

**INVASIVE PLANTS COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2004**

Council Members Present: Comm. Leff, Dr. Musgrave, David Sutherland, Tom McGowan, Dr. Magnarelli,

Members of the Public Present: Donna Ellis, Marie Lipski

Absent: Paul Larson, David Goodwin, Dr. Mehrhoff, Comm. Gresczyk

Chairman Leff called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.

Chairman Leff immediately discussed how at the last meeting Paul Larson raised the point that the council had not approved the minutes of the June 21st meeting.

Chairman Leff then turned his attention to the minutes of the September 21st meeting. He edited two sentences on the 3rd page, 2nd paragraph. In the second sentence, after the word “push”, the words “for legislation authorizing” should be added. In the very next sentence after the word “need”, the words “obtain funding to” should be added.

Mr. Sutherland wasn't sure if he had said the following statement at the end of 3rd paragraph on page 2, so he asked that that sentence be deleted.

Chairman Leff asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21st meeting. Dr. Magnarelli made a motion. Mr. McGowan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairman Leff then asked the council if they had any changes to the minutes of the June 21st meeting. There were none. He asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21st meeting. Mr. Sutherland mad a motion. Mr. McGowan seconded the motion. The minutes of the June 21st meeting were approved unanimously.

The next topic of discussion was the Symposium that was held a week ago at the University of Connecticut.

Chairman Leff said it was great to see such a diverse crowd of people that were all interested and affected by the issue of invasive plants. He said that he saw people at the symposium with public policy backgrounds, people from state and federal agencies, and people from the academic world to name a few.

Ms. Ellis said the symposium went very well and commented on the amount of information that was available at that symposium.

Dr. Magnarelli asked what other states are doing regarding the issue of invasive plants.

Chairman Leff said that he wasn't completely sure and that they would reach out to states once "we get our house in order."

The council discussed a few states that may be passing legislation like Delaware, Rhode Island, Colorado and New York.

The council then discussed their upcoming forum on December 13, 2004. They discussed who should be notified about the forum. Dr. Magnarelli said their needs to be newspaper coverage.

Chairman Leff said that people wanting to testify should submit testimony before hand.

Chairman Leff decided to skip discussing prioritization of Issues for future discussions because not enough council members were present.

The Council then discussed their meeting schedule for next year. They decided on January 18, February 15, March 15, April 12, May 10 and June 14. All meetings will be at 1:30 P.M. in the LOB.

Chairman Leff asked if there was any new or old business. Seeing none he asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. McGowan made the motion. Mr. Sutherland seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Bloom
Clerk – Environment Committee