

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
7:00 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015  
JULIAN B. THAYER AUDITORIUM, COGINCHAUG REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and roll call

Laura Francis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led with the pledge of allegiance. Steve Levy present. John Szewczyk absent.

2. Approval of the agenda

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. 2 AYE

3. Public comment

Joe Pasquale asked about the status of haying on the towns Guilford Road property. L. Francis stated that she met with Skip Wimler and a contract for haying is being drawn up. She also stated that a formal request to NRCS has been made for technical assistance regarding maintenance of the property.

Claudia White stated for the record that she supports 9 Town Transit; her daughter uses their services to get to and from college.

Chuck Stengel thanked L. Francis for the May 11, 2015 letter to the Siting Council requesting a local telecommunications coverage assessment.

Roger Passavant asked for an update on the Deerfield Farm tank. L. Francis stated that the water level in the tank has been drained and the Health Department is working with the tenant.

4. Roadside Maintenance Task Force report

Members Tina Hurlbert, Claudia White, Joanne Nytch, Michael Bisceglia, and Mark Shadle were in attendance. Their charge was to research safe, efficient and cost effective methods of maintaining roadways, roadsides and town property that may minimize and/or eliminate the use of hazardous chemicals and report their findings to the Board of Selectmen. They presented a PowerPoint presentation (attached). Some key items from the presentation included; why Roundup is a problem, what others are doing about types of products that contain glyphosate, product cost comparisons, recommendations from the Task Force and the resources they used in determining them. After discussion the Board noted that they supported the task force and agreed that the proposed Burn Out product was a viable solution and agreed to try it. Kurt Bober asked the task force to consider other organic solutions that are available through the Lesco Company.

5. Request from the Durham Public Library for permission to use Town Green on Saturday, August 8, 2015

Assistant Director, Cyndi Shirshac requested permission to use the Town Green for the library's end of summer reading program. C. Shirshac attended the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of Chief's Council where details were worked out.

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY TO USE THE TOWN GREEN ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015 PENDING REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED AT MEETING OF MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2015. ALL AYE

6. Request from Finance Director for permission to use #4018-551 Non Routine Vehicle Maintenance budget line for parts and service to the ambulance

The ambulance has been out of service for repair three times this fiscal year; October, November, and recently in March. Total cost of repairs is \$7,204. The DVAC has budget lines for vehicle parts and vehicle repair that total \$5,000 between the two. Since the cost of the repairs to date exceeds

the amount of their appropriation, the Finance Director is requesting the use of budget line #4018-551 non-routine maintenance to cover the balance of the repair bills over their appropriation in the amount of \$2,204.

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF MORIN DIESEL INVOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,204 FROM #4018-551 NON ROUTINE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BUDGET LINE FOR PARTS AND SERVICE TO THE AMBULANCE. 2 AYE

7. Request from Assistant Health Director for permission to waive food registration fee for Durham Cooperative Nursery School event on May 30, 2015

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE ASSISTANT HEALTH DIRECTOR TO WAIVE FOOD REGISTRATION FEE FOR DURHAM COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL EVENT ON MAY 30, 2015. 2 AYE

8. Request from Tour de Cure for permission to use the Town Green on Sunday, June 14, 2015 to provide radio communications support during the Tour de Cure

Tabled - request withdrawn.

9. May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board of Selectmen's Meeting; cancel

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO CANCEL MAY 18, 2015 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING. 2 AYE

10. Set Special Town Meeting date; June 8<sup>th</sup> or June 22, 2015

Tabled - revisit at June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting

11. Tax refunds

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO APPROVE A TOTAL OF TEN (10) TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$4,521.62 AS PRESENTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR. 2 AYE

12. Approval of Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of April 27, 2015

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2015 AS PRESENTED. 2 AYE

13. Selectmen's comments - None

14. Old/New business

- 1.) Reminder that there is a Public Hearing on June 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Fire House to discuss proposed groundwater ordinance.
- 2.) L. Francis attended a workshop at Yale University on Gigabit Project. Durham is one of 46 towns that signed on for the RFQ. A vendor has been selected but many items need to be worked out.
- 3.) L. Francis attended the Connecticut Emergency Management Symposium on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 4.) Monthly Trooper Report for April 2015; 359 calls for service, 5 criminal investigations, 5 motor vehicle accidents (1) with injuries, 40 motor vehicle infractions, 18 motor vehicle warnings. Motor vehicle enforcement was conducted on Brick Lane, Route 79, Maiden Lane, and Route 17. Trooper Kendrick attended Chiefs Meeting, Mass Casualty Meeting, and Made in CT Expo. He also attended in-service training at the CT State Police Academy. L. Francis reiterated her request to other departments for monthly reports.
- 5.) Attorney Robert Poliner will be retiring. Will utilize Halloran & Sage as needed.

