



TOWN OF PELHAM

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Subject: Baiting on Town Land

Purpose:

To establish a formal process for permitting baiting for wildlife on town-owned land in accordance with New Hampshire Fish and Game regulations and to ensure the proper use and cleanup of municipal property.

Policy:

The Town of Pelham may allow baiting for bear and deer on town-owned property subject to the following requirements:

1. Eligibility & Timing

- a. All baiting activities must comply with New Hampshire Fish and Game regulations.
- b. Bear baiting permits must be postmarked by the first Monday in August.
- c. Deer baiting permits must be postmarked by the first Monday in October.

2. Application Process

- a. Applicants must submit the following to the Board of Selectmen

- Completed NH Fish and Game Permit Application (Form F&G 180)
- Letter of request identifying proposed location

3. Coordinates and a detailed topographic map of the baiting site

4. Cleanup Deposit

- a. A deposit check is required with all applications in an amount equal to the cost of two municipal services employees at a three-hour minimum.
- b. The applicant must submit photographs at the end of the season demonstrating the site has been properly cleaned.
- c. Upon staff verification, the check will be returned. If the site is not cleaned, the deposit will be used to cover municipal cleanup efforts.

5. Authorization

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to review, approve, and revoke baiting permits on town-owned land on behalf of the Town.

The Board of Selectmen may grant an approval under this policy upon a determination that:

- The activity will not be detrimental to public health safety and welfare;
- The applicant has demonstrated the requisite skill and resources to perform all obligations under this policy;
- The applicant has not been determined to have violated this ordinance within the immediately preceding twenty-four month period; and
- The activity will not be contrary to the purpose and public use of the land on which the activity is proposed.
- The Board of Selectmen may limit the number of baiting permits during a hunting season, or any portion thereof, may limit the duration of any permission granted under this policy, or may impose such reasonable conditions as the Board of Selectmen, in its sole discretion, may determine is reasonable.
- The Board of Selectmen's decision on any application shall be final.

6. Enforcement & Revocation

Any violation of this policy or NH Fish and Game regulations may result in immediate revocation of permission and forfeiture of the deposit.

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Adopted By: 5-0 Vote of Board of Selectmen August 12, 2025