

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

**Central Region Office
Robbinsville, New Jersey
February 13, 2018**

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 Acting Chairman Frank Virgilio.

The flag salute and pledge of allegiance were completed.

Acting Chairman Virgilio 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 February 5, 2018 and delivered to the designated newspapers for the Division, the Newark Star Ledger and the Atlantic City Press; published on February 8, 2018.

Roll call was taken in attendance:

Councilman Joseph DeMartino
Councilman James DeStephano
Councilman Agust Gudmundsson (late arrival 11:05 a.m.)
Councilman Rick Lathrop
Councilman Jeffery Link
Councilman Robert Pollock
Councilman Loren Robinson
Councilman Ken Whildin
Councilman Frank Virgilio

Absent:

Councilman Phillip Brodhecker

Division employees included: L. Herrighty, P. Nelson, D. Golden, B. Stoff, L. Barno, C. Stanko, A. Ivany, F. Panico, A. Quirk, and S. Coltrain.

There were numerous members of the public in attendance.

Acting Chairman Virgilio asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Councilman Robinson gave clarification to his report on page three.

A motion was made by Councilman DeStephano to approve the January 9, 2018 minutes with noted corrections, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. Vote taken, all were in favor; none opposed, motion carried.

Acting Chairman Virgilio started his comments recognizing the late former Fish and Game Councilwoman Madelyn Picone stating she was real pioneer and true conservationist. She served

on the Council for about eight years and was President of the Outdoor Writer's Association. She lived her life looking at wildlife as something special on this planet and tried to do everything in her lifetime to perpetuate sustainable level of wildlife. She was a true pioneer as far as women go, as far as conservations goes she was a member of our federation sportsman club for about 55 years. Acting Chairman Virgilio also gave thanks to the public who come to the meeting, sitting patiently waiting to give comments, and to staff member Shelley Coltrain, secretary to the Council. He stated she is like a silent sentinel in the background who keeps Council organized.

Acting Chairman Virgilio asked Director Herrightly for comments.

Director Larry Herrightly gave comments on the passing of Madelyn Picone. She was someone he knew early in his career. She was on the Fish Committee and even after she retired from the Fish and Game Council she would call and ask questions about Morris County Federation. She was active on Facebook until recently. There will be a memorial service in the spring.

We have been busy transitioning with the new administration. Staff has prepared, since mid-November, a transition report explaining what we do as an agency and what are some of the main issues. This was given to the Assistant Commissioner, Rich Boornazian, and next week all of the Natural and Historic Resource section of the Department Directors will meet with the Commissioner. I will have a brief opportunity to explain what our mission is and talk about the various bureaus and sections we have in the Division and what's on our mind. We have also prepared a response to the Environmental and Energy Transition Report that the transition team put together pointing out some of the items they mention, we are already doing. We are also preparing a response to the Agricultural Transition Report that mentions things that we should have specific population objectives by region, which we do, called Deer Management Zones. There seems to be some communications issues there. We have reached out to Dr. Reist to set up a meeting with some representatives of the Department of Agriculture so we can go over these issues and explain our side and what we are doing. We did meet with the Commissioner briefly to discuss the bear situation. It was a good meeting. No decisions have been made. Personnel actions, as reported last month are sort of on hold. We have permission to bring on a few people that we have made offers to, just before the change of administration. There are still several people that we made conditional offers to and we are waiting for approval to hire. Our human resources division has been given the go ahead to start advertising vacancies again. As mentioned in previous meetings, the Marine Fisheries Administration received a large appropriation of \$1.2 million extra this year. This will allow them to hire 18 staff members in addition to what they already have. That is on hold. Since we are halfway through the fiscal year we did a request to move the salary money to operating. Just last week over \$900,000 was moved to operating which will allow them to buy much needed equipment. The Marine Fisheries staff did come back from the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission meeting last week. Fluke was a big issue last year and we are going to have the status quo except with the 17% increase which allow us to add additional days on to the end of the fluke season (approximate 5 – 10 days). Which is especially important to the people fishing in the northern waters coast. The Marine Fisheries Council will make a decision on that in March.

Assistant Commissioner Boornazian may stop by the meeting today.