15. Public comment

Kurt Bober referenced the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of April 27<sup>th</sup> and felt that there was a lot of misinformation at the meeting in reference to Deerfield Farm. He stated that the public works department was responsive to the needs of the tenant, within 48 hours. He also talked about

the site location for the tank changing several times and the comment that the tank was too close to the barn.

Donia Viola asked for an update on the installation of a catch basin on Partridge Lane. K. Bober responded that this particular basin has a plate over it and is barricaded for safety; he is working on a schedule for the replacement of several catch basins that may be done in June.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata

# Durham, CT Roadside Maintenance Task Force

Members:  
Michael Blisceglla, Chair  
Claudia White  
Joanne Nytch  
Mark Shadle  
Tina Hurlbert

“The Roadside Maintenance Task Force (RMTF) shall research **safe, efficient and cost effective methods of maintaining roadways, roadsides and town property that may *minimize and/or eliminate* the use of hazardous chemicals.**”

# Why is RoundUp a Problem?

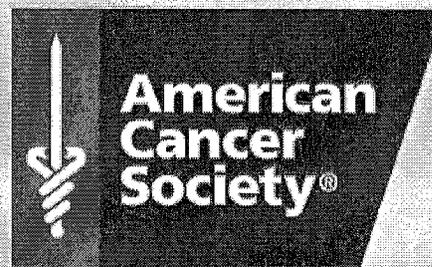
- Contains Glyphosate, which persists in the environment, despite Monsanto's claims to the contrary
- Was detected in 60%-100% of all air and rain samples in Mississippi and Iowa during two growing seasons<sup>1</sup>
- Linked to serious plant diseases and creation of <sup>2</sup> superweeds
- Significant concentrations found in urine samples and breast milk, 5x-20x the limit for drinking water<sup>3</sup>
- Linked to multiple diseases & conditions including: tumors, infertility, kidney disease, neurological damage, lymphomas, and more.

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Pesticides Industry Sales and Usage, 2006 and 2007 Market Estimates (PDF)

<sup>2</sup>Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, 2011 Mar;30(3):548-55.

<sup>3</sup>Krüger et al., J Environmental & Analytical Toxicology 2014, 4:2.

## Studies and Meta-Analyses Are Reinforced by Statements Made by:





World Health  
Organization

Carcinogen Classifications	
Group 1	Carcinogenic to Humans
Group 2A	Probably carcinogenic to humans
Group 2B	Possibly carcinogenic to humans
Group 3	Not classifiable
Group 4	Probably not carcinogenic to humans

*4Carcinogenicity of tetrachlorvinphos, parathion, malathion, diazinon, and glyphosate*. Guyton, Kathryn Z et al. The Lancet Oncology, 2015 March 30, Volume 16, Issue 5, 490 - 491

## What are people doing about glyphosate products?

- The Netherlands, South Africa, Chile, Sri Lanka, France, and the province of Ontario have passed bans on glyphosate
- Columbia's Health Ministry has recommended banning glyphosate
- Legislation is in the works to ban glyphosate in El Salvador, Brazil, and Argentina – being held up in legal systems by appeals from Monsanto

Senator Ted Kennedy, Sr. has put Roundup  
“at the top of the list” to ban in his proposed  
Senate Bill 1063<sup>5</sup>

- The EPA has announced its intention to restrict the use of glyphosate because of health & environmental concerns
- Feed the World is making test kits available for people to independently test their urine, water, and breastmilk.
- California Mom Tracy Madlener got RoundUp eliminated in her neighborhood in 2015

<sup>5</sup>  
*AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AND CERTAIN PUBLIC SPACES, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN MICROBIALS AND REESTABLISHING THE PESTICIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL.*



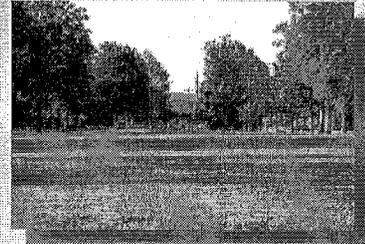
Why Not Durham?

