Select Committee on Pesticide Reduction of the Northampton City Council

Members:
Councilor Alisa F. Klein
Councilor James Nash
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MEETING AGENDA
Date: July 8, 2019        Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, Pulchaski Municipal Building, 212 Main St., Northampton, MA

1. Announcement that meeting is being recorded
2. Welcome and introductions
3. Nominations and vote for Chair and Vice-Chair
4. Discussion and decision re: note-taking/clerk duties including scheduling of meetings
5. Public comment
6. Presentation by City Solicitor Alan Seewald re: Massachusetts Open Meeting Law
7. Discussion and decision re: regular meeting times
8. Review of the Resolution Establishing A Select Committee on Pesticide Reduction
9. Process and tasks/topics to cover – discussion and decision re: division of labor
   • Vision for final report to City Council
   • Invitations to submit to Mayor for presentations by key City staff
   • Effects of pesticide use
   • Current management of municipal green spaces in Northampton, e.g. conservation areas; reservoir watershed; farmland; gardens; parks; playing fields; cemeteries; sidewalks and tree belts; and general highway/public works
   • Policies and practices from other municipalities focused on pesticide reduction
   • Estimated costs; potential grant programs; incentives available to municipalities
   • Development of recommendations, including benchmarks for reduction, for City Council
10. Discussion of resources (Wakelets; Beyond Pesticides; Toxics Action Center; NOFA; TURI; Chip Osborne; etc.)
11. New business
12. Adjourn

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