Acting Chairman Virgilio stated today he received a letter from one of the public members requesting to speak longer than three minutes. Since there were not a lot of public attendees, he will grant the request today. A reasonable time of 3-5 minutes will be allotted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Agriculture Committee Report:

Councilman Link reported the weather has been warm and they have been thinking of spring and planting. The fields are in good shape and are wet. The deer season has been good. There were not a lot of complaints and he has seen some quality deer harvested. There are also plenty of ducks and geese around.

Dr. Sebastian Reist from New Jersey Department of Agriculture was present but stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Liz Thompson from the Farm Bureau attended the State's Agriculture Convention hosted by Board of Agriculture. Delegates nominated two members as Agriculture Reps to the Fish and Game Council. For the Central Region, George Aspercolis was re-nominated. He was nominated before, but did not get through the seating process. Ed Hertz was re-nominated for the Southern Region. Mr. Hertz has served on the Council before, but took a term off.

Farmer/Sportsman Relations

No report.

State Federation Reports:

Councilman DeMartino was unable to attend meetings due to being sick and his workload.

Councilman Gudmundsson did not attend any meetings due to his workload and reported the dinner season has started with one being on February 17th.

Councilman Robinson reported attending Somerset and Hunterdon's January meeting. Union County's February meeting was postponed and Middlesex cancelled their meeting. He attended Hunterdon's February meeting and the Central Meeting. The discussion at most of the meetings he has attended has been about the permit fees for 65 year olds and the 70 year old age limit. There has been discussions on the deer season and harvest. The groups are working on changes to bring to the State Federation Deer Committee.

Councilman Whildin reported attending the Cumberland County Federation meeting. There is not a lot going on. He also attended the Southern Region Deer Committee meeting which was very well attended. Everyone seemed to be happy with the deer in that region. Councilman Whildin also reported attending the Southern Region Predator Hunters Meeting and they are working on a couple of proposals that they will run through the Federation.

Acting Chairman Virgilio reported attending some of the same meetings as Councilman Whildin. He reported in the Southern Region Deer Committee there was a high attendance and they were truly satisfied how the deer herd was managed. He also attended the Atlantic County meeting and they are preparing for

their annual dinner on Monday, February 19th. It is one of the largest game dinner in the state. The one thing they were interested in was the FAA hunt. Atlantic County would like for someone from the Deer Management Team meet with the FAA to coordinate and plan how it would work. They are also interested in giving the Fish and Game Council the authority to increase license fees and permits. They would like to bring it to other counties over the next couple of months. Camden, Gloucester and a part of Salem counties have a little concern over a proposed route for a cross-country bike trail. It would go through the Winslow WMA. They created a map that show various scenarios of where the trail would run.

Finance Committee:

There was no meeting.

Fish Committee:

Councilman Gudmundsson reported there was no meeting but there are Fisheries Forums this month.

Game Committee:

There was no meeting.

Legislative Committee:

Assistant Director Nelson stated the report today will be a little more complicated than usual. The first page of the report are the bills that were signed during the last legislative session. The most notable is the dog tracking bill which is now law. The others deal with monarchs and bee keepers relating to Mosquito Commission and the Non-Game Program. Assistant Director Nelson gave a report on what happened Monday in the Legislature that was too late to put in the report that was given out.

Items passed out of the Ag and Natural Resource Committee:

A-792 authorizes issuance of multi-species depredation permits for wildlife control on farmland

A-2731 removes statutory limitation on number of permits that may be issued by Division of Fish and Wildlife for the taking of beaver

A-2732 clarifies that the use of propane powered noise making devise is allowed as non-lethal method of wildlife control on farmland

A-3242 permits certain deer control activities; prohibits deer feeding; and establishes check-off donation on hunting license application to support venison donation program

There are two bills that are new:

A-3068 exempts state residents 65 years of age and older from certain hunting, trapping and fishing fees and license requirements

S-1651 prohibits use of noise cannons to control bird damage in orchards and vineyards. Assistant Director Nelson noted this bill is in direct opposite of A-2732.

Federal Legislation – there are two bills in Congress:

HR-4647- the Recovering America's Fish and Wildlife Act - to amend the Pittman-Roberson Wildlife Restoration Act to make funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by state fish and wildlife agencies – this would be additional funding but can be used on all wildlife. Originally it was supposed to be a three-year

campaign, but now it is for one year.

HR-2591 – (not on list) a modernization of the Pittman-Roberson Act – this funding is used by the Division on wildlife research and hunter education. This will open the definition to use the funds for more things, primarily R3 (Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation) activities.

