

Shelburne Working Group on Human-Wildlife Interactions Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2022

Present: Don Rendall, Jon Cocina, Lisa Vear, Percy Worrall

Facilitator: Don Rendall

Minutes: Don

1. Motions to approve agenda and meeting minutes of February 24 tabled.

2. Public comment: no public comments.

3. Discussion of police wildlife incident statistics for Shelburne 2021:

2021 Wildlife Statistics, A total of 14 incidents

6 involving deer: 2 deer were located and dispatched, 2 deer UTL 3rd party caller stating car vs deer accident, 2 more ran off.

1 injured/sick looking fox seen and not located (Shelburne/Charlotte town line)

1 skunk assisted from a window well

3 racoon incidents, same racoon in the area of Ockert Lane/Green Hills Drive over a four-day period. Seen by officers on a second-floor deck and when they tried to capture it, the racoon jumped to the ground and fled. Racoon was described as seriously injured before the leap.

2 more racoon sightings but not located. Wild Ginger Lane and on Shelburne Road.

1 injured owl found on Harbor Road. Picked up by Owl rehab.

In 2021 we dealt with a total of 5 wild animals: 2 deer, one owl, one racoon, and a skunk.

In 2021 we responded to 9 sightings: 4 deer, 1 fox, 4 racoons, two of which were the same racoon.

4. Discussion of draft Animal Cruelty ordinances for Shelburne and possible amendments to Shelburne's Animal Control Ordinance.

5. Discussion followed about the draft policy. Refinements to the section regarding employees and volunteers and policy expectations are proceeding. Also possible revisions/additions to the problem/solutions section were discussed.