

Ag Comm Meeting Notes 5/5/2022
Present: Anna, Bi-Sek, Ed, Erin

Opt-Out

Discussed plans for the public meeting which is a requirement of the state's mosquito spray opt-out process.

It will be a Zoom meeting held on 5/17 at 7:00 PM. Pleun is hosting.

The purpose of the meeting is to share information and field questions.

Info Meeting Outline

1. Introductions.
2. Anna will review the opt-out process.
3. Video from a legislative briefing entitled Ecologically Sound Mosquito Control will be shared with attendees.
4. Ed will give a locally focused synopsis.
5. Q & A.
6. Informal non-binding poll.

Action items:

Anna will send briefing link to Pleun.

Erin will make posters for local bulletin boards.

Anna is hoping to have an informational table about the Opt-Out in the Town Hall during voting hours on 5/7.

Selectboard Presentation

Another requirement of the Opt-Out is to present information to the Selectboard. This is set for 5/24.

Anna has sent Selectboard members information about the opt-out process, the legislative briefing video link, as well as arbovirus surveillance documentation from the MA Department of Public Health.

Action items:

Anna will send info again.

Ed will write up a brief statement to send prior to the meeting.

The Ag Comm may meet again on 5/19 prior to the Selectboard meeting – this will be decided after the public information meeting.

Opt-Out paperwork needs to be filed with state following the Selectboard vote at the 5/24 meeting.

Action items:

Anna will fill out the educational program section.

Erin will mail by 5/27.

Post Office Pollinator Garden

There has been some confusion about decision-making around plant choices and funding. The Ag Comm is ultimately responsible for the garden and as such should be included in any decision made about plant choices and purchases. Anna has reached out to Elaine to check in.

Sound Canon

Elizabeth Lambert has expressed concerns about how the season will play out in terms of the sound canon at Bear Tree Farm. The Ag Comm agreed that the winter mediation session was successful, and that Kurt is committed to making changes.

Action items:

Anna will send reassurances to Elizabeth.