



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Hearing Room 222

The Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will hold a hybrid public hearing to solicit **written and oral testimony** in-person and remotely on the following bills:

Docket/Bill No.	Bill Title	Sponsor
H.4571	An Act authorizing the town of Arlington to prohibit use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides by commercial pesticide applicators	Garballey, Sean (HOU)
H.5113	An Act designating the Marion Stoddart riverwalk	Scarsdale, Margaret R. (HOU)
H.5076	An Act relative to reducing the use of toxic pesticides in the town of Eastham	Luddy, Hadley (HOU)
H.4972	An Act a petition that the town of Chelmsford be authorized to ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides within said town	Cataldo, Simon (HOU)

H.4917	An Act relative to a town-wide ban on the use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs)	Gordon, Kenneth I. (HOU)
H.4700	An Act authorizing the town of Truro to regulate the use of pesticides	Luddy, Hadley (HOU)
S.2877	An Act authorizing the town of Grafton to prohibit or restrict the application of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides	Moore, Michael O. (SEN)
S.2896	An Act authorizing the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea to adopt a bylaw restricting the use of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs)	Tarr, Bruce E. (SEN)
S.2933	An Act authorizing the town of Billerica to ban second generation anticoagulant rodenticides within the town	Friedman, Cindy F. (SEN)

Please be advised that the schedule and agenda are subject to change at the agreement of the Chairs. All matters filed in the House that are listed above are required to be reported on by May 3, 2026, subject to extensions consistent with House Rule 27.

The public is invited to participate in this hybrid hearing, which will be livestreamed on the General Court website, <https://maleislature.gov/>. Hearings will be recorded and posted publicly on the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources' page <https://maleislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J21/Hearings>. At the discretion of the Chairs and per committee rules, written testimony received by the committee will be made publicly available. The committee may limit availability or redact testimony that includes sensitive personal information, information about minors, or information that may jeopardize the health, wellness or safety of the testifier or others.

Written testimony can be submitted via email at jointcommittee.environment@malegislature.gov or physically mailed to the House Chair:

Chair Christine Barber

Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

ATTN: Jacob Newman

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In-person oral and remote testimony sign-up is available via this [form](#) until 10:00AM on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Email Jacob Newman at Jacob.Newman@mahouse.gov with any questions or concerns. Please note that oral testimony will be limited to 2 minutes per registrant. Written testimony should be submitted not later than two (2) weeks following the hearing date.

For in-person and remote testimony please include:

1. Name;
2. Organization you represent;
3. Whether on behalf of yourself or an organization;
4. Mailing address;
5. Email address;
6. Telephone number;
7. In-person or remote testimony;
8. Bills testifying on;
9. Whether support or oppose.

For those testifying remotely, you will receive a Microsoft Teams link with more information prior to the start of the hearing.

This hearing will be chaired by House Chair Christine Barber. If you have any questions regarding the hearing, legislation, format of the hearing or reasonable accommodations required to ensure people with disabilities can participate fully in the committee process, please email: Jacob Newman with Chair Barber, at Jacob.Newman@mahouse.gov and Clayton Spivey with Chair Rausch, at Clayton.Spivey@masenate.gov. House Chair Barber's office can be reached via telephone: (617) 722-2230.

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