Assistant Director Nelson stated, if you are interested in following what is going on with HR-4647, there is a website, ournatureusa.com

Endangered & Non-Game Species Advisory Committee:

Councilman Lathrop reported on his research trip to Tierra del Fuego, South America, for shorebird conservation. Overall it was a successful trip. There were a few helicopter surveys and ground surveys. There were a few glitches in trying to get black powder to fire the cannons. Gunpower is heavily restricted in Chile, but the supplier was able to come through with the right kind of power. Birds were successfully trapped and radio antennas were put on them. The aerial survey found the red knot numbers are down this year. It was 10,000 and last year it was 13,000.

Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee:

Councilman DeMartino reported the next meeting will be in March.

Wildlife Rehabilitators Advisory Committee:

Assistant Director Nelson reported the last meeting was postponed and the next meeting will be at the end of March. She stated that Councilman's Brodhecker's term on the Wildlife Committee is expiring but he is willing to stay on. **Councilman Gudmundsson nominated Councilman Brodhecker to continue working on the Wildlife Rehabilitators Advisory Committee, seconded by Councilman Link. All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

Public Member:

Councilman Pollock received correspondence from fishermen that fished a public lake and have been catching some enormous norther pike through the ice. They said it is the best year they ever had. He also reported PSE&G teamed with the Audubon Society and worked with Kathy Clark to put an eagle cam on one of PSE&G's towers. It is livestreaming and the eagles are on the nest. Contact was made with the NFL and was put out in a tweet just before the Super Bowl.

DIVISION REPORTS

Barbara Stoff, Licensing and Permits, reported selling licenses at the Garden State Deer Classic for the first time in 4 years. It was very successful even though there was no advertising for the sale. The total four-day amount was \$8,181.00. Turkey permit application opened up without any issues on January 25th. The application period ends on February 22nd. Staff member Paul Tarlowe will do another mass e-mail to remind people to get their applications in.

On the 22nd of January in the StarLedger and online, the Request For Proposals (RFP) was finally released after 4 years. The question period ended on the 9th and there are about 60 questions to be answered within the next few days. Treasury has about 20 questions to respond to. If everything goes as it should, we will have a new contract awarded by the end of July.

Council asked “If we award the contract at the end of July, when will the new company take over?” Ms. Stoff, stated it will depend. The RFP had a timeline in it. More than one of the questions that came back from the vendors was questioning the timeline. She has been told in the past by most of the vendors, who have experience with this process, that it can take about 9 months to get a system up and running. Aspira (formally Active) has already agreed to extend our wavier for one more year.

Chief Lisa Barno, Bureau of Freshwater Fisheries, stated we are moving into trout season. She passed around a list of 2018 bonus brood stock ponds and lakes with a map and the 2018 spring trout allocation with changes to the Fish Code which was published in the Register on February 5th. Regulations take effect on February 10th. As a result of that there are a few changes that reflect into the allocation.

There is an upcoming Fisheries Forum at Batsto, on February 24th where staff member Biologist Eric Boehm will review his field sample efforts. There will be a Trout Meeting at the Pequest Hatchery on March 3rd where staff member Biologist Ross Shramko will go over the results of his telemetry study and the allocation changes. There are some significant changes this year.

Chief Barno explained the allocations are based on 570,000 baseline number across the ten week program. There is a correction factor built into the allocation formula to make sure that it comes out to 570,000 trout. For the first time that correction factor is over 1. Which mean each waterbody will get a slight increase of trout this year. There are four waterbodies that were dropped from the program, Beaver Brook, South Branch Rockaway Creek, Trout Brook and the Hamilton Fire Pond, which makes more trout available. Columbia Lake will not be stocked this year due to the pending dam removal project which is scheduled to take place in June.

