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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 28, 2013  
To: Board Members  
From: Henry Jennings  
Subject: List of Planning Session Topics

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Periodically, the Board holds informal planning sessions with the entire staff to review Board concerns, issues and priorities. The following topics have been submitted by either Board members or staff for potential discussion at this year's planning session. The Board will discuss planning session topics in the order of Board priority, as time allows. It's likely that there will not be sufficient time to discuss all of the topics. Consequently, the Board may elect to add remaining topics to future Board meeting agendas.

- Collaboration with Integration Pest Management Council
  - Grants for IPM
- 25' setback exemption for invasive plant control
- Staff issuance of variances
  - Chapter 22 variances for identifying Sensitive Areas
  - Guidelines/BMPs for variances to control invasive plants near surface water
- Certification for people who make pesticide recommendations
- Policy on posting personal information from comments that are received
- Policy on complaints/sampling and responding to applicators
- Enforcement case turnaround time
- Consent agreement fine structure
- Other rulemaking? Licensing chapters?
- Enforceability of pesticide laws
- Educational outreach priorities
- Reducing reliance on pesticides
  - Staff involvement in the YardScaping program
  - Retail sign and BPC slogan
- Awareness and operation of the notification provisions contained in Chapter 28
- Board meeting during the Maine Agricultural Trades Show?
- Update on the GMO labeling law
- More exam training for growers
- Better online recertification options
- Streamlining of the licensing process