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City Council President
Northampton, Massachusetts

June 6, 2019

Honorable Members of the City Council,

In accordance with R-19.012, "A Resolution Establishing a Select Committee on Pesticide Reduction" (as amended by R-19.047) and Section 2.6.3 of the Council Rules, I am appointing the following people to the Select Committee on Pesticide Reduction.

1. Councilor Alisa Klein Ward 7
2. Councilor James Nash Ward 3
3. Adele Franks 123 Black Birch Trail
4. Kate Simmons 11 Wilder Pl
5. Cynthia Suopis 120 Coles Meadow Rd

Although the Council's resolution authorized me to appoint up to ten members, I have chosen to constitute the committee at a smaller size that I believe will ultimately be more manageable and effective. I fully expect the committee will be able to rely on other outside advisors as they conduct their study, hold hearings and receive testimony.

As best I could, I have tried to make appointments consistent with the resolution's goal that appointees possess "expertise in the professional fields of agriculture, recreation, forestry, turf management, organic and/or IPM land care, conservation, public health, or other related fields, or who are representatives from the public schools."

To help the members of the committee understand the requirements of serving as a member of a public body, the City Solicitor has graciously agreed to appear at the committee's initial meeting to provide an overview and answer questions. Of course, even before their first meeting, members will collectively be a public body and should not hold discussions among a majority of members outside of public session.

Lastly, please note that as provided by Council Rule 2.6.3, the appointee I first announced in this letter, namely Councilor Klein, will serve as temporary chair until the committee elects a chair.

I thank all members of this committee for their willingness to serve, and I look forward to their efforts.

Sincerely,

Ryan O'Donnell