Chief Barno reviewed the stream mileage update and other trout allocation changes as listed in the handout. She stated if there are any additional questions, please e-mail her. Mr. Shramko will go over the allocations and shifts in the overall program at the forums. In addition to the regulation changes, new signs need to be put up in certain waters. Chief Barno stated she was happy to report the 2018 trout stocking signs were received last week and will be going up in the upcoming weeks. A letter will also go out to the clubs located in the Brook Trout Conservation Zone, reminding them that due to the regulation change, we will approve stocking permits for brook trout within the Conservation Zone. Letters will also go out to the private clubs that are located on delineated sections of trout stocked waters, giving them the process if they would like to apply to practice catch and release during the three-week pre-season closure. If they choose to participate, they need to send information to the Division by March 1st. If it is sufficient, a letter will go back to the club and a copy to law enforcement. In drafting new wild trout signs, we will be posting new signs on the upper section of the South Branch and also Beaver Brook to alert anglers that those streams will no longer be stocked until we get the permitted wild trout stream signs printed and posted.

Chief Barno answered questions from the Council regarding the changes.

Chief Al Ivany, Information and Education reported on the Garden State Show and Deer Classic. He stated it was it was an excellent show. The license sales were strong. The new system is up and running well. The Suffern Show is coming up March 1st – 4th. We will not sell licenses

because we only have a 10-foot table. The growth of the Suffern show is doing better than it has in the past and we will look to expand the display next year. Chief Ivany stated he had a discussion with the show manager of the Deer Classic and we are looking to expand the show more next year and rolling in the new outreach trailer, which should be done in May of this year. Chief Ivany stated once the trailer is done, he will bring it to a Council meeting. The Pequest Open House is very early this year, March 24 & 25. Staff member Jessica Griglak is rearranging the layout, shifting vendors around and having some tents for comfort. On February 10th, we partnered with Buttonwood Preserve and Lower Alloway on a Purple Heart recipient pheasant hunt. Owner of the preserve, Mr. Walt Sheetz, was at the Division's veteran hunt last year at Tuckahoe WMA. He was so impressed, he wanted to start his own event at his preserve. The Division provided pheasants and track chairs. Chief Ivany and staff member Linda DiPiano issued one-day licenses and pheasant tags. There were 21 Purple Heart veterans in attendance. Chief Ivany stated it was a very humbling experience. The preserve took care of all the expenses, Friday night dinner at a local VFW, housing, and licensing fees, through fundraising. Participants came in from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Massachusetts and North Carolina. The Division looks forward to not only expanding our own military appreciation events, but also partnering with other organizations throughout the state to keep growing this program.

Chief Ivany reported on Saturday, February 17th there will be a team leader training for Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs (HOFNOD) at the Seaview. There are 30 participants. Currently there are 22 locations for HOFNOD throughout the state.

Acting Chairman Virgilio will be in attendance of the HOFNOD training for one day. He stated the way the program has expanded, both the Federation and NJOA are very happy with the expansion. Especially with moving long programs into the school and into the communities. We like it so much we think it might be time for us to start thinking of another way to expand the appropriation.

Assistant Director Golden reported on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management and gave an update on the Tuckahoe impoundment restoration project which has been completed. This was a partnership with Ducks Unlimited to restore our control over the water levels at the Tuckahoe impoundments. The impoundment roads are still closed until fences are put up around the water control structures. This will give us control over 1,000 acres of impoundment water levels. We will manage it primarily for waterfowl but also for some shorebird populations during migration.

Assistant Director Golden also reported the Sparta Mountain WMA Forest Stewardship Program that was approved last year is moving forward with the year one activities. Notices have been posted on the website and we plan to have them completed by the end of the month. The two activities are small, one 20 acres modified seed-tree cut and the other is a group selection cut, approx. 17 acres.

Acting Chairman Virgilio asked for an update on the Millville Range and Piney Hollow.

Assistant Director Golden reported Millville Range will be closed, probably within the next month. The Bureau is working with the Department of Transportation to install a parking lot at the Millville Range which will include guardrails. Temporary shooting stations for the long 200-yard range and the 50-yard range will be worked on. Once we construct the larger covered shooting station project, hopefully in the next year and

a half, it will have to be removed. There will probably be three shooting stations at the 200-yard range and three shooting stations at the 50-yard range. Once we come through with the larger covered shooting stations, we will take a few of the temporary stations and shift them to the archery range for people with crossbows. We are also going to work on the trap ranges and install some permanent platforms.

We were pursuing the possible acquisition of the private range on Piney Hollow Road. The operator submitted a Green Acres application. We went out to look at the range, it was a great opportunity, the operator is asking much more than Green Acres is willing to pay. Green Acres sent back an offer in the range where we would be able to purchase the property, but it sounds like they are not interested at that level.

