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PESTICIDE APPLICATOR PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 13, 2025

A. ROLL CALL

Bob Leon, Ecologic Entomology & New England Pest Management Association	Present
Molly Moran, Forshaw	Present
Jeff Utley, Nutrien Ag Solutions	Present
Jared DeBettencourt, Minute Man Pest Control	Absent
Bob Mann, National Landscape Association of Landscape Professionals	Present
Nicholas Millen, Arborjet	Present

The Pesticide Applicator Pesticide Advisory Council (“Council”) did meet or exceed the minimum number three (3) of members present to form a quorum and conduct business.

DOCUMENT(S) PRESENTED:

Draft minutes from the meeting held on October 18, 2025
Memo from the Conservationist Pesticide Advisory Council to the Council

A. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Motion: B. Mann
Second: M. Moran
In favor: All
Abstention: B. Leon

B. PESTICIDE PROGRAM UPDATES, T. LASCOLA

Pesticide Licenses: Renewal time has come and gone. People can renew ‘late’ but cannot make applications until they do so.

Regulations: 333 CMR 9.00 and 14 have been promulgated

Rodenticides: During the December Pesticide Board Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) meeting, a motion was made and approved that would allow MDAR to contract with a third party to conduct a scientific review that would then be used in a larger individual review. The request for quotes close on February 19th.

C. RECOMMENDATION TO UPDATE LICENSING REQUIREMENT, B. LEON

B. Leon asked the Council if anyone had any comments or proposed changes to the letter. All Council members agreed with the letter.

D. CONSERVATIONIST PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS, R. MALFI

R. Malfi provided background on the memo that was sent to the Council. She explained that the Conservationist Pesticide Advisory Council (“CPAC”) has been reviewing the pre-notification requirements in 333 CMR 13.00. She stated that she wanted to get the Councils thoughts on their recommendation/concepts before submitting them to the Board for review. She noted that the recommendations were centered around outdoor applications at this time.

- **Providing information to individual requesting information:** B. Mann stated that in his industry he believes it is common courtesy to provide information and answer questions that an individual calling may have. B. Leon stated that he is more reserved to give out information to someone who is not their client. N. Millen stated that sometimes individuals call for information so that they can perform an application themselves. B. Leon and B. Mann stated they don't get a lot of inquires asking what was used. J. Utley stated that in cranberries, they try to communicate through signs to let people know what they are doing on their property. This is in relation to when people walk onto their property even though it is not public property.
- **Disclosure of active ingredients/product information to customers prior to application:** R. Malfi stated that while this may be obvious, she does believe that sometime, customers are not aware that they are getting a pesticide application service as it may not be sold that way. B. Mann stated that prior to an application there is a flow of information back and forth between the customer and company. He noted that New York has specific requirements as to what will be used prior to the application which allows for little flexibility to make changes at the time of application. B. Leon stated that each technician may prefer a particular product and therefore they would provide a list of potential products. He noted that his company has a customer portal in which a customer could access product information. T. LaScola noted that prior to an application, the customer should be receiving a consumer information bulletin that provides information on pesticides which would indicate they are getting pest control services.
- **Pre-notification of abutters:** M. Moran noted that Connecticut has an abutters list where an individual could sign up to be pre-notified of an application. B. Mann indicated that there was a difference between someone requesting to be notified and a company having to automatically pre-notify all abutters regardless of if they asked for it, and that the latter would be very difficult. B. Mann reached out to a colleague in Connecticut and found that there was approximately 340 people on the abutter notification list.
R. Malfi asked if there was any type of pre-notification for commercial building for outdoor applications. T. LaScola stated that MDAR recommends pre-notification for multi-unit dwellings but not for commercial buildings.

E. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

F. ADJOURN

Motion: B. Mann

Second: J. Utley

In Favor: All