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

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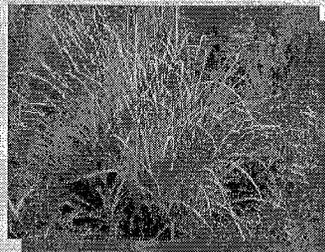
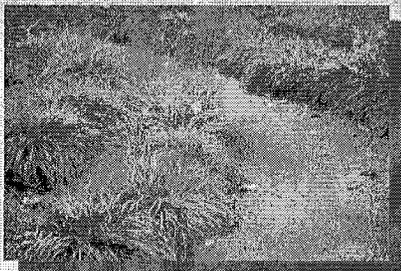
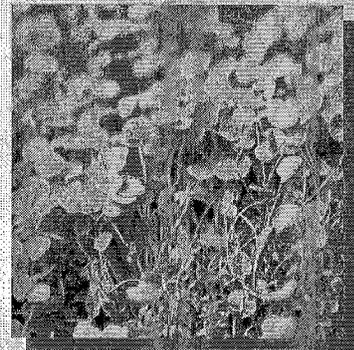
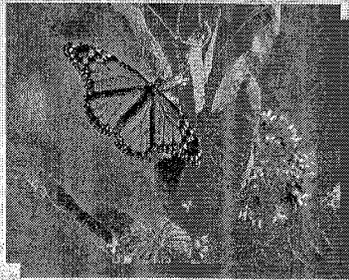
2. Employ aggressive management techniques via weed-whacking, hoeing, hand pulling by root, mulching.



## Recommendations (cont'd):

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- Milkweed
- Sedge
- Clover
- Grasses

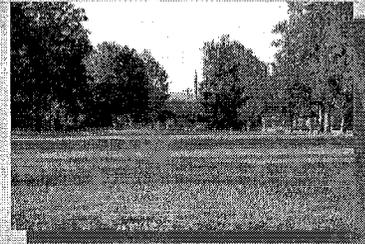


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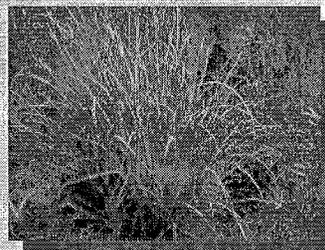
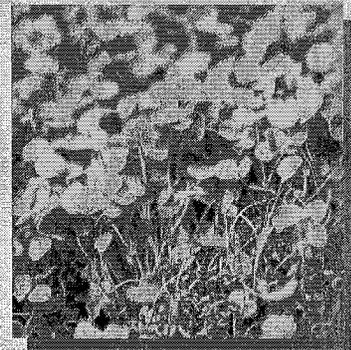
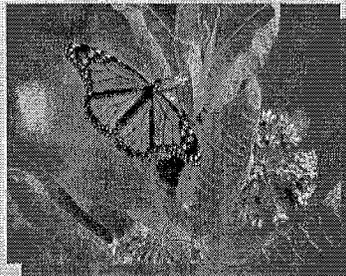
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4. Consult with these

## Resource People

- Amanda Weise, Ecological Program Coordinator for New England Wildflower Society
- George Batchelor, Supervisor of Landscape Design, Massachusetts DOT Highway Division
- Gail Reynolds, Cooperative Extension Center
- Mark Corvo, Ivy Clear, non-chemical removal of poison ivy
- Diane St. John, AOLCP, Certified by CNLA
- Beyond Pesticides Organization
- Stephan Michael
- Andy Pressman, Agriculture Specialist with the National Center for Appropriate Technology

## 5. \*Last resort\*

### BurnOut Organic Weed Control

#### PRODUCT COMPARISON

##### **BurnOut**

Works in hours  
 Kills most roots  
 May require re-treatment on older hardier plants.  
 Once application has dried on Weed & Grass, rain will not tend to affect performance.

After application it is safe to enter treated areas.

