happened yesterday.

S2508 – "Nosey's Law"; prohibits use of elephants in traveling animal acts. Nosey is an elephant that some animal rights group has been following. They say the elephant has a limp and should not be in a traveling show. This bill would prohibit the use of any elephant in a circus in New Jersey.

S2702 and A4285 – Prohibits hunting and establishes non-lethal control program for black bear for five years: Prohibits certain actions that result in feeding of bears and requires use of bear-resistant containers, dumpsters and food boxes in bear habitat. Assistant Director Nelson noted this is a very broad bill. The non-lethal program states the Division would have to meet with HSUS and other animal rights groups, licensed veterinarians and wildlife biologist to come with a non-lethal program. The first year a report would have to be given to the Legislature on what the program is going to be and five years later the results. Councilman Virgilio noted he did not see any funding provision for this. Assistant Director Nelson agreed that there was no funding in the legislation.

AJR83 – designates the first full week of June each years as "New Jersey Fishing and Boating Week."

Councilwoman Blumig made a motion that the Council support designating the first full week of June each year as New Jersey Fishing and Boating Week, seconded by Councilman Link - all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Endangered Non-game Species Advisory Committee:

Chairman Burke noted that Councilwoman Brummer has a Committee meeting tomorrow.

## Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee:

Chairman Burke and Councilman DeMartino attended the Waterfowl Committee meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>. There was an offering of two parcels totaling 126 acres in Lower Alloways Creek, Salem County. The parcels had very high ratings. It was recommended for purchase by Ted Nichols. It is adjacent to Stow Creek Park and Madhorse WMA. The Committee recommended contributing up to \$25,000 to purchase the property. The property still has to be appraised. It has a good chance of getting money from another source. The Committee has been contributing with other sources in order to acquire lands. There was an update on the Quebec Waterfowl Habitat initiative, which the Committee supports. There was a report on the Southeast New Jersey Coastal initiative, which is in phase three. This involves wetlands protection and various partners matching funds. They jointly purchased 461 acres at Cape May National Wildlife Refuge. The Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor has a junior duck stamp program where last year they had 250 entries from schools and the exhibit was moved around the state. Councilman DeMartino stated they are looking for sponsors to promote the exhibit. Some children have been recognized nationally. The Coastal Initiative Program is still waiting on the permits from the Army Corps of Engineers.

## Wildlife Rehabilitators Advisory Committee:

Councilman Brodhecker reported the last meeting was canceled and the next meeting will be January 25, 2017.

#### **DIVISION REPORTS**

Barbara Stoff, Licensing and Permits, reported she has been working on the RFP for the electronic licensing system along with the Chief of Staffs in DEP and Treasury. She is hoping by the end of the month she will sign off on the RFP. Treasury will have some more work to do before final approval. In September Ms. Stoff attended the Conservation Business Managers Association Meeting. She noted it was the first time in five years that her travel was approved. This conference is associated with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies which is why her travel was not approved in the past. She is hoping next year more than one person will be approved to attend. There was so much information that the Division can take back from the meeting to help it move forward. Ms. Stoff was introduced to several businesses that would be eligible to bid on the Division's RFP once it is out in addition to meeting her counterparts in many other states. The Division has been working three years without a contract. Ms. Stoff reported license sales are on par. Deer permits are up 2.9%. Pheasant and quail permits are identical to last year. Ms. Stoff is continuing working on apprentice licenses. She is hoping to get them out and available by January.

Chief Lisa Barno, Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries, reported the Bureau is moving into the last trout stocking program for the year with the winter trout stocking season. This year the Bureau will put out 4,280 rainbow trout. The winter allocation is usually 5,000, but the number is slightly lower because eight lakes that do not allow ice fishing, are now stocked in the fall. The lakes stocked covers eleven counties. Chief Barno passed out a drought indicator sheet and explained in detail. Chief Barno noted that the State has set new minimum lows on a number of streams throughout the state. The Bureau is monitoring conditions. Reservoir levels at Round Valley set an all-time low of 20 feet down at 60% capacity. Spruce Run is at 33% capacity, 24feet down. The Bureau will continue to monitor with the Division of Water Supply. The Bureau is closing out its field work for the year. Chief Barno passed three pictures of bass fish caught in different lakes weighing 5 \(^3\)4 - 6 pounds and noted this time of the year is a good time to go bass fishing. She also passed around a picture of a 14" chain pickerel that tried to swallow a 7" pumpkinseed sunfish that was picked up during electrofishing. Chief Barno passed around a picture of a new species identified in Lake Mercer, Bigmouth Buffalo. It is the largest member of the sucker family. It is the first time being documented in New Jersey. This will make 87 freshwater fish. Of the 87, 60 of them are native.

