

PESTICIDE SAFETY ISLESBORO

Meeting of Saturday, June 16, 2018
Islesboro Community Center, 10 am

MINUTES

Present: Linda Gillies, Derreth Roberts, Marilyn Smith

The meeting came to order at 10:05 am.

Review of current status. There was agreement that locally, the mailing including a letter and both brochures was well received. Although Linda has received some positive comments from members of the summer community, but it is too early to tell what impact the mailing may have had.

PSI-related activities this summer. There was agreement that PSI should make a brief presentation at the summer information meeting. There should be no other “public” events. Eventually it might be a good idea to circulate “how to” information about specific pesticide-related subjects (format similar to the IIT mailings about events), but it is too early.

New issues

- We should learn more about fertilizers, used primarily on the golf course. Maddy Bruno, starting her second year as an Island Institute Fellow, is knowledgeable about them and is willing to help us with research. We should arrange a meeting with her.
- Linda has spoke with Donnie Shand, Manager of the Tarratine Golf Club, and with John Bowlin, chair of the Golf Committee. Both are willing to share information with PSI. We should do this once we have done the research about fertilizers.

During the meeting, it became clear that although we have done all the work to prepare the brochures, we are not entirely clear in our own minds about where our priorities should be. Do we focus more on herbicides or on insecticides. We should clarify.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gillies

7/7/18