##### **Roundup**

Works in 7-10 days  
 Kills roots  
 May require re-treatment on older hardier plants.

Reapplication may be required after rain.

#### **Burnout II Concentrate Contains:**

Active Ingredients:

Clove Oil ..... 8%

Citric Acid .... 24%

Other Ingredients:

Mineral oil (USP), Water, Gum Arabic

Total Other ..... 68%

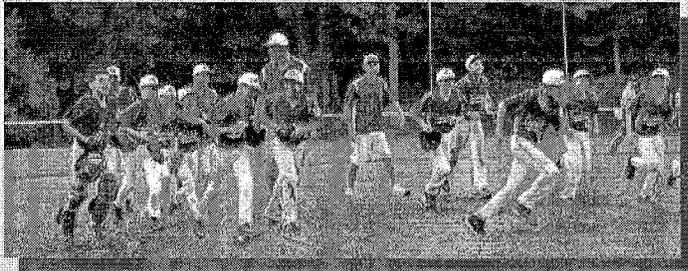
## Cost/Usage Comparison:

# BurnOut vs. RoundUp/Vacate

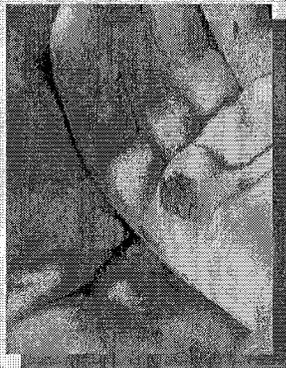
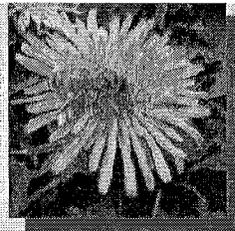
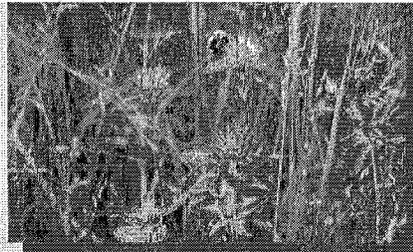
Current Public Works Usage of RoundUp and Vacate	BurnOut
\$750-800*/year of up to 30 gallons of product	\$416.30 for 30 gallons of product
1 gal. will treat up to 235 sq. ft.	2.5 gallons concentrate makes 7.5 gallons (3:1) and will cover a half of an acre in broadcast application.

\*Numbers from Public Works office - does not include labor or equipment – day sheets did not specify

# Good for Our Children



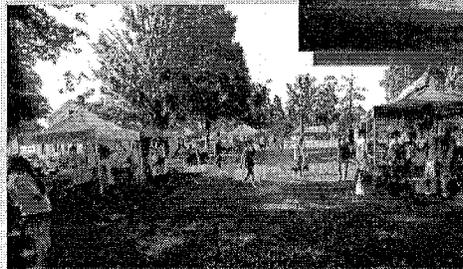
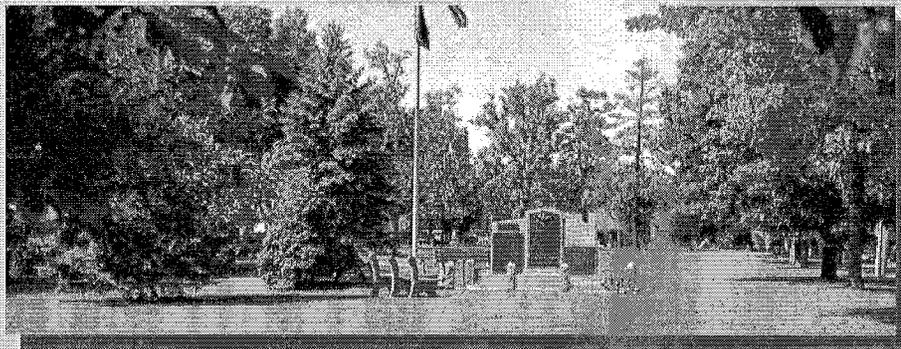
Photos courtesy Town Times, Diane St. John, Durham Public Library, Scott Hurlbert



Photos courtesy Diane St. John,  
Scott Hurlbert, Greenbacker's



## Good for Our Town



Photos courtesy Patch, Diane  
St. John, Town of Durham





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