

The climate and environment committee met at the Town Hall starting at 7pm. Present were Mary Flynn, council liaison, Elizabeth MacDonald, Gabrielle Fontana, Susan Blacklow.

Topic of discussion was whether the town should opt in to the Montgomery county pesticide ban, which requires affirmative action on the part of the town to apply. The chair presented on the current status of the pesticide ban and the litigation against the ban. The lawsuits are based on the premise that since federal and state law permit sale and use of the banned chemicals, Montgomery county is preempted from banning them.

The committee determined to await the outcome of the lawsuit prior to recommending a course of action to the council.

The committee adjourned at 8pm.