

**VERMONT PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL - DRAFT
DECEMBER 11, 2013 MEETING MINUES**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bosworth, Sid
Decker, Kathy
Gary, Lené
Hoffman-Contois, Razelle (Chair)
Leland, Jim
Levey, Rick
Palmer, Eric

MEMBERS ABSENT

Shively, Andy

GUESTS

Sylvia Knight
Nancy Rehm
Robert Wright

Meeting Called to Order

1:15 pm EST

Meeting Adjourned

4:05 pm EST

Announcements and General Business

- Minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved and will be posted to the ftp site (R. Levey moved, L. Gary seconded, vote 6 in favor - J. Leland abstained as not present at the November meeting).
- Regarding the ftp site, documents for posting or requests for removal of posted materials should be submitted to Razelle. Requests for copies of information that has been posted to the site should also be sent to Razelle. She will provide as attachments in an e-mail.
- The Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (AAFM) will provide administrative assistance to the Council beginning February 2014.
- Eric Palmer (VT Fish and Wildlife) noted that discussions are underway to propose that the Rusty-patched Bumblebee (*Bombus affinis*) be listed as an endangered species. Several other bumblebee species are also under consideration for listing. Multiple potential threats to bee populations including, but not limited to, parasites and use of pesticides were noted.

Public Comments

Sylvia Knight addressed the Council regarding pesticide use in utility substations. Potential non-target and off-site impacts were among the concerns noted. The Council was asked to keep the concepts of "Community, Creativity and Courage" in mind as the AAFM Regulations for Control of Pesticides (Regs) undergo review and revision. It was requested that a section specific to substation maintenance be included in the Regs.

Nancy Rehm asked that the Council propose revisions to the Regs that will allow for improved prior notification of pesticide treatment for those who reside in condominium communities.

Business

Review and Discussion of Revisions to the AAFM Regulations for Control of Pesticides in Accordance with 6 V.S.A. Chapter 87 (Reg)

The Council initiated discussion of the internal review draft previously provided by Cary Giguere (AAFM). Jim Leland explained that the review/revision process is still in the early stages. There will be many opportunities for comment, including public comment, in the coming months. Comments may be sent directly to Jim or Cary at AAFM. The Council discussed the review draft in a fairly detailed manner flagging several items for further attention and potential comment. This discussion will continue at the January 2014 meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 15, 2014 in Montpelier - National Life Building Ottauquechee Room M205.