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BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL

Emergency Meeting

July 27, 2023

4:15 PM Board Meeting

MINUTES

1. Introductions of Board and Staff

- Adams, Bohlen, Carlton, Jemison, Lajoie

2. Review and Approve Rulemaking Amendments

During the July 21, 2023 meeting of the Board, the Board voted to initiate rulemaking and set a public hearing date of September 1, 2023 in compliance with the APA [5 MRSA sec. 8001 through 11116](#). In the Board discussion, a date was not set for Chapter 20, Section 7(A)(5) for submission of proper identification of treatment sites from applicators of spray contracting firms. A date needs to be included in the language by July 31, 2023 to meet the APA deadlines for submission of documentation to the Secretary of State for proper posting. Additionally, language was added to clarify that the Board is not prohibited from seeking license or certification revocation under Chapter 20, Section 7. Staff need additional approval to meet the hearing date of September 1, 2023.

Presentations By: John Pietroski, Acting Director

Action Needed: Discuss and approve rulemaking amendments

- Pietroski explained that a date needed to be added and went over language added by Randlett regarding license revocation. He stated that staff would need time to do outreach to give the regulated community time to comply.
- Jemison asked when this rulemaking would be completed
- Boyd responded that comments were due by September 11 and the Board would review the comments at the October or December meeting. She stated that the longest it could take would be 150 days from the initial start, which would be in February 2024 but it may be completed sooner than that.

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- Jemison stated that it would hopefully be in place sooner since spraying would begin in southern Maine in April. He suggested beginning enforcement of the rule on March 1, 2024.
- The Board discussed this timeline.

- **Jemison/Bohlen: Moved and seconded to select March 1, 2024 as a date for the proposed rulemaking in Chapter 20**
- **In Favor: Unanimous**

- **Lajoie/Jemison: Moved and seconded to approve the additional language added for the proposed rulemaking in Chapter 20**
- **In Favor: Unanimous**

3. Adjourn

- **Jemison/Bohlen: Moved and seconded to adjourn at 4:28 PM**
- **In Favor: Unanimous**