Acting Chief Cianciulli had jury duty today and Deputy Chief Frank Panico reported in his place for the Bureau of Law Enforcement. Law Enforcement's newest recruit, Jillian Agnello, is in Morris County Police Academy. She will graduate in another five months.

Deputy Chief Panico reported most of the hunting seasons are winding down. Some of the staff in the southern region did a records check with our system and it led to a big investigation following up on deer that were registered wrongfully. Quite a few counts of bucks that were registered as does because people did not have the right tags; quite a few deer that were shot without permits. There is a good usage of the system and follow-up with investigations whether at a butcher shop, taxidermist or the hunter's residence. In the northern region there was a case where Ringwood Borough asked for assistance with the execution of a search warrant. It was for a gentleman who was on the revoked list. They were looking for stolen property, which he did have in his possession when they presented a warrant. He also stole tree stands, blinds and cameras. He had several illegal deer and other critters.

Officers are doing a lot of ice fishing patrols and they have reinstated their ice rescue training. It was a full day of them jumping into the water and rescuing. On the last youth waterfowl day in the North, Lts. Sutton and Kuechler, and CPO Driscoll, caught four adults shooting ducks and they had two youth with them allegedly hunting but not shooting.

Acting Chairman Virgilio asked about the new patrol cars and what kind of response are they getting on them. He also asked if one could be bought to the meeting. Deputy Chief Panico responded they are well received and one should be around and if not he would call one in during the lunch break.

Acting Chairman Virgilio stated he hoped Deputy Chief Panico will stay for the afternoon when the new business discussion regarding the law enforcement committee being reactivated. Deputy Chief Panico responded it would be a good committee, especially since New Jersey is now a part of the Interstate Compact that is not as cut and dry as it is believed to be.

Chief Carole Stanko, Bureau of Wildlife Management, asked the Chairman if the Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst Community Based Deer Management Permit (CBDMP) Application could be moved up before lunch in order to accommodate the representatives present.

Staff member Jodi Powers, Bureau of Wildlife Management, passed around a chart of the Community Based Permits harvest by county and year that was requested back in December. The

CBDMP for Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst (Joint Base) which is a federal military installation located in Ocean and Burlington counties. Representatives present were, Kim Klapper from USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, Michael Luna from USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, and Lt. Colonel Robert D. McAllister from Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst.

Ms. Powers read the memo attached to the application from the Joint Base. Ms. Powers opened for questions. Lt. Col. McAllister gave further details regarding the request for CBDMP Permit.

After a question and answer session, Councilman Gudmundsson made **a motion to accept the Community Based Plan for the Joint Base, Seconded by Councilman Link. All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

Chief Carole Stanko, Bureau of Wildlife Management, stated she pulled the deer numbers through February 11th. Compared to last year, we are right on par. We are 1% down or 619 animals. February 10th was the closing day of firearms season for both shotgun and muzzle loader and it was a rain out up north. Bow has one more week and will close on February 17th. Chief Stanko, Acting Chairman Virgilio, Councilman Brodhecker, Councilman DeMartino and Ms. Powers visited Essex County to meet with County Executive Joe DeVincenzo and Dan Bernier who is heading up the Essex County Hunt. Chief Stanko stated she regrets not being present when the Community Based Application was heard, she would have reminded Council that Community Based Deer Management Permits are for communities where hunting is not practical or possible. The Essex County meeting was very productive and they shared their prospective with us which is sport hunting is not possible there. Chief Stanko stated the program up there is a stellar program and one that she holds out to people as a good example of what happens in New Jersey. We were satisfied with what we heard and the possibility their permit will go on, but sport hunting is not a consideration on the township property.

Acting Chairman Virgilio noted that in the meeting concerns about it being a private hunt were bought up. Essex County offered to put an ad in the sportsman newspaper that gets distributed throughout the state, soliciting hunters from all over the state.

Chief Stanko stated that it was a misconception that they were using the same hunters every year. It is already an open hunt that's open to any sportsman in the state. They are going to put it in the newsletter to broadcast it out more. Dan Bernier is an expert and has done Union County, Watchung. He rotates the hunters and pulls anyone not pulling their weight.

Acting Chairman Virgilio stated he liked Essex County's plan he recommended that model to Camden County.

Chief Stanko will send out an e-mail to schedule a Game Code Committee to discuss CWD in deer.

