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Subject: Re: New report on pesticides -

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As you know, the Town is pre-empted from local control of pesticides. I do believe we can re send the resolution, under a new year, along with the study, asking again for water bordering and coastal, non-agricultural communities to be exempted from the rule. I will ask it to be on the August agenda. Thanks kim! Not sure I can copy Maggie on this. Bobbie

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On Jul 29, 2023, at 5:37 AM, Kim Frisbie <kimfris6@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Beth - this is just absurd. One of the first things I noticed upon my arrival on Nantucket was how much better the air smelled here than in Palm Beach. I agree with you that the chemical smell is horrible and it is omnipresent. It's just a crime that companies are allowed to spray such vast quantities of these chemicals, most of which aren't even needed. Can't the town at least regulate the usage? Here's an example: If directions for a specific chemical's usage stipulates using only once a month, and it is applied to house X on Monday, it should not be legal to apply it to house Y, next door to house X, on Tuesday. But this is what is happening and consequently we are being inundated with many times the allowable dosage of any given chemical. Florida Environmental is the worst offender - they make no efforts to spray in a timely fashion, and they never avoid spraying when the weather is inclement. I cannot believe that the Town of Palm Beach has no control over the gross misuse of these toxins. Perhaps it would be possible to require residents to apply for permits to use certain chemicals, specifically neonicotinoids; then at least they would know what is being applied to their properties. I don't think most people have any idea what their "Environmental" companies are using. I'm happy to write to DeSantis if that could help. I really don't look forward to returning to Palm Beach in the fall and breathing in all the chemicals in the air. Stay well my friends! :)

On Jul 28, 2023, at 9:26 PM, Elizabeth Dowdle <elizabethdowdle@me.com> wrote:

Hi Kim,

Thank you for sending this. I just left a friend's house on Seabreeze, middle block, after dinner. She was taking her little dogs out for a walk as I left. We could not even stay in the front yard of her house or even out on the sidewalk because we

were hit by a horrible chemical odor from the pesticide that was applied by her next door neighbor today. Her driveway, on the opposite side of her house from the sprayed yard, was not even tolerable due to the odor. I believe, in addition to the Imidicloprid, the strong odor came from Acephate, an Organophosphate. (I have experienced this before at her house and called the company, Florida Environmental, to find out the source of the odor.) They dump chemicals at that house on a regular, calendar basis.

I have also witnessed and photographed pools of probable Imidacloprid on our public sidewalks, under tall ficus hedges. I have seen people, pets and even babies in strollers, going through it on our public sidewalks while it was still wet. Couldn't we control chemical dumping on our public right of ways? I have been walking with friends from out of town when they ask, "what is that horrible chemical odor everywhere?"

Your article discusses the use of these chemicals on seeds and the harm to birds, pollinators bees and marine life. All true but I'm afraid that people aren't making the connection to the impact on human health. We need a sustained educational campaign on the human health impacts of all these chemicals being dumped on Palm Beach. It is out of control.

We might not be able to control the coating of seeds in the agricultural industry right away but the thing we could control right away is all the dumping of these chemicals on landscapes in Palm Beach.

To me, these are the most powerful sentences in your article:

"In Palm Beach, imidacloprid is the most commonly used pesticide by homeowners whose landscapers tell them this is essential to save their ficus hedges from white fly inundation. In reality, most white fly populations have built up resistance to this chemical so it is no longer efficient."

"Is a citizen's right to clean air less important than his neighbor's right to spray poison on his hedge - when we know that poison is leaching into our soils and aquifers, and polluting the air we breathe?"

Thank you for your articles, Kim!
Beth

On Jul 28, 2023, at 6:01 PM, Kim Frisbie <kimfris6@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi All - I just wrote an article I wanted to show you about the latest findings on neonicotinoids recently published by the American Bird Conservancy. I wondered if it might be helpful in getting Resolution 028-2022 on the books. Are we any closer to having that passed? The science is plain and unequivocal: these pesticides are killing our birds, pollinators and bees. They are banned in the EU and in 2 Provinces in Canada, but our EPA is doing NOTHING. It seems that the very least we can do is restrict them in Palm Beach. Let me know what you think .I could send this to the PB Daily News but my concern is that there are too few people in town to read it right now...Anyway, hope you're all well Hot up here in Nantucket, but at least the air is clean... (I hope..!). Miss you guys!! :)

<A word on pesticides.docx>