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BOARD OF HEALTH

DECEMBER 9, 2021

MORATORIUM OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH

The following is the decision of the Great Barrington Board of Health regarding Glyphosate containing herbicides, voted and approved on:

In finding that there is an increasing body of scientific evidence indicating that glyphosate poses harm to developing children, bees and other pollinators, pets, domestic animals, and wildlife and in alignment with the 2016 affirmative Town Meeting vote for the Resolution committing Great Barrington to a pollinator friendly town, this moratorium aims to protect and promote the health of our ecological systems by restricting the use of glyphosate to specific efforts involved with invasive species management.

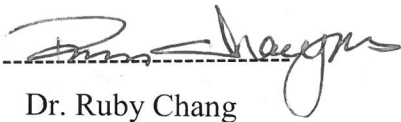
The Great Barrington Board of Health requires that all application of glyphosate- containing herbicides must be conducted by a Massachusetts Licensed Pesticide/ Herbicide Applicator. Licensed Applicators who intend to administer any herbicide containing glyphosate on Town-owned or Town- operated property must submit a Notice of Intent application to the Health Department for review. NOIs must be submitted no later than 14 days prior to scheduled work. A NOI may include a site review by the Board of Health. The Board of Health reserves the right to deny any Notice of Intent application at any time. If NOI is denied by the Board of Health, the applicant will receive a letter via certified receipt.

Over the one year that the Moratorium is active, the Board of Health will dedicate time during two regularly scheduled monthly meetings to discuss the potential success or short comings of the ban.

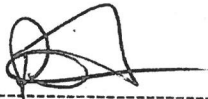
If a person and/ or entity is found to be in violation of this Moratorium, the Board of Health has the authority to issue fines under M.G.L c.40, Section 21D. Fines can be issued up to \$300.00 per day the violation persists.

This moratorium will become effective immediately and remain in effect until December 30, 2022. The moratorium can be lifted at an earlier date if the Board of Health concludes that the benefits of loosening the restrictions on glyphosate applications outweigh the risks.

Moratorium enacted by:



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