

## PESTICIDE SAFETY ISLESBORO (PSI)

Conference call Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 9 am

Dial: 877-662-7634, Passcode: 8408058#

### MINUTES

Present: Linda Gillies, Derreth Roberts, Marilyn Smith

Present status of the pesticide safety field. It was agreed that articles in the press, particularly about the lawsuits against Monsanto/Bayer in connection with cancer caused by Roundup, has made the general public more aware of the dangers of pesticides.

Linda said that the websites of the South Portland Sustainability Office and Portland Sustainability Office both had excellent sections on their pesticide ordinances and alternatives to pesticide use (South Portland's ordinance went into effect in May 2017, Portland's in January 2019)

Present status of PSI. It was agreed that the PSI brochures and website have made Islesboro residents generally more aware of the dangers associated with pesticides.

Linda reported that the managers of the Tarratine Golf Course was considering measures it could take and as a first step had designated one pesticide-free green on an experimental basis. She also said that IIT had adopted a pesticide-free policy for its properties.

#### Summer '19 activities:

- Marilyn Smith suggested that PSI take out a full-page "advertisement" in the May/June IIN with sections covering lawn care, driveway care, grub control, tick control, and success stories. All agreed to work on this.
- While at some point PSI should have a forum on alternatives to pesticides, it was agreed that we are not ready to organize one for this coming summer.

Going forward. Linda suggested that perhaps PSI could become a standing Town committee, rather than a sub-committee of the Tick-borne Disease Prevention Committee. There's also the possibility that the Town will form an Environmental Safety Committee; PSI could be a sub-committee. Perhaps the name would be changed the size of the committee could be expanded.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gillies

9/13/19