



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 22-676, **Version:** 1

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### ORDINANCE

#### **Motion/Request:**

MOTION to extend Archery Hunting on Certain Town Owned Lands and Certain Open Space Properties for one-year in accordance with provisions in Ordinance#100-018 (rev. 1) "*An Ordinance Providing Archery Hunting on Certain Town Owned Lands and Certain Open Space Properties*".

#### **Background:**

In 2018 the Town Council adopted Ordinance #100-018 "*An Ordinance Providing for Archery Hunting on Certain Town Owned Lands*".

The two properties that would be used for archery hunting were: (1) Clark Farm located on Route 117 on the north end of town; and (2) Founders Preserve (Paint Mill) Property located between Colonel Ledyard Highway and Pumpkin Hill Road on the south end of town (both properties were about 100 acres).

At a Special Town Meeting held on October 28, 2020 the townspeople approved to transfer the Founders Preserve (also formerly known as: Quakertown Preserve/Paint Mill) to Avalonia Land Conservancy. One of the terms for the land transfer was that Avalonia Land Conservancy would continue to allow archery hunting on the Founders Preserve property.

Because the Founders Preserve would no longer be town-owned property that on April 25, 2021 Ordinance #100-108 (rev. 1) and its accompanying Appendix was amended to include provisions for "*non-town owned properties/certain open space properties*".

This program was a Lottery System in which six people would win a lottery for each property to bow hunt.

This was an Administrative Action - In accordance with Section 4. "*Annual Expiration*" the Ordinance would expire annually at the end of the calendar year, unless a vote of the Town Council was taken to approve to extend it for one year.

#### **Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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#### **Mayor Comment/Recommendation:**

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**Meeting Action Detail:**

**Town Council Meeting 12/14/2022:**

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Moved: Paul                      Seconded: Marshall

Action: Approved and so Declared

**Minute Note:**

Moved by Councilor Paul, seconded by Councilor Marshall

Discussion: Councilor Paul provided some background explaining in 2018 the Town Council adopted Ordinance #100-018 "*An Ordinance Providing for Archery Hunting on Certain Town Owned Lands*". He stated the two properties that would be used for archery hunting were: (1) Clark Farm located on Route 117 on the north end of town; and (2) Founders Preserve (Paint Mill) Property located between Colonel Ledyard Highway and Pumpkin Hill Road on the south end of town (both properties were about 100 acres). He stated this was a Lottery System program in which six people would win a lottery for each property to bow hunt.

Councilor Paul went on to note in accordance with Section 4. "*Annual Expiration*" the Ordinance would expire annually at the end of the calendar year, unless a vote of the Town Council was taken to approve to extend it for one year. Therefore, he stated that this was an Administrative action.

Councilor Ingalls stated for certain purposes the Town Council included sunset clauses in an Ordinance to force them to look at the provisions provided. She questioned the reason they were looking at this Ordinance on an annual basis. Councilor Saums stated the reason the Town Council included the sunset clause in Ordinance#100-018 (rev. 1) "*An Ordinance Providing Archery Hunting on Certain Town Owned Lands and Certain Open Space Properties*". was to serve as a fail-safe. He stated should there be problems or archery hunting became controversial that they would allow the program to sunset. He stated that Ledyard has been allowing archery hunting on these properties in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance for a number of years and that it has worked well with no problems.

8 - 0 Approved and so declared

Action: Approved and so Declared

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**Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee Meeting 11/07/2022:**

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Moved: Rodriguez                      Seconded: Paul

Action: Recommend to Approve

**Minute Note:**

Discussion: Chairman Dombrowski provided some background explaining in 2018 the Town Council adopted Ordinance #100-018 "*An Ordinance Providing for Archery Hunting on Certain Town Owned Lands*". He stated the two properties that would be used for archery hunting were: (1) Clark Farm located on Route 117 on the north end of town; and (2) Founders Preserve (Paint Mill) Property located between Colonel Ledyard Highway and Pumpkin Hill Road on the south end of town (both properties were about 100 acres). He stated this was a Lottery System program in which six people would win a lottery for each property to bow hunt.

Chairman Dombrowski went on to explain at a Special Town Meeting held on October 28, 2020 the townspeople approved to transfer the Founders Preserve (also formerly known as: Quakertown Preserve/Paint Mill) to Avalonia Land Conservancy. One of the terms for the land transfer was that Avalonia Land Conservancy would continue to allow archery hunting on the Founders Preserve property. However, he stated because the Founders Preserve would no longer be town-owned property that on April 25, 2021 Ordinance #100-108 (rev. 1) and its accompanying Appendix were amended to include provisions for "*non-town owned properties/certain open space properties*".

Chairman Dombrowski stated in accordance with Section 4. "*Annual Expiration*" the Ordinance would expire annually at the end of the calendar year, unless a vote of the Town Council was taken to approve to extend it for one year. Therefore, he stated that this was an Administrative action.

VOTE:2 - 0 Approved and so declared

Action: Recommend to Approve