



Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET

SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Work Group Reviewing an Ordinance to Prohibit the Public from Intentional Feeding of Wildlife

Friday, December 6, 2019

Main Meeting Room, Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – ADOPTED

Members Present: Sean Askham (by phone), Chris Peterson, Gary Wilcox

Staff Present: Maria Capriola, Chief Boulter

The meeting was called to order at 8:05am

1) Review and Discussion of Draft Ordinance to Prohibit Feeding of Wildlife

The draft ordinance was reviewed and discussed. Staff will prepare revisions to: the wildlife definition; add language regarding composting under exceptions; elaborate on permitted activity under exceptions; and increase the fine to \$250 per incident under violations and penalties.

2) Discussion of Wildlife Trapping on Town Owned Land

The group reviewed and discussed options presented by Animal Control Officer Mark Rudewicz via memorandum dated November 21, 2019. No action taken.

3) Additional Discussion of Sample Ordinance from other Communities Prohibiting the Feeding of Wildlife

This item was not needed; no discussion.

4) Next Steps and Meeting Date

Staff will prepare revisions to the draft ordinance as discussed for the group to review. Town to investigate required use of bear proof refuse receptacles for residential customers by authorized trash haulers. Staff to inquire with Farmington Valley Collaborative as to any towns that might be pursuing such an ordinance at this time. Next meeting date January 10, 2020 at 8am.

5) Approval of November 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Capriola
Town Manager
Town of Simsbury