

TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE : 07/14/2020

CALLED TO ORDER : 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arthur Clapp, Steve Holt , Marilyn Witherell, Rick Tracey , Jack Moynihan

OLD BUSINESS : None

NEW BUSINESS :

Barbara Pellesier complained that Brad Morse was not complying with the previous agreement to notify her in advance of spraying. Discussion reviewed state requirements and extent of Commision's authority. Brad had notified her four or five times last year , but not at all this year. On July 4 th Brad sprayed near her property but did not give her prior notice. The Committee agreed to send Brad a letter reminding him of the agreement and encouraging him to comply.

The proposed resolution endorsing the protection of pollinators was discussed. Barbara Pellisier advocated for the proposal and insisted that it was not a mandate. However, the committee felt the resolution could easily lead to a latter mandate and voted not to recommend it. Some alternative approaches centering on a public awareness campaign and a pro-active planting which would be supportive of pollinators were were also discussed .

CORRESPONDANCE : None

OTHER ISSUES NOT ANTICIPATED AT TIME OF POSTING: None

SELECT DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS : T,B.D.

ADJOURNMENT : 8:00 Pm