Ed Conley, Superintendent at the Pequest Hatchery, reported stocking 21,535 rainbow trout for the fall season. A stocking summary will be in the next monthly report. The two-year-old fish averaged 14.7 inches in size. During the winter season the hatchery will stock over 4,000 two-year-olds which will average in size between 14 - 15 inches. They will be distributed through 18 water bodies in the State on November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Pequest office is getting an upgraded fire alarm panel. The upgrade will be a cellular panel. This upgrade will cover the nursery, main facility and the well houses. Mr. Conley gave an update on the solar panel project. The Division of Law has stepped in and is trying to help the pilot program get out. The UV portable water system is running. The Bureau of Safe Drinking Water is still involved testing the water.

Mr. Conley gave a report on the inventory of fish and eggs on hand. Two million rainbow trout eggs were taken and hatched. There are currently one-million fry fish on hand for the 2018 season. Craig Lemon, Superintendent of Hackettstown Fish Hatchery, sent his report with Mr. Conley. He reports working on stocking fish for the rest of the season. Mr. Lemon reports breaking records this year by stocking 700,000 fish for mosquito control. He also stocked over 28,000 lbs. of warm-water fish of 15 different species. Three new security cameras have been installed at the Hackettstown Hatchery. Mr. Lemon did a Facebook Live event of a virtual tour of the Hatchery.

Chief Al Ivany, Bureau of Information and Education, reported the Division has received an outreach grant for three years. The grant will allow the Division to dramatically increase their outreach efforts. He thanked Bob Longcor for his help. He noted the timing of this grant is good because the Division will celebrate their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pittman-Robertson Act. There will be an increase in existing events and the grant will allow publications to be increased. There are plans to develop a mobile conservation outreach trailer with exhibits for the trailer. The trailer will be wrapped with the Fish and Wildlife logo. The grant is \$360,000 for three years. The Bureau plans to work with Dee Blanton, US Fish & Wildlife Service, on specifics in the grant.

Staff member Michelle Smith is revamping the black bear education program. There will be a new display, new brochure and purchase of DVDs done a few years ago. Chief Ivany hopes to have a press conference next spring to announce the effort. The Facebook account is almost up to 11,000 likes. The page is growing dramatically. It is starting to have an impact and is reaching a lot of people. Ms. Smith will no longer be the EXPO coordinator. Staff member Matt Hencheck has taken over allowing Ms. Smith to expand the Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW) Program and to kick off a new Family Afield program. Chief Ivany thanked Mr. Conley, Chief Golden and their crews for the work they are doing at Pequest. They have been working together to improve the facility. The second phase of barn cleaning is going on. Chief Ivany noted his staff is still working on the duck exhibit and is need of some posters.

Chief Dave Golden, Bureau of Land Management, gave a summarized update on what has been happening with the Pheasant Farm. In October pheasants were stocked throughout the state in dog training areas. The youth pheasant hunt took place in 9 WMAs on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 2,280 birds were stocked. There were 296 youth participating in the guided portion of the hunt. Youth were hunting with volunteers in the morning and in the afternoon went on an unguided hunt. The next Game Code cycle will allow the youth to hunt the entire week.

On opening day of pheasant hunting, Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 6,500 birds were stocked. The Pheasant Allocation Formula was used. Chief Golden passed around a handout and explained the formula. He further noted, where birds were increased or decreased significantly, there was an increase or decrease in car numbers. Postcards were sent to stamp buyers who purchased for last 4 years as well as e-mails and radio interviews in order to get the word out about the change.

The Bureau is working with Information and Education on a controlled hunt for veterans. This will run similar to youth day. This year it will only be in the southern region on the Lenape Farm track in the Tuckahoe WMA on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event is only open to veterans only with priority given to disabled vets.

Chief Golden also handed out a summary of farm leases. A bulk of the leases expires in 2020 and the Bureau is working on the value of the in-kind contribution. The in-kind takes a lot of administration from the Bureau. After doing the math, it may be beneficial to accept the revenue and pay someone to do the work. There was a brief question and answer session with Chief Golden regarding the farm lease cost and how leases are awarded.

Chairman Burke asked if enduros are still allowed on properties. Chief Golden explained enduros have been phased out, but if there was a road near a Fish and Wildlife property, the Division had no authority to stop the riders. Law enforcement was informed to be aware there was no permission given to use the Division's property.

## Lunch - 12:06 - 12:54

Chairman Burke noted the Council members may have received a letter from Mr. Larry O'Donnell regarding pheasant stocking numbers. Chief Golden has talked to Mr. O'Donnell and will copy the Council on his response letter.

Acting Chief Matt Brown, Bureau of Law Enforcement, reported on the status of Conservation Officer new hires. There were approximately 35 applications sent out. Twenty-one came back, 20 were able to move forward in the process. Of the 20, 18 went to investigation. Eleven of the 18 are going to make the next step of interviewing which will be around Christmas time. Out of the 11 candidates, 5 will be selected to go into basic training. The start date would be the first week of February and enter police academy the first week of March in Gloucester County Academy. Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> the State of New Jersey Police Training Commission enacted a physical fitness requirement for entry into the Academy. Candidates will be tested as soon as they get in the Academy to see if they meet the minimum requirements. If the candidate fails the minimum requirements, they will be dismissed from the Academy and State service. The minimum requirement standard in the beginning of training is being enacted to save on time, possible injury and resources for individuals who may not be able to pass in the end. Acting Chief Brown noted other states have this minimum requirement already in force.