Councilman DeMartino asked if there was going to be an extension on semi-wild permits due to snow. Director Herrighty responded it would be hard to justify, because there was no extensive snow coverage.

Director Herrighty reported for the Endangered Nongame Species Program giving an update on the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP). The required second comment period by the federal government ended mid-January and staff is working on comments and making minor adjustments to the SWAP. They are shooting for mid-March filing of the final copy with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Lunch: 11:43 am– 12:44 pm

Chief Stanko gave a presentation on the pheasant purchasing options for the Rockport Game Farm in 2019.

After the presentation and discussion Acting Chairman Virgilio asked for a motion. **Councilman DeMartino made a motion that the Division purchase 40,000 6-week old chicks and the balance, adult birds for 2018, seconded by Councilman Gudmundsson.**

Discussion: Councilman Robinson stated the counties he meets with are in favor of going with all adult birds. They would like to see the Division save money, and this is the perfect opportunity to do so and put the money elsewhere for better use. Councilman Gudmundsson stated some of the north Jersey hunters are still not happy with the distribution.

A vote was taken, eight (8) were in favor, one abstention (Councilman DeStephano), motion carried.

Councilman DeMartino made a motion for 2019, if Treasury allows, the Division should purchase all adult birds, seconded by Councilman Link, a vote was taken, all were in favor.

Director Herrighty stated Warren County should be reminded to send representatives to the state level meetings where a lot of the discussion occurs and they can voice their desires.

Acting Chairman Virgilio stated he distributed a revised copy of the Fish and Game Committees. Some of the changes made were on the Fish Committee, at the request of Councilman Gudmundsson. He is no longer the chair as he will be leaving Council soon. He feels someone else should take the lead. Councilman Pollok will now be the chair. Acting Chairman Virgilio felt the Game Committee lacked a non-game input and added Councilman Lathrop and he agreed. He also re-activated the Law Enforcement Committee. Councilman Whildin will be the chair. He is a retired Lieutenant from Corrections and will work well in that position especially with the early license restoration hearings.

Acting Chairman Virgilio addressed the Council on the history of Title 23 and gave issues to consider while having the hearings for early license restorations. He gave examples of minor circumstances verses extenuating circumstances.

Early License Restoration Appeal Hearing

Captain Linda Quirk read the statement for revocation appeal for Mr. Michael W. Wilkes who was present. Mr. Wilkes was convicted of a violation on September 16, 2013 NJSA 23:3-1.b(2) failure to exhibit fishing license and on November 30, 2017 for a deer tagging season violation.

The Council asked Mr. Wilkes questions. Mr. Wilkes testified as to why the Council should restore his license.

Acting Chairman Virgilio asked for a motion to open the floor for discussion.

Councilman Gudmundsson made a motion to open the floor for discussion, seconded by Councilman Link. All were in favor, motion carried

After the Council discussed Mr. Wilkes violations, Acting Chairman Virgilio asked for a motion to close the floor for discussion **Councilman Gudmundsson made a motion to close the floor for discussion, seconded by Councilman DeStephano. All were in favor, motion carried**

Acting Chairman Virgilio stated the Council has three options, reinstate, continue the revocation or delay for additional information. If there is a motion to reinstate, for the record, justification is needed.

Councilman DeStephano made a motion to deny the reinstatement of Mr. Wilkes license based on too many inconsistencies, seconded by Councilman Whildin. Vote taken, six (6) were in favor, two (2) opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 -5 MINUTES)

Janet Pizar, Millburn, NJ, asked questions regarding the license restoration hearing regarding the mentor hunting licenses.

Barbara Sachau, Whitehouse Station, NJ, was not pleased with the hunter mentor program. She stated the spirit of the Interstate Compact Law is being violated by not honoring a lot of the things that other states do. She stated in the news there is a lawsuit pending for the killing of Pedals the bear. She stated it is reprehensible to kill baby bears, fawns and a disabled bear. She thinks having an extension to speak should be permanent. She also thinks people who have been coming to the meetings for 20 years should be considered stakeholders. The Pitman Robertson law in the House of Representative is a hundred-year-old law and is out of date. Ms. Sachau expressed her concern for Chronic Wasting Disease for New Jersey because it has been found in nearby states.

A motion was made by Councilman Gudmundsson and seconded by Councilman Link to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 pm. Vote taken, all in favor, none-opposed; motion carried.