

## SOUTH PORTLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES 5/6/19 (5-6:30 PM) – COMMUNITY CENTER

### ATTENDEES

Residents / Taxpayers	MBPC-Licensed Professionals	Agronomist
Cathy Chapman Ann Morrill (Chair)	Justin Nichols	Jesse O'Brien
City Staff	Guests	
Fred Dillon (notes)		

1. Review, revise and/or approve 4/1/19 meeting notes
  - Approved as written
  
2. Pesticide Ordinance Review & Evaluation
  - 4/5/19 meeting attended by various interests including land care professionals
  - Evaluation Report due to Council by 5/1/19 but Julie wants to discuss on 5/8/19
  - Will have draft ready for PMAC review shortly thereafter
  - Ensuing discussion:
    - Need to carefully review waiver form to allow applicants to detail what they've done already
    - Important to have sense of trust in what professionals are doing (but also to trust AND verify)
      - Professional credentials matter: Wainwright and SMCC pros are really trying to do the right thing – presumption of good intent
    - Also important to recognize distinction between DIY'ers and pros
      - Need to treat all waiver applicants the same regardless
    - Expand narrative section for more description of previous efforts with trying different approaches used to comply with ordinance
      - This narrative should also include details on timing of different attempts
      - Explanation of how various methods and materials were carefully evaluated including specifics for types of practices
      - Avoid being being too prescriptive
      - Create a sample form to serve as an example
    - Should cost considerations be a factor for deciding whether to grant waiver?
      - Current ordinance provisions don't provide any allowances for cost impacts
    - Should there be a stated distinction between residential lawn and high use athletic field?
      - E.g., when grub issues don't allow athletic field to be used as intended (due to issues with player safety / playability)
      - Also important to consider notions of public vs private goods
    - Need more specific info for **organic grub control on website** – lots of existing info that we can link to (or adapt) – **Julie and Fred will do**

- Web site (grubs) and waiver app first things we should work on
3. Yerxa Park Improvement Project Status
    - With recent Planning Board project approval, CDBG grant funds will be available following final review by HUD
    - However, goats won't be permitted until Animal Grazing Ordinance approved and enacted
  4. Animal Grazing Ordinance Status
    - First reading by Council on 5/7/19
    - Second reading by Council on 5/21/19 and if approved goes into effect 20 days later (6/10/19)
  5. Fertilizer Ordinance Update
    - 4/9 Council workshop with presentations by Jay Feldman (Beyond Pesticides), Chip Osborne (Osborne Organics), Mary Cerullo (Friends of Casco Bay), Heather Spaulding (MOFGA), Curtis Bohlen (Casco Bay Estuary Partnership)
    - Council appointed committee to begin ordinance development process with Curtis Bohlen (CBEP) serving as scientific advisor
      - Matt Tenycke (sp?) won't be able to serve; Breece Sleeper will be his replacement (landscaper from Biddeford)
      - Committee charge will be to explore need for an ordinance – not necessarily foregone conclusion
      - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting June 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Brief overview of science on lawn/turf fertilizer impacts on water quality
      - Much of the science that empirically measured N compounds suggest that lawns/turf are highly retentive of N
      - Discussion about establishing lawns: synthetic vs organic – quick vs. slow
      - Send Chesapeake Bay report to PMAC
  6. Review & Discuss Recent Waiver Applications
    - South Portland Parks Dept. Wainwright Field
      - Approved due to documented attempts to address grub infestation with non-synthetic chemicals and related cultural practices
    - SMCC athletic fields
      - Approved after considerable discussion about concerns with close proximity to water
  7. Other Discussion Items
    - Todd Robbins will be joining PMAC to fill Arborist's position starting next month
    - Preemption bill status
      - Amended so that local ordinances will not be made exempt and Coop. Ext. will do more with IPM (therefore, technically no longer a preemption bill)

- Also includes funding for brown tail moth control, which could require funding from municipalities
  - Exemption under our ordinance to spray is a controversial issue since different application methods all have some collateral damage.
- Wainwright Field had 2 grub species (1 native and 1 nonnative): May/June beetle and 4 eurochafers
- Question about status of Bug Light pilot project: Fred will check with Julie

8. Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY JUNE 3, 2019 5-6:30 PM**