



Fertilizer Advisory Committee Meeting

Town of Nantucket
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Members: Michael Misurelli (chair), Gregory Raith (Vice chair), Mark Lucas, Cormac Collier, Ben Champoux, Steven Collette, Frederick McClure

Staff: Jeff Carlson, Roberto Santamaria

~~ MINUTES ~~

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

4 Fairgrounds Road, Training Room – 10:30 pm

Called to order at 10:36 a.m.

Staff in attendance: R. Santamaria, Health Director; Jeff Carlson, Natural Resources Director

Attending Members: Michael Misurelli (chair), Gregory Raith (Vice-chair), Cormac Collier, Ben Champoux, Steven Collette, Mark Lucas

Absent Members: , Frederick McClure

Agenda adopted by unanimous consent

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS – ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS MEMBERS AT THIS TIME

1. Lee Saperstein, expressed that the “Nantucket Blue Pages” can be an effective tool in connecting with landscapers, retailers, and other outreach
2. Roberto Santamaria – Introduced Emma Ospelt as the department’s summer intern, and explained that her specialization will be in water quality.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approved by consensus.

IV. CHARTER REVIEW

Recused None

Documentation None

Discussion **Santamaria** – Presented draft charter.

Lucas – Add “groundwater” in the first paragraph and a bullet point regarding retailers and education, guidance, and assistance. Otherwise it looks good.

Saperstein – Should reference the Board of Health regulations somewhere in the document

Raith – Looks good. For retailers, Island Lumber already agreed to participate, but Marine Home is proving to be a little more complicated, as it has a much more corporate structure.

Lucas – we can look into creating a list of compliant products and list them on the website and distribute to retailers to help with getting the word out.

Saperstein – Using a “Push-pull” strategy in retail may work. If we push compliant products over non-compliant products, the retailers are more likely to pull the non-compliant products.

Raith – Some products might be able to be “Certified” or “Endorsed” by the committee as compliant

Misurelli – products made by the smaller companies tend to be easier to adapt

V. EDUCATION GOALS

Discussion	<p>Misurelli – Get information on what compliant products are. Then that can be distributed out</p> <p>Collier – Can the nutrient calculations be done quickly?</p> <p>Lucas – Not always. There are no federal or state regulations that standardize the method in which the nutrients are displayed.</p> <p>Carlson – we can create stickers that indicate compliance</p>
Action	<p>Collier – Harrell’s 18-0-9 always complies</p>
Vote	<p>Lucas – But it has to be applied correctly</p> <p>Carlson – Will look into the legality of using the words “approved” and “Compliant” when it comes to labeling fertilizer</p> <p>Santamaría – Website has been updated to show more information. Looking to create quick videos of compliant methodology and training</p> <p>Carlson – Having on-demand training is the best way</p> <p>Saperstein – will be happy to help with development</p> <p>Misurelli – Two trainings a year is not adequate. Must look into creating more accessible trainings.</p> <p>Collier – Will be doing a lot of homeowner outreach this summer through the civic league and homeowners associations. More information is key.</p> <p>Misurelli – Creating an education program for next year is important. No more education programs this summer.</p> <p>Collette – There are many people who do not understand why certain things should not be used. Rose tone is a major no-no, but gardeners don’t know why. We need to reach those people.</p> <p>Collier – BMP is geared more toward turf rather than gardens</p> <p>Misurelli – BMP is a living document, may need to add a section on gardens.</p> <p>Carlson – some people do not know how to read the bags either</p> <p>Champoux – Yes. “Organic” does not always mean “good” or “compliant”</p> <p>Lucas – look into reaching out to gardeners, as they do not always comply</p> <p>Collier – Phosphorous, soil, & organics education may be a good place to start.</p>

VI. ENFORCEMENT

Santamaría – Gave overview of enforcement number and basic ideas for the future

Motion to Adjourn: 11:37 a.m.

Submitted by:
Roberto J. Santamaria