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## CONSERVATIONIST PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 8, 2023

#### A. ROLL CALL

Kimberly Pearson, Brewster Natural Resources Advisory Commission	Present
Clint Richmond, Sierra Club	Present
Regina LaRocque, MGH Center for Environment and Health	Present
Rosemary Malfi, Xerces Society	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

#### B. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM JULY 14, 2023:

**Motion:** To approve the minutes with change to the minutes indicating that R. LaRoque was absent from the meeting, K. Pearson

**Second:** R. LaRoque

**In favor:** All

**Abstention:** None

#### C. PESTICIDE ENFORCEMENT UPDATES, T. LASCOLA-MINER

##### Council Member Open Seat

MDAR sent out an announcement on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regarding the open seat. To date, the Department has not received any applications. It was asked that the Council send along any additional contact information for any additional stakeholder groups that they feel may want to know about the open seat.

##### Eversource Yearly Operational Plan ("YOP") status

The YOP was approved on September 5<sup>th</sup>. The YOP is for the vegetation management control in the town off Bourne.

##### Pesticide License

The renewal pesticide license period will begin in October.

### Pesticide Use/Sales Online Reporting

The deadline for receiving the use/sales data was September 1<sup>st</sup>. MDAR is in the process of reviewing the data and converting it into a more usable format.

Discussion: R. LaRoque asked if the use report data was from this year and if it was collected on paper. T. LaScola responded that the use data was for 2022 and it was all collected electronically. R. LaRoque asked how long it would take to get the data in a format that can be shared. T. LaScola stated she did not have a timeline, but that MDAR was working on it and wanted to get the data in a more user-friendly format if it was going to be shared with the public.

K. Pearson brought up the discussion relative to the fact that the use reports do not include location in the report. T. LaScola indicated that the record keeping requirements require a location, but the annual use report does not require location. She suggested that if the Council wanted MDAR to include location on the annual use report then they should bring it up to the Pesticide Board ("Board"). K. Pearson stated that other states require location and T. LaScola asked her to send her the information that she had relative to what other states were requiring. T. LaScola suggested that since the Council wanted to bring this to the Board's attention, she could put this topic on October 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting agenda. R. LaRoque stated that she could present the topic at the Board meeting. The Council agreed to have this topic on the October 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

### **D. PRE-NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Council continued the discussion relative to pre-notification requirements. The following items were discussed:

- Lack of product used on door hangers left on property owners that live on a right of way
- Newspaper notifications or aerial applications
- Neighbor notification
- Outdoor rodenticide bait box labeling
- Notification requirements in apartment buildings

The Council agreed to work on recommendations that they would then present to the Board at a future meeting.

### **E. NEW BUSINESS**

K. Pearson mentioned that she had spoke with T. LaScola about having MDAR present the monitoring study that was referenced in the previous meeting. T. LaScola stated she had it planned for the next meeting.

### **K. ADJOURN**

**Motion:** R. LaRoque

**Second:** R. Malfi

**In Favor:** All