

**Vermont Pollinator Protection Committee**  
**Ethan Allen Room-Capitol Plaza Hotel, Montpelier, VT**  
**November 9, 2016 9:30 – 12:30**  
**Agenda**

1. Approve meeting minutes from October 12 (Boccuzzo)
2. Discussion of eight charges from legislative charge
  - a. Evaluate the status in Vermont of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's five pillars of pollinator health. The five pillars of pollinator health are: pollinator biology; nutrition and habitat; pathogens and pests; pesticide use; and genetics and breeding.
    - i. Discuss and vote on Tremblay, Richardson, Palmer, Conrad recommendations
  - b. Evaluate the effectiveness of pesticide applicator licensing and other pesticide requirements in the State in protecting pollinator health.
    - i. Discuss and vote on regulation subcommittee recommendations
  - c. Evaluate other state or international pesticide regulations that are more protective of pollinator health than the pesticide regulations of Vermont or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
  - d. Study available education and outreach plans from other states that have been successful in increasing public awareness of pollinator health issues.
  - e. Evaluate best management practices for application of neonicotinoid insecticides (NNIs) in a manner that avoids harm to pollinators.
    - i. Leif Richardson
    - ii. Sid Bosworth, UVM Extension: Field crop IPM 10:00 AM
    - iii. David Biddinger, Penn State University: Apple IPM 10:30 AM
    - iv. Katie Ballard, Director of Research, Miner Institute: NNIs in field crops
    - v. Chris Conant, Claussen Enterprises: Ornamental IPM
    - vi. Kevin Komer, VT Golf Course Superintendent's Association
  - f. Identify possible sources of funds for use in the protection of pollinator health.
  - g. Consider the requirements in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 64 (State Clean Water Act) regarding buffers along State waters and whether and how areas in buffers or other areas that require perennial vegetation should be encouraged for use as pollinator forage zones or pollinator growing areas.
  - h. Develop a State pollinator protection plan using the framework and critical elements from the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials Pollinator Protection Plan guidance.
3. Public comment period
4. Adjourn

Next meetings:

- December 07, 2016 9:30AM -12:30PM