



Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Item Submittal

Item To Be Considered: **Muscovy Duck Discussion**

Board Meeting Date: November 12, 2024

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Overview: A discussion focusing on the rules and regulations concerning the management of the Muscovy Duck population in the Town of Swansboro was requested by the Board.

Enclosed in the agenda packet are portions of State and Federal Laws pertaining to the taking of wildlife particularly migratory birds and Muscovy ducks. A copy of the Town's code on animals is also included. The topic of Muscovy Ducks in Swansboro periodically becomes a matter of discussion especially when the duck population grows. Last year, Public Works Director Tank Bates did a lot of research on the procedures allowed on how to control the Muscovy Duck population. A great deal of assistance was provided by Toni O'Neil Founder/Executive Director of Possumwood Acres. Ms. O'Neil and Public Works Director Tank Bates will be in attendance to provide information and answer questions on the proper techniques to better control the population of Muscovy Ducks in Town.

Background Attachment(s):

1. Town Code Chapter 90: Animals;
2. Portions of 15A NCAC;
3. 50 CFR 21.174;
4. General Considerations for Handling Wildlife

Recommended Action: Informational purposes only

Action: _____

