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CONSERVATIONIST PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL **MEETING MINUTES**

Date: May 9, 2025

A. ROLL CALL

Kimberly Pearson, Brewster Natural Resources Advisory Commission	Present
Clint Richmond, Sierra Club	Absent
Regina LaRocque, MGH Center for Environment and Health	Absent
Rosemary Malfi, Xerces Society	Present
Kristin Andres, Association of Preserve Cape Cod	Present

The Conservationist 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:

Minutes
333 CMR 13.08

B. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 14, 2025:

Motion to Accept the Minutes: K. Pearson

Second: K. Andres

In favor: All

Abstention: None

C. PESTICIDE ENFORCEMENT UPDATES, T. LASCOLA

Rodenticide Scientific Review: The Phase 1 draft was completed and posted online for a two-week comment period. She reminded the members that Phase 1 was describing the approach that was going to be taken. Comments were received and were sent to Eastern Research Group (ERG) to review and make any adjustments to Phase 1 that is needed.

D. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

R. Malfi summarized that the Council has been reviewing pre-notification requirements and are providing input to MDAR as they work on updating the requirements in 333 CMR 13.00. The Council reviewed their previously discussed pre-notification requirement recommendations for 333 CMR 13.06 (applications made to turf). The recommendations were:

- Include a requirement to pre-notify immediate abutters and across the street neighbors
- Allow neighbors to obtain specific information about the application
- Disclose active ingredient information in the products to customers prior to the application

- Provide pre and post notification to residents of multi-unit dwellings
- Allow pre-notification, if requested, to people in non-residential buildings

The members agreed that this summary was accurate.

The members then reviewed 333 CMR 13.08 (applications made indoors). The following information was discussed:

- Rodenticide Bait Stations: Members asked about the labeling requirements. T. LaScola stated that labels are typically put on the outside of the bait stations (for indoor use) and on the inside of the station for outdoor use because weather can wear off the information. The members believed that a label be should be placed on the outside of a bait station when they are placed outside.
- Sign Posting in General/Public Areas Waiver: T. LaScola stated that she believed that was put into place to protect companies when a landlord/building manager would pull down the signs. The Council understood the reasoning for the requirement but acknowledged that it was problematic.
- Information Provided When Requested: The Council discussed if there should be additional information or other ways that the label information can be shared. T. LaScola noted that the requirement does not specify how the information can be provided, just that it does.
- Pre-Notification Waiver: R. Malfi asked how this requirement works. T. LaScola stated that to waive the requirement, there are certain things that need to be followed and documented. She stated that she did not think this was used very often and that an “emergency” could include stinging insects if someone has an allergy.

R. Malfi suggested that she update the existing recommendations draft and that the Council review at the next meeting before being sent to the Pesticide Board. The Council agreed.

E. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

F. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn: K. Pearson

Second: K. Andres

In Favor: All