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PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on April 12th at the Richard Cronin Building located at 1 Rabbit Hill Road in Westborough, MA.

A. ROLL CALL

Bob Mann, National Landscape Association of Landscape Professionals	Present
Jarred DeBettencourt, Minuteman Pest Control	Present
Bob Leon, General Environmental Services & New England Pest Management Association	Present
George Williams, Univar	Absent
Russ Bragg, Tree Tech	Present

The Council did meet or exceed the minimum number (3) of members present to form a quorum and conduct business.

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT:

Michael McClean, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

DOCUMENT(S) PRESENTED:

Agenda
Draft minutes from the November 30, 2018 meeting
Draft Updated Termite Consumer Information Bulletin
Copy of Senate Bill 463, provided at the meeting by J. DeBettencourt

B. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Motion: J. Debettencourt motion to accept the minutes provided the Department

Second: R. Bragg

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

C. PESTICIDE PROGRAM UPDATE

Since Taryn LaScola-Miner was not present, Michael McClean was to give the update. He stated T. LaScola had instructed him that there had not been anything new to update since the last Pesticide Board Meeting.

D. REVIEW OF DRAFT TERMITE CONSUMER INFORMATION BULLETIN

With the exception of a few typos the draft, the council approved the bulletin.

Motion: R. Bragg motion to accept the drafted Termite Consumer Information Bulletin provided that the typos mentioned were corrected.

Second: B. Mann

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

B. Leon had asked if M. McClean had any updates on the license renewals. M. McClean provided the following:

- 7530 total license renewals completed
- 4551 of those are Commercial Applicators
- 2083 of those are Commercial Certifications
- 127 of those are Dealers
- 592 of those are Private Certifications
- 1025 are still pending

People can renew up to June 1st before they have to retake the test.

B. Leon asked about the process of what happens to the insurance requirement when an employee leaves a company and the insurance no longer covers the individual. B. Leon wanted to know if the ex-employee gets a notification that they are no longer insured and cannot make any applications until an insurance document is provided. M. McClean stated he would check with the licensing program.

E. 25b PRODUCTS AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, B. LEON

B. Leon brought up the topic of increased mosquito and tick complaints. M. McClean verified that it is correct and that some of the problem is the application method.

Discussion ensued regarding the issues with the applications of 25b products in regard to licensing and mixing registered pesticides, and drift with the 25bs. B. Leon reiterated that the Advisory Council is in support of requiring a pesticide license to make applications of 25b products and would like to discuss further with T. LaScola.

R. Bragg asked about the flagging requirements for mosquito and tick applications. M. McClean explained that if an applicator is treating the lawn then the yellow lawn care signs need to be posted.

B. Mann would like any enforcement trends and cases should be more transparent to the Advisory Council. M. McClean indicated he would speak with legal to see what kind of information could be readily given to the Advisory Council.

F. MOSQUITO CONTROL APPLICATIONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, B. LEON

B. Leon referenced the Departments request to the Pesticide Board to consider amending 333 CMR 14 to exempt larvaciding in catch basins on school property. B. Leon would like to communicate to industry that work with the School IPM plans to think about catch basin applications. B. Leon indicated that he would invite a representative from Northeast Mosquito Control to come speak at the next New England Pest Management Association meeting.

G. RECENT BILLS/LEGISLATION FILED, JARED DEBETTENCOURT

J. DeBettencourt handed out a copy of the Senate Bill 463, which bans the use of neonicotinoids in Massachusetts. He stated that there is some confusion in that some people believe that Fipronil is grouped into this bill. J. DeBettencourt has reached out Senator Eldridges office to discuss this bill.

J. DeBettencourt was also informed that there was a bill proposed in California to ban rodenticides. B. Leon stated that there was a bill proposed in Massachusetts to ban glue boards.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Number of 25b complaints: M. McClean stated that he is not able to easily tell if a complaint involved a 25b product or not. He then described how we track the inspections/complaints and entered into the database. He also explained how we generally conduct an investigation.

There was some discussion on

I. PROPOSED DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was tentatively set for June 7th, 2019

J. ADJOURN

Motion: B. Leon motioned to adjourn

Second: B. Mann

In Favor: All

Opposed: None