

MASSACHUSETTS PESTICIDE BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the Board Meeting held at the McCormick BLDG, 1 Ashburton Place, on Wednesday, March, 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

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| Lee Corte-Real, MDAR Designee for Commissioner Soares, | Present |
| Michael Moore, DPH, Food Protection Program | Present |
| Martha Steele, DPH, Designee for Commissioner Auerbach | Present |
| William Clark (Conservation/Environmental Protection Member) | Absent |
| Jack Buckley, DFG, Designee for Commissioner Griffin | Present |
| Kathy Romero, DEP, Designee for Commissioner Kimmell | Present |
| Ken Gooch, DCR, Designee for Commissioner Lambert | Present |
| Richard Berman | Present |
| Cheryl Barbanel, M.D. | Present |
| John Looney | Present |
| Brian MaGee | Present |
| Richard Bonanno | Present |
| Laurell Farinon | Present |

The Board did meet or exceed the minimum number (7) of members present to form a quorum and conduct business.

OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN PRESENT:

Mike Heffernan, MALCP; Sean Greenhow, NEPMA; Kathy Bell, Law Offices of SFBC; Hotze Wijnja, Ph.D., MDAR; Michael McClean, MDAR; and Steven Antunes-Kenyon, MDAR.

A. Introduction of Michael Moore, Director, Food Protection Program, Department of Public Health

Lee Corte-Real introduced the newest Michael Moore, Director of the DPH Food Protection Program to the Pesticide Board Member. Michael briefly described his long career and background in community public health programs.

B. Minutes

The minutes from the August 17, 2010 Meeting were presented for consideration.

Voted: To accept the minutes of the August 17, 2010 Meeting.

Moved: Laurel Farinon
Second: Richard Bonanno

Approved: 12 - 0

B. Updates on Licensing

The Department is currently processing Calendar Year 2011 Late Renewals and will soon be sending out the Calendar Year 2010 Use Reports.

Asian Long Horned Beetle Eradication Program

Ken Gooch, DCR Forest Health Supervisor provided a brief discussion of the current treatment strategies employed to manage the Asian Long Horned Beetle infestation.

E-Licensing

Lee Corte-Real, Director Crop and Pest Services provided a description of the Department's eLicensing history projects and the tragic failure of the most recent efforts led by EEA ITD and MDAR throughout 2009 and 2010.

No motions were made or votes taken.

C. Policy Consideration: Interpreting the Application of Pesticides Under the Direct Supervision of a Certified Applicator

Michael McClean presented the current policy and the proposed changes to better clarify what is meant by *direct supervision*. The policy applies to the application of products which are classified by U.S. EPA or the Massachusetts Pesticide Board Subcommittee as Restricted Use Pesticides or State Restricted Use Pesticides, respectively.

The Board discussed the matter at length with respect to how such a policy might be applied in both commercial and private sectors.

Richard Bonanno, Ph.D. discussed the challenges facing growers in the private sector.

Richard Berman requested an opportunity to discuss the issue with Pesticide Program staff to better understand the magnitude of the problems and share his experiences providing supervision to applicators.

Jack Looney shared some of his experiences with respect to how this issue has played out in the healthcare sector. He asked that it be high priority for the Board to address and resolve the matter in the near future. The application of the policy is a serious matter and could have significant legal implications.

Jack Buckley and Martha Steele asked for additional information; such as, a one page summary of the nature and magnitude of this problem.

No motions were made or votes taken.

D. Meeting Adjourned

Voted: To adjourn the Pesticide Board Meeting.

Moved: Jack Looney

Second: Richard Berman

Approved: 12-0

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 A.M.