

**November 06, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting
New Gloucester Meeting House**

Members in Attendance:

John Randall, Chairman

David Lunt, Vice-Chairman

Rep. Ellie Espling

Frank Chambers, Secretary

Nat Berry, Selectman's Liaison

Steve Libby, Selectman's Liaison

7:00pm - Meeting called to order by John Randall, Chairman

- Meeting was held @ the New Gloucester Meeting House. The meeting was televised NGTV 3
- Tonight's guest speaker is Lt. Adam Gormely of the Maine Warden Service.
- Lt. Gormely has been a game warden for 20 years. He works out of the Gray, Maine office. The Gray office telephone number is 657-3030 & for general questions 287-8000.
- Basic thoughts during hunting season
 - 1) Articles of hunter orange clothing must be in good and serviceable condition and visible from all sides. Must cover your entire body torso and wear an orange hat.
 - 2) The law requires the hunter to ID a major portion of the deer (front shoulder & the head).
 - 3) Observe the hunting law & hours. Hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise and the 1/2 hour after sunset.
 - 4) Prior to presenting a bear, deer, moose, or wild turkey for registration, a person may not possess or leave that animal in the field or forest unless that person has securely attached a plainly visible tag to the animal with that person's name, address, and license number on the tag. Hunters can't hunt for another deer, it's a \$1,000.00 fine, 3 days in jail and loss of hunting license. Night hunting is a violation: it's a \$1,000.00 and 3 days in jail. Hunting while intoxicated is a violation.
 - 5) Required for hunters 16 years of age or older prior to hunting deer during the muzzle loading deer season. The muzzleloader permit is included in the junior hunting license. Those individuals who have reached 70 years of age and possess a senior lifetime license are qualified to receive a muzzleloader permit. Muzzle loading season extends several weeks into December.
 - 6) Non-hunters should wear blaze orange clothing during hunting season.
 - 7) Hunting on posted property: The easiest way to indicate no trespassing on your property is to put signs up on the border. Maine law says the signs must be no farther than 100 feet apart and posted in a manner that should attract attention of any passers-by. Land owners may give permission to hunt on their land. The land owner is liable if there is a hazard on the property (Ex: covered up open well). The shooting distance is 100 yards and can travel up to one mile (the hunter is responsible for the bullet until it stops. If you shoot and wound a deer and the deer runs onto posted land, stop and call the Game Warden.
 - 8) Tree Stands: Hunters are advised to use a safety belt or harness when hunting from elevated tree stands. Climbing belts should be used when climbing up or down a tree. Hunters also should make sure their guns are unloaded before raising or lowering the weapons with a haul line. Permanent tree stands should be checked annually. Worn or weak lumber should be replaced. Need the land owner's permission to have a tree stand and it needs to be labeled.
 - 9) It's a violation to have a loaded firearm in a vehicle. The ammunition needs to be completely separated from the firearm. This includes ATV, back of pickup trucks. Leaning a loaded firearm against a vehicle is illegal. A concealed weapon that is loaded is illegal if used for hunting.
 - 10) Squirrel hunting – it's OK to protect your property from squirrels.

- **Lt. Adam Gormely talked about Operation Game Thief or OGT.**
Maine Operation Game Thief (Maine OGT) is a private, non-profit organization that works with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Warden Service to pay rewards to citizens who turn in poachers. Rewards of up to \$1,000, based on severity, are paid for information that leads to the arrest or summons being issued for a fish or wildlife violation. Rewards of up to \$2,000 are paid for information that leads to the arrest or summons being issued to individuals unlawfully introducing non-native fish species into Maine's waters. In all cases, the caller remains anonymous and does not have to reveal their name or testify in court. There are 125 game wardens in Maine.
- **To report a deer accident, it's best to call the Maine State Police**
- **The telephone number for OGT is:**
1-800-ALERT-US or 1-800-287-6057 for questions
and
1-800-253-7887 to report a violation

It was suggested to have the OGT information posted the NGTV 3

- Steve Libby, Selectman's Liaison talked about the fireworks ordinance. The proposed ordinance is now with legal. It will take 3 to 4 hours to draft and finalize the ordinance. The committee voted to go forward with legal to finalize the fireworks ordinance.
- The next New Gloucester Public Safety will be held on December 04, 7:00pm at the New Gloucester Meeting House.
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm