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NOTICE

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING (VIRTUAL)
&
AGENDA**

May 3, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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To: Board of Health Members

From: Sharon D. Hart, Director of Public Health

Re: A Board of Health Meeting (Virtual) will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

1: Chair to Call the Meeting to Order

2: Acceptance of the Minutes of the April 6, 2022 meeting.

- 3: Announcements and Open Forum (10 Minutes) – NOTE: Persons wishing to submit written comments/questions regarding items which are not a subject of a public hearing are encouraged to use the following Google form:**

<https://forms.gle/cyQVX425YbYbqgkA7>

4: New Business:

(a): Board Reorganization

(a): COVID-19 Update

- **COVID-19 Report (Sharon)**
 - **Wastewater testing**

(c): 7 Gaylord Street – E Ink Facility Expansion Update

(e): Update - South Hadley Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition (Karen)

(f): Update – Mosquito spraying opt-out process

5: Set Next Meeting Date – (TBD) at 6:00 p.m. Virtual using Zoom

6: Adjourn Meeting

*** Please note: Meetings are recorded***

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Board of Health Minutes

April 6, 2022

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Present: Tony Judge, Vice Chair; Karen Walsh Pio, Clerk; Jessica Collins, Board of Health Member; Sharon Hart, Public Health Director; Jennifer Jernigan, Assistant Public Health Director; Monasia Ceasar, Health Compliance Specialist

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Vice Chair Judge.

1. Acceptance of the Minutes of the March 1, 2022 Meeting:

Vice Chair Judge introduced the minutes from the 03/01/22 meeting and questioned if there were any comments or changes to be made. No changes were brought forth. Vice Chair Judge mentioned he would accept a motion to approve the minutes from the 03/01/22 meeting. Walsh Pio made the motion and Collins seconded it. A rollcall was taken.

Karen Walsh Pio: Aye
Jessica Collins: Aye
Tony Judge: Aye

2. New Business:

(A) COVID-19 Update

Vice Chair Judge introduced Director Hart to provide the COVID-19 update. Director Hart shared there were 22 confirmed cases and 1 probable case reported for this week. This is within range to the past few weeks. Director Hart noted that this report is not 100 % accurate as people are doing at home testing as well. Results generated from at home tests are not reported.

Hart shared that Northampton will be hosting vaccine clinics in the month of April to accommodate the recent approval for a second booster dose. She also shared that the Town of South Hadley may host another vaccine clinic in the upcoming months in conjunction with Amherst. The demand for vaccines has decreased noticeably. There were about 20 attendees at the last COVID-19 vaccine clinic hosted in Town. Director Hart mentioned that a clinic is being proposed for prior to the start of the school year

that would target both childhood immunizations as well as COVID- 19 vaccinations, using resources provided from the Public Excellence grant.

Upon the request of the Vice Chair, Hart shared that the data from the wastewater have been fluctuating as well with an overall trend of a slight increase from the past few weeks. The data provided is not detailed but provides an indication of what's happening in the community.

(B) Update- South Hadley Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition (Karen)

Vice Chair Judge introduced an update of the South Hadley Drug & Prevention Coalition given by Walsh Pio as the next topic of discussion. Walsh Pio shared that the coalition meetings are back to being held in person at the South Hadley High School Library. At the March 9, 2022, meeting the Coalition reviewed bylaws, welcomed the new peer leader advisor and members, and discussed the biannual progress report. It was also noted that the Coalition is in its 9th year of operation with two more funded years remaining. A sustainability plan will be enacted once funding from the federal government stops to continue work in some capacity.

Walsh Pio shared that the school nurses have scheduled SBIRT (Screening Brief Referral Intervention Treatment) for May. The High School Spring cotillion was overseen by the party patrol, coordinated by the Coalition. The event went without any major incidents. The Drug Take Back event will be hosted on April 23, 2022, with the intention of collecting unused prescription medications. The Coalition will also be hosting a goggles and golf cart event to help demonstrate the effects of impaired driving in preparation for Prom.

Walsh Pio mentioned the potential of utilizing the resources from the Public Excellence grant to help mitigate initiatives in the Coalition and asked Director Hart to clarify. Hart shared that she will be attending the next Coalition meeting to provide details on the Public Grant Excellence and potential partnerships. She also noted that she has worked with DPW and Sue Cook and finalizing the details for the Drug Take Back Event.

(C) 6:30 p.m. Hamid Habib- 3 Corner Package Store- 460 Amherst Rd- discussion regarding numbers of tobacco permits available in town (Please see the town website, under E- 360, Health Department for the latest tobacco regulations)

Vice Chair Judge introduced the tobacco permit for the 3 Corners Package Store as the next topic of discussion. Hamid Habib joined the meeting accompanied by Attorney Paul Boudreaux. Attorney Boudreaux shared he was asked by Habib to help him mitigate this matter. In summary, Attorney Boudreaux shared that Habib purchased the property in 2020 from the previous owner's son. Due to purchasing complications, Habib missed the 60-day window to transfer over the store tobacco permit, as

he did not close on the property until 2021. Habib claimed to be unaware that a local tobacco permit was required and began to sell tobacco in the store with a state license. When the local Board of Health became aware of the sales, they were instructed to cease the sale of tobacco and to remove the product from the store. Since then, the store has gathered over 150 signatures in support of their hopes to sell tobacco as it represents over 40% of their sales. On behalf of the new owners of 3 Corners Package Store, Attorney Boudreaux asked if the Board of Health would consider increasing the number of permits allotted, or if a waiting list was available for interested parties looking to obtain a tobacco permit.

In response, Director Hart shared that in the past there were 15 tobacco permits issued. When the Board of Health adopted the tobacco regulations, it was decided that each time a tobacco permit was not renewed it would be evaluated separately opposed to automatically decreasing the number of permits allotted. Over the years, the Board of Health has decreased the number of permits to 11. Upon a food inspection for the newly permitted establishment, tobacco sales were observed. Habib owns 7 other stores and holds the required local tobacco permits for each establishment. Following the halt of tobacco sales at the 3 Corners Store, Habib has requested a temporary permit, asked the Select Board to grant a permit, and illegitimately submitted a permit application online. The store has received support from local residents who patronize the store in support of their tobacco permit. Per the state, the Board of Health issues permits to tobacco retailers. The Health Department office offered the owner an opportunity to join an upcoming meeting to discuss this manner. The decision of increasing the number of permits allotted or starting a waitlist would be up to the Board of Health.

The Board members unanimously shared they were unwilling to reconsider the increase of tobacco permits issued in town. The Board of Health actively discourages the use of tobacco. Increasing the number of permits allowed would go against that. Although sympathetic for the negative impact it will have on the small business, an increase in permits cannot be granted. The Board members suggested selling other items to make up for the profit margins that will be lost without tobacco sales.

Collins suggested that an improvement in communication be made to avoid future mishaps similar to this in the future. If businesses require multiple permits for operations, business owners should be properly informed of constraints associated with each permit to make properly informed decisions about their business.

Habib questioned the logistics of the waitlist for the tobacco permit. Director Hart responded that she would have to follow up with him on that as an official waitlist has not been established yet. Habib exited the meeting.

(D) Emergency Order to Vacate- 1 Plainville Circle- Ratify

Assistant Director Jernigan introduced the emergency order to vacate at 1 Plainville Circle as the next topic of discussion. The Department was informed by the Water Department that the water had been shut off for that address. Without water, the dwelling is deemed uninhabitable. An emergency order to vacate was issued. The water services have been restored. The emergency order needs to be ratified. Vice Chair Judge mentioned he would accept a motion to ratify the order. Walsh Pio made the motion and Collins seconded it. A rollcall was taken.

Walsh Pio: Aye
Tony Judge: Aye
Jessica Collins: Aye

(E) Update- Mosquito spraying opt-out process

Director Hart shared there was no additional information received regarding the mosquito spraying opt-out process.

(F) Massachusetts Department of Public Health 2022 Inspection of 41 Bridge St

Director Hart shared that Board members were sent copies of the latest inspection of the holding cell located at 41 Bridge St conducted by the state. Hart speculated that the holding cell is currently not being used by the Police Department.

(G) Weston and Sampson Peer Review- 7 Gaylord St

Vice Chair Judge proposed tabling this discussion matter for the next meeting. Collins questioned if the Board of Health would be able to provide input regarding the project taking place at E-ink. Director Hart clarified that the permitting process is done through the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Environmental Protection, and Department of Fire Services. Conservation reviews anything being done in the wetlands area and DEP reviews air quality. Hart clarified that water quality would fall under Conservation unless identified as drinking water. The Health Department will issue a demolition permit that addresses asbestos, lead, refrigerants, and potential nuisances. Director Hart also oversees the stormwater structures to ensure that the structures do not interrupt ground water. Hart mentioned she would be willing to compile a list of questions and concerns to forward to the appropriate parties for consideration.

3. Set Next Meeting Date (TBD) at 6:00 p.m. Virtual using Zoom

The virtual meeting was set for Tuesday April 3rd, 2022, at 6p.m.

Collins raised concerns about no trash barrels on the athletic fields as spring sports are beginning. She noted that this was previously discussed and questioned what type of communication systems will be used to inform the public of the carry in carry out mitigation strategy. Director Hart agreed that communication of the new policy is important. Collins agreed to reach out to the Director of Parks and Recreation to follow up on that.

4. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully,

Monasia Ceasar

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ATTACHMENT A

RECORD LOCATION

Tobacco Regulations	BOH File
Weston and Sampson Peer Review-7 Gaylord Street	BOH File
Mosquito Spraying Opt-out Update	BOH File

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Jennifer Jernigan <jjernigan@southhadleyma.gov>

Fwd: South Hadley E Ink pre permitting Letter

1 message

Sharon Hart <shart@southhadleyma.gov>

Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 2:31 PM

To: jessica collins <jcollins@shadleyma.org>, K WPio <kwalspio@gmail.com>, Christine McKiernan <cmckiernan@shadleyma.org>, tjudge@shadleyma.org, Tony Judge <tjudge@judgecompany.com>, Monasia Ceasar <mceasar@southhadleyma.gov>, Jennifer Jernigan <jjernigan@southhadley.org>

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From: **Fournier, Kathleen (DEP)** <kathleen.fournier@state.ma.us>

Date: Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 12:07 PM

Subject: South Hadley E Ink pre permitting Letter

To: Robert Heumann <rheumann@eink.com>

Cc: Sharon Hart <shart@southhadleyma.gov>

Mr. Robert Heumann

Assistant VP, Operations

E Ink Corporation

1000 Technology Park Drive

Billerica, MA 01821

RHeumann@eink.com

Mr. Heumann,

Attached is our pre-permitting letter following our meeting held on March 25, 2022.

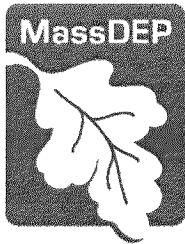
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at this email address or the phone number listed below.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Fournier, MPH
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436 Dwight Street, Spfld., MA
413 755-2267
Kathleen.Fournier@Mass.gov



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April 8, 2022

Mr. Robert Heumann
Assistant VP, Operations
E Ink Corporation
1000 Technology Park Drive
Billerica, MA 01821

Re: E Ink Facility Expansion
7 Gaylord Street, South Hadley

Dear Mr. Heumann,

This letter is a follow-up to the meeting held on March 25, 2022, between representatives of E Ink Corporation (E Ink) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (MassDEP) Western Regional Office. It is intended to offer guidance and pathways that were discussed for the proposed redevelopment and process expansion of the facility located at 7 Gaylord Street in South Hadley.

Please note that this letter is not intended to stipulate specific permitting requirements but rather to provide information as to potentially applicable permits/approvals, as well as the protocols and criteria MassDEP utilizes during the review process. This letter includes a brief summary of the project as it was presented to MassDEP and potential permitting requirements and guidance for completion of this project.

MassDEP representatives from the Springfield Regional Office at the March 25, 2022 meeting included staff from Administrative Services, Bureau of Air and Waste, and the Wetlands and Waterways Program. The E Ink team included facility staff, management, legal counsel, and consultants.

Project Summary

E Ink's project proposal is to add a new color product line and includes expanding in-house processing capacity and facilities. To facilitate that expansion, E Ink will demolish a portion of

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the existing structure, rebuild within the existing footprint, and reconfigure process operations lines. In addition, a new loading dock and a new tank farm system will be constructed for storage of Toluene and Isopar for use in the new in-house processing line. The process will include distilling and recovering product to reduce waste. The six aboveground storage tanks with capacity between 3,000 and 14,000 gallons will be covered and located within a spill containment structure. The loading dock and tank truck delivery area will also have a canopy roof, spill containment procedures and spill recovery system. The new construction will increase the footprint by approximately 400 square feet to a total of approximately 17,900 square feet.

E Ink has previously conducted pre-permitting with the air quality program regarding the new process line and permitting requirements. Demolition of the Administration building has commenced and includes asbestos abatement and Non-Traditional Asbestos Abatement Work Practices. MassDEP has been in contact with E Ink regarding that work.

The existing and proposed facilities are located proximal to Buttery Brook and other regulated wetlands resource areas; stormwater discharges to Buttery Brook which flows to the Connecticut River. The facility will continue to utilize existing public water and wastewater infrastructure.

Water Resources

Wetlands

A Notice of Intent has been filed and a File # 288-0475 issued by MassDEP; South Hadley also has local wetlands bylaws. The project is currently under review by the South Hadley Conservation Commission and Planning Department. There are no MassDEP permits required for the work proposed within wetlands resource areas unless there is Superseding Order of Conditions required.

Drinking Water and Wastewater

Water for the facility is supplied by the South Hadley Fire District #1 (SHFD#1); there is no proposed significant increased water use or wastewater generation. E Ink currently undergoes semi-annual inspections to review backflow prevention and protection based on the types of backflow prevention devices used. E Ink should continue to work with the SHFD#1 to ensure compliance with all cross-connection requirements and ensure a survey is conducted in all new and remodeled facilities. If any changes occur to wastewater/industrial wastewater flow, E Ink is advised to consult the South Hadley Water Pollution Control Division of the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Air Quality

Air Quality Plan Approvals

E Ink's current black and white coating process is regulated under a valid MassDEP Non-Major Comprehensive Plan Approval. This Approval is expected to remain in place. At least two additional Plan Approvals are required for the proposed expansion:

- Limited Plan Approval (LPA) – the proposed Spray Dryer requires an LPA – E Ink has met with MassDEP AQ staff previously and has commenced the application process for the new LPA.
- Non-Major Comprehensive Plan Approval (NMCPA) – the proposed new color process line will be added in the expansion of the Pigment Plant. E Ink has met with MassDEP to discuss this Approval process as well. Once the design has been finalized, the application must be submitted with emission profiles.

The NMCPA process includes a public comment component once the Draft Approval is complete. Therefore, as part of the Plan Approval application, MassDEP requires submittal of a Project Fact Sheet. Examples of Fact Sheets previously submitted are available at the following website: Project Fact Sheet Repository: MassDEP Air Permit Applications | Mass.gov

Boilers/Generators/Emergency Generators

E Ink has acknowledged there are certification, plan approval and monitoring requirements for boilers, incinerators, stationary turbines, reciprocating engines, emergency generator sets and other internal combustion engines (e.g. those associated with power generation units).

As discussed, E Ink is considering adding an emergency generator to the site. Emergency Generators with the capacity of greater than 37 kW (mechanical) must meet the Environmental Results Program requirements. Information for submitting a Compliance Certification for a Stationary Engine is available at the following website: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/submit-a-compliance-certification-stationary-engine-or-turbine>.

E Ink indicated in discussions after the meeting that they are evaluating additional combustion equipment to be added such as a new or replaced boiler; MassDEP staff are available to review potential requirements. Depending on the boiler rating, either a Compliance Certification or a Non-Major Plan Approval will be required. Information regarding thresholds for Compliance Certification versus a Plan Approval is available at the following website: Compliance Certification: Commercial, Industrial or Institutional Boiler | Mass.gov.

Construction Activities

All construction activity must conform to current Air Pollution Control Regulations. E Ink should implement measures to alleviate dust, noise, and odor nuisance conditions that may occur during any construction and demolition activities. Such measures must comply with the MassDEP's Bureau of Air and Waste (BAW) Regulations 310 CMR 7.01, 7.09, and 7.10.

Asbestos and Demolition

As noted previously, MassDEP will continue communication regarding on-going demolition and abatement activities through our asbestos staff. For future projects, please be aware that MassDEP requires anyone planning a project involving asbestos abatement, removal, or disposal to notify MassDEP at least ten working days prior to commencement of work. Information on construction/demolition notifications, emergency waivers requests, asbestos regulations in Massachusetts as well as online filing information and forms are available at the following website: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/massdep-asbestos-construction-demolition-notifications>.

Hazardous Waste

E Ink is currently registered as a Large Quantity Generator of hazardous waste. As final expansion designs are completed, E Ink is advised to review the registration for accuracy. Wastes generated at the site must be properly managed in accordance with 310 CMR 30.0000. Information regarding Hazardous Waste Management and recycling is available at the following website: [Hazardous Waste Management | Mass.gov](#) E Ink has acknowledged that a Class-A Recycling Notification is required prior to the operation of the two proposed solvent stills.

As discussed, E Ink acknowledges that the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC) must be updated to include all hazardous materials on-site as the processes expand. MassDEP also requires that E Ink update its hazardous waste Employee Training Program to address any new chemicals and/or processes to be implemented.

Environmental Justice

Massachusetts Environmental Justice policy is based on the principle that all people have a right to be protected from environmental pollution and to enjoy a healthful, clean environment. The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and MassDEP have updated the Environmental Justice policy to include a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) component for MassDEP Permits and Approvals that currently include a Public Comment period.

With respect to E Ink, as noted previously, the NMCPA does have a required Public Comment period once the Draft Approval is complete. The PIP process is triggered for the NMCPA if the project site is located within or within one mile of, a designated Environmental Justice (EJ) Population area. The Fact Sheet submitted as part of the Approval application will be utilized as part of the PIP; MassDEP will work with the project proponent and the community to develop a comprehensive list of stakeholders for outreach. The interactive EJ mapping tool is available at the following website: [Environmental Justice Populations in Massachusetts \(arcgis.com\)](#)

Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP)

Releases of oil and/or hazardous materials are governed by the Massachusetts Oil and Hazardous Material Release Prevention and Response Act, M.G.L. c. 21E, and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP 310 CMR 40.0000). If contamination is encountered during construction activities or if a release occurs, E Ink should retain a Licensed Site Professional (LSP). The MCP details procedures to follow for the parties conducting work.

For program specific questions please contact the following:

- Air Quality, Chief Marc Simpson 413-755-2115, Marc.Simpson@mass.gov
- Air Quality Permitter, Todd Wheeler 413-755-2297, Todd.Wheeler@mass.gov
- Hazardous Waste, Multi-media Compliance, Derrick Bruce, 617 874-6757
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- Wetlands, Circuit Rider Mary Grover 413-755-2154, Mary.Grover@mass.gov

- Asbestos Notifications and Demolition Notifications, David Slowick 413 755-2246, David.Slowick@mass.gov
- Environmental Justice Public Involvement Plan – Catherine V. Skiba 413-335-7514, Catherine.Skiba@mass.gov

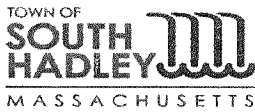
Please feel free to contact me at (413) 755-2267 with general questions regarding the project.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Fournier

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Fwd: 2022 Municipal Mosquito Spraying Opt-Out Program

Sharon Hart <shart@southhadleyma.gov>

Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 3:13 PM

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From: **EEAopt-out (EEA)** <EEAopt-out@mass.gov>
Date: Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 3:01 PM
Subject: 2022 Municipal Mosquito Spraying Opt-Out Program
To:
Cc: EEAopt-out (EEA) <eeaopt-out.eea@state.ma.us>

Good Afternoon,

In July 2020, Governor Baker signed into law legislation entitled *An Act to Mitigate Arbovirus in the Commonwealth* (M.G.L. Chapter 252, Section 2A), which requires the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to develop a process for the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB) to permit municipalities to opt out of mosquito control spraying, including aerial or other, conducted by the SRMCB.

Today, EEA is announcing the release of the 2022 opt-out process, which reflects several updates in response to outcomes from the 2021 opt-out process. The 2022 process requires municipalities to review the regional historical EEE risk level map which serves as EEA's 2022 evaluation criteria, prepare an alternative mosquito management plan which includes only submission of at least three education and outreach activities, and secure approval to opt out via a certified vote by local Select Board or City Council.

All Plans are subject to approval by EEA. Approval of a plan allows a municipality to opt out of spraying conducted by the SRMCB under M.G.L. Chapter 252, Section 2A through calendar year 2022. It does not extend to any spraying conducted by a mosquito control project or district of which a municipality may be a member.

Guidance and application information can be found at the following webpage, linked [here](#).

The application including a certified vote and alternative management plan are due as email attachments to EEAopt-out@mass.gov by **May 27, 2022**.

If you have any questions, please direct them to EEAopt-out@mass.gov

Fwd: Mosquito spraying opt-out application update

1 message

Sharon Hart <shart@southhadleyma.gov>

Thu, Apr 7, 2022 at 4:40 PM

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From: **Comerford, Joanne (SEN)** <Jo.Comerford@masenate.gov>

Date: Thu, Apr 7, 2022 at 2:56 PM

Subject: Mosquito spraying opt-out application update

To: Rosman, Brian (SEN) <Brian.Rosman@masenate.gov>, Cohen, Elena (SEN) <Elena.Cohen@masenate.gov>

Good afternoon,

My team and I have just learned that the aerial spraying opt-out application will be posted tomorrow.

We will share the notice we receive as soon as we receive it. It will also be sent to local boards of health, mosquito control districts, and anyone who signed up to receive notices from EEA on the topic.

We have been told that the application process has been significantly simplified and includes much more detailed guidance about what constitutes a successful application for different regions of the Commonwealth with different risk levels. Applications will require approval by the Selectboard or City/Town Council and will be due on May 27. EEA expressed a belief that this turnaround time will be sufficient for municipalities to complete the new application, given its greater simplicity.

We've underscored with EEA colleagues the significant flaws with last year's process, while also sharing our critique about the decision-making. We repeatedly asked for more guidance and clearer criteria and are grateful for all of the input so many of you submitted to us and to the agencies directly. We were told that the feedback EEA, DPH, and MDAR received from the municipalities and from the public was critical in their redesign of the application process.

Warmest wishes,
Jo

Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester district

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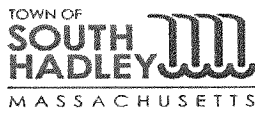
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Fwd: Update on 2022 Municipal Opt-Out for Aerial Mosquito Spraying

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Sharon Hart <shart@southhadleyma.gov>

Thu, Apr 14, 2022 at 2:28 PM

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To: "Craig, Christopher (AGR)" <christopher.craig@state.ma.us>
Subject: Update on 2022 Municipal Opt-Out for Aerial Mosquito Spraying

Hello PVMCD Members,

I just wanted to provide an update on the 2022 Municipal Opt-Out for Aerial Mosquito Spraying for any interested communities. EEA has provided its guidelines at the following website: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/application-for-municipality-opt-out-of-srmcb-spraying> EEA will be requiring a checklist of town information, an alternative mosquito management plan, and a vote by selectboard/city council. Documents and more information are available at this website.

I must remind our members that you are welcome to include the PVMCD's surveillance program and educational resources as part of your alternative mosquito management plan, but this alone does not guarantee an approved application.

Please feel free to reach to with any questions!

Best,
Chris Craig
PVMCD Coordinator