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## CONSERVATIONIST PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** December 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 OCTOBER 13, 2023 AND NOVEMBER 17, 2023:**

**Motion:** R. Malfi

**Second:** R. LaRocque

**In favor:** All

**Opposed:** None

**Abstention:** None

#### **C. ANNUAL PESTICIDE USE REPORT REQUEST, COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Council members continued to discuss their request and letter that will be send to the Pesticide Board ("Board"). R. LaRocque stated that she was able to convert the use data from a pdf into an excel spreadsheet and showed a chart that she developed. She noted that most of the use was in the turf, landscape and structural sectors. She reiterated that location would be helpful in analyzing the data. The members indicated that the pdf format is not the most user-friendly format for the public to use.

C. Richmond then presented his analysis of the data. He noted that 1.35 tons per square mile or 1 pound per acre per year was used in averaging the use but noted that the amount used per acre is not the same throughout the state which is why location is important to have. T. LaScola commented that the use data is relative to the whole product and not the percentage of active ingredient.

The Council members reviewed the draft letter and discussed making the following changes:

- Adding fields (acreage, application method and crop) that were removed from the original form when it was converted into the electronic form

- Adding more information as to the importance of the additional elements and what it could be used for.
- Increase in frequency in reporting
- Narrowing down geographic location to a minimum off municipality.

Council members made adjustments to the letter to reflect the changes.

**Motion:** To approve the letter and move to the Board, R. LaRocque

**Second:** K. Pearson

**Discussion:** None

**All in Favor:** All

**Opposed:** None

**Abstention:** None

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

The Council did not have time to discuss this topic during the meeting.

#### **D. NEW BUSINESS**

R. LaRocque asked about the status of the open seat on the Council. T. LaScola stated that MDAR received one application and she will put it on the next Board agendas scheduled for January 23, 2024.

#### **K. ADJOURN**

**Motion:** R. LaRocque

**Second:** K. Pearson

**In Favor:** All