

Unofficial Summary

Invasive Plants Council
Tuesday March 9, 2010
2 pm, Department of Agriculture, Room G8
Hartford, CT

Council members present: Dave Goodwin, Bill Hyatt, Lou Magnarelli, Phil Prelli
A quorum was not present.

Others present: Donna Ellis, Nancy Murray, Logan Senack, Dick Shaffer

Due to a lack of a quorum, the meeting was not called to order. The group informally discussed the topics below:

CNLA reaction to the barberry cultivar proposal

Goodwin reported that the major growers have been invited to a meeting on March 17 to further discuss certain barberry cultivar phase-outs. Dr. Mark Brand (UConn) will be present to provide information regarding benchmark numbers for the number of seeds and fruits produced by various cultivars. Goodwin will provide an update at the June Council meeting.

Goodwin also noted concerns about the sale of invasive plants on the internet and by mail order. The group discussed the issue and the difficulties with regulating interstate commerce.

Disposal of invasives

Karen Weeks could not attend today's meeting, and so requested that the disposal of invasives discussion be moved to the June meeting.

Status of legislative efforts

The Department of Environmental Protection and The Nature Conservancy submitted testimony in support of adding Sec. 22a-381d to the list of regulations enforceable by conservation officers. Prelli also presented testimony prepared by Musgrave on behalf of the Invasive Plants Council.

Hyatt reported that the Judges of the Superior Court have not yet responded regarding DEP's request to change Sec. 15-180 from a misdemeanor to a mail-in violation, but DEP is expecting to hear back later in the week.

Nomenclatural standard

The group will discuss nomenclatural standards at the next meeting.

The discussion concluded at approximately 2:20 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday June 8, 2010 at 2 pm at the CAES Valley Lab in Windsor.

Unofficial Summary