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**BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL**

**July 19, 2024**

**9:00 AM Board Meeting**

Join the meeting in person in Room 101, Deering Building, 32 Blossom Lane, Augusta

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**AGENDA**

1. Introductions of Board and Staff
2. Public Hearing on Request to Designate Eagle Lake Water District Wellheads as a Critical Pesticide Control Area

Staff have received a petition to designate Eagle Lake Water District Wellheads as a critical pesticide control area as outlined in Chapter 60: Designation of Critical Pesticide Control Areas. The Board shall conduct rulemaking according to 5 MRSA Ch. 375, subchapter II and allow for local representation on board decisions regarding the designation according to Title 22 § 1471-V. The purpose of this public hearing is to collect public comments related to the petition that may help the Board draft the proposed rule. The comment period for these amendments is open until July 29, 2024 at 11:59PM. All written comments may be submitted by emailing the BPC at [pesticides@maine.gov](mailto:pesticides@maine.gov).

The Board will hear testimony on this petition.

3. Minutes of the June 7, 2024 Board meeting and March 20, 2024 Emergency Board Meeting

ALEX PEACOCK, DIRECTOR  
90 BLOSSOM LANE, DEERING BUILDING



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Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director  
Action Needed: Amend and/or Approve

4. Workshop Session to Review the Rulemaking Record on the Proposed Amendments to Chapters 31, 32, and 50

*(Note: No additional public comments may be accepted at this time.)*

A public hearing was held on June 7, 2024 via a hybrid meeting in Deering Building 101 at 90 Blossom Lane, Augusta and on the Microsoft Teams platform. The written comment period closed on June 17, 2024 at 11:59 PM. Two people spoke at the public hearing and no written comments were received by the close of the comment period. The Board will now review the rulemaking comments and determine how it wishes to proceed with the rulemaking proposals.

Presentation By: Karla Boyd, Policy & Regulations Specialist  
Action Needed: Vote on whether to provisionally adopt Chapters 31, 32, and 50

5. Draft Director Appointment Policy

At the April 5, 2024 Board meeting, members approved the appointment of Alex Peacock as BPC's new director. Further discussion led to a request from the Board to clarify the appointment procedure via policy. At the June 7, 2024 board meeting, the Board asked for changes to the draft policy. Staff have brought forward a draft policy for the Board to review.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director  
Action Needed: Discuss; Approve/Disapprove adoption of policy

6. Consideration of a Request for Variance from CMR01-026 Chapter 29 from Green Thumb Lawn Service

Green Thumb Lawn Service is seeking a variance from CMR01-026 Chapter 29, Section 6, to treat a private property to prevent grub damage and broadleaf weeds. Board policy indicates that the Board must consider all first-time variance requests unrelated to invasive or noxious plants.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director  
Action Needed: Discuss; Approve/Disapprove Variance Request

7. Consideration of a Request for Variance from CMR01-026 Chapter 29 from Green Thumb Lawn Service

Green Thumb Lawn Service is seeking a variance from CMR01-026 Chapter 29, Section 6, to treat a private property to prevent grubs and crane fly larvae. Board policy indicates that the Board must consider all first-time variance requests unrelated to invasive or noxious plants.

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director  
Action Needed: Discuss; Approve/Disapprove Variance Request

8. Other Old and New Business

- a. Variance Permit for CMR01-026 Chapter 29, RCL Services, LLC
- b. Variance Permit for CMR01-026 Chapter 29, Bartlett Tree Expert Co.
- c. Variance Permit for CMR01-026 Chapter 29, Bartlett Tree Expert Co.
- d. Variance Permit for CMR01-026 Chapter 29, Bartlett Tree Expert Co.
- e. Worcester Holdings Drone Spray Article
- f. Camden Pesticide Ordinance Discussion Article

9. Schedule of Future Meetings

The next scheduled Board meeting dates are September 6 and October 25. The Board will decide whether to change and/or add dates.

Adjustments and/or Additional Dates?

10. Adjourn

## NOTES

- The Board Meeting Agenda and most supporting documents are posted one week before the meeting on the Board website at [www.thinkfirstspraylast.org](http://www.thinkfirstspraylast.org).
- Any person wishing to receive notices and agendas for meetings of the Board, Medical Advisory Committee, or Environmental Risk Advisory Committee must submit a request in writing to the Board's office. Any person with technical expertise who would like to volunteer for service on either committee is invited to submit their resume for future consideration.
- On November 16, 2007, the Board adopted the following policy for submission and distribution of comments and information when conducting routine business (product registration, variances, enforcement actions, etc.):
  - *For regular, non-rulemaking business*, the Board will accept pesticide-related letters, reports, and articles. Reports and articles must be from peer-reviewed journals. E-mail, hard copy, or fax should be sent to the Board's office or [pesticides@maine.gov](mailto:pesticides@maine.gov). In order for the Board to receive this information in time for distribution and consideration at its next meeting, all communications must be received by 8:00 AM, three days prior to the Board meeting date (e.g., if the meeting is on a Friday, the deadline would be Tuesday at 8:00 AM). Any information received after the deadline will be held over for the next meeting.
- During rulemaking, when proposing new or amending old regulations, the Board is subject to the requirements of the APA (Administrative Procedures Act), and comments must be taken according to the rules established by the Legislature.