

( Unapproved Minutes )

Minutes of the February 24, 2011 Pesticide Awareness Committee Special Meeting.

Present: Don Bugbee, Phil Neaton, George James, Lauralyn Lewis, Tim Griswold

Absent: Rob Linde, Jason Thornton

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.

The minutes from the previous meeting on January 19, 2011 were reviewed. There were a couple of editorial corrections needed. Don Bugbee made a motion, seconded by Lauralyn Lewis, to accept the minutes with the corrections made as noted. The motion passed unanimously.

For clarification purposes, Tim Griswold explained that the meetings this committee holds are deemed as Special Meetings and should be designated as such. He also stated that agendas are required to be posted prior to the meeting. Agenda items can be discussed and voted on. Items not listed on the agenda can be discussed, but not voted on.

There was some discussion about the name of the committee and the proper use of the terms Organic and Pesticide. The original name was the Organic Pesticide Committee. It was decided that the name should be changed to the Pesticide Awareness Committee.

Lauralyn Lewis initiated discussions about arranging a meeting with Chip Osborn, from Marblehead MA. He is involved with natural turf management and provides a consulting service which details conversion from synthetic applications to organic methods. Mr. Osborn has agreed to meet with this Committee at a later date. Lauralyn Lewis indicated that she will contact Mr. Osborn and arrange this meeting.

There was some general discussion by the Committee about rising cancer rates in cats and dogs, as noted by Veterinarians and deformed fish, as noted by the DEP. Discussion also continued concerning how the Little League fields in Old Lyme are maintained.

Don Bugbee presented the initial statement that will be provided to the public in an attempt to make them aware of the committees' intentions and to provide an avenue for their feedback to the committee. The statement was reviewed by the committee and was not finalized at this time. This action item will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 18, 2011 at 5:00 pm in the Old Lyme Town Hall. This date is subject to change pending the date that Mr. Osborn could meet with the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Don Bugbee*