Acting Chief Brown reported the Law Enforcement 36-foot offshore vessel is well on its way. Work is being done on the plumbing and engine. It is hoped to be usable and able to transport to New Jersey by February or March.

Marine officers along with the Coast Guard are trying to locate an entangled humpback whale off of Avalon.

Opening of small game went well. There were approximately 814 contacts with sportsmen and there was a very low violation rate. This year Law Enforcement is taking a strong approach to the WMA orange hat regulation and will give out violations. There was an incident in Franklin Township, Sussex County where officers responded to a complaint of raccoons dying around a chicken coop. The owner was putting bait stations for rats and the raccoons got into it. It is very hazardous to humans and can be absorbed through the skin. Notice went out to officers not to touch the blue pellets. On opening day of at Bevans WMA in Millville, dirt bike riders were on the WMA. They tried to get away from the officers, but were caught and violations were issued. An Officer on patrol near Flatbrook WMA discovered a car near the handicapped fishing access had driven over the embankment and was stuck on a retaining wall. The driver indicated she was following a navigational device when this happened. She was tested for DUI and was cited for reckless driving.

#### REQUEST FOR LICENSE REINSTATEMENT

Captain L. Anne Quirk explained this request for license reinstatement is an exception. This individual's original violations were both for WMA violation which is a five-year suspension with no appeal. He was able to go back to the original court and get his case re-opened and amended the charge to littering while hunting or fishing. This bought his revocation down to two years and enabled him to file for an appeal.

Captain Quirk called for Louis Tolotti who was not present nor was there a representative for him. Captain Quirk represented the Bureau of Law Enforcement in reading the violation reports and letters of request to reinstate for the record. The Council performed their duty for the case. Mr. Tolotti's license was reinstated with a provision to take a remedial course.

Motion was made by Councilman Brodhecker to restore Mr. Tolotti license with a provision to take a remedial course, seconded by Councilman DeStephano. Vote taken, all favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Chairman Burke reviewed the minutes from the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to help fill in missing information that was not clear on the recording. He asked for a motion on the minutes.

Motion was made by Councilman DeMartino, seconded by Councilman Link to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2016 meeting with corrections stated. Vote taken, all favor, none opposed; motion carried.

Assistant Director Herrighty reported that Chief Stanko has sent a draft of the Proposed Game Code Amendment to the Division's attorney. A meeting has been scheduled to brief the Commissioner and hope to get it published early next year.

Deer Project Leader, Dan Roberts reported in the absence of Chief Carole Stanko. Mr. Roberts passed out a report on deer harvest update and explained it in detail. The youth archery season was the best ever in its 12-year history. The antlerless harvest for fall bow season 10,582 deer.

Mr. Roberts reported the October bear hunt harvested 562 bears. There is still room left for the December bear hunt. Assistant Director Herrighty noted if there is another 8% of tagged bears caught on Monday, the season will be closed in 24 hours.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Roberts stated there was an oversite in the hunting dates in the Game Code including December 25<sup>th</sup> as a hunting day. Picatinny Arsenal would like to close on December 25<sup>th</sup> in order to give employees a day off like other military bases.

Chairman Burke stated he signed the Joint Resolution for the Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources. Director Chanda noted that if Barbara Brummer signs tomorrow, it will be able to be used by the Audubon Society, who is currently in Washington D.C., and they will be able to show the Congressional Delegation the support we have for the Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendations.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Meeting dates for 2017 was handed out and will be discussed next month.

Chairman Burke noted a meeting quorum is now 6 and if there are a meeting someplace else not more than 5 Council members can attend. He also reviewed the new committee list.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)**

Janet Pizar, Chatam NJ - asked if the annual report will be published before November 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Pizar addressed the new members of the Council, informing them they are trustees of the

publicly owned wildlife resource and the main covenant is that they manage publicly own resources for the benefit of the public.

Barbara Sachau, Whitehouse Station, NJ addressed the hunters who killed tiny bears and killed the handicapped bear "Pedals", how terrible they must be. Ms. Sachau stated bow hunters are shooting into houses. A couple of years ago hunters shot horses with bows. Ms. Sachau stated Chronic Wasting Disease is in many states but New Jersey claims they do not have it. She further stated if a deer with the disease is eaten, it will not show up in your system for 15 years. It's all about money. She stated, "we have to grow animals to kill them."

Marc Lanzin, Toms River, NJ -would like to have GPS coordinates added to the pheasant stocking maps. He noted some of the areas are not on public roads. Mr. Lanzin also asked about the possibility of putting a dog training area on Greenwood or Peasley WMA.

Everyone was dismissed and the Council went into Executive Session at 1:49 pm.

The Executive Session ended at 3:25 pm. The regular session reconvened and was adjourned at 3:26 pm with a motion from Councilman DeStephano and second by Councilman DeMartino. All in Favor, none opposed. Motion carried.