

Net & Bolt

Testimony from Bob Kubiak Princeton Resident and Hunter

Princeton's elected township officials stated that they sought:

To address the deer problem in a way which would cause the least amount of tension among residents and resolved to find an acceptable method, which would satisfy the emotional proclivities of each side.

What Princeton did, was far from acceptable to the general public.

I gave a descriptive snapshot to the audience of the actual killing procedure using the hand held bolt gun. I explained the procedure and articulated the amount of cruelty which results from the use of this killing implement.

I testified to Mayor Marchand and the township committee that as a former farm hand and later a slaughterhouse worker for many years, I had personally used the device to kill many hundreds of animals. It was my personal observation that, even in the best of circumstances, in a very controlled environment wherein the animal to be killed was first herded into a "squeeze gate", the bolt gun had to be held firmly against the animal with significant pressure which made the animals extremely anxious as they furiously jerked their head from side to side trying to avoid the inevitable. During the procedure, I have personally shot an animal through eyes, foreheads and noses as they struggled against the restraints.

In Princeton, I personally brought to the table my objections based solely on my conviction that "bolting" in actual practice is grossly inhumane. As a long-time butcher I can assure all who hear that this method is not only inhumane but barbaric.

Secondly, netting in itself is also very inhumane. Wildly thrashing deer with sharp hooves often cause injury to themselves and each other as they try to get free. The White Buffalo agents who attempt to subdue the animal often break their legs as the deer violently struggle underneath the net. I can personally attest to the violent and traumatic experience deer are subjected to during the procedure.

Princeton, via its deer management committee, quietly went about getting the resolution in place and did not provide any time for discussion prior to township approval.

Note:

Millburn modeled its effort to get net & bolt into place in this same covert and unethical manner.

Do not allow the Township Committee to bring net & bolt into Millburn. Continue to register your opposition with: netandboltcruelty@verizon.net.

"Evil prevails when good people do nothing"