

## SOUTH PORTLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES 8/5/19 (5-6:30 PM) – COMMUNITY CENTER

### ATTENDEES

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

1. Review, revise and/or approve 7/1/19 meeting notes (ATTACHMENT)  
Changes to who was in attendance (Jesse was there)
  
2. PMAC Ordinance Evaluation & Recommendations to Council
  - Ann sent recommendations to Manager for inclusion in Council's packet; no further action from PMAC needed
  - **FD will check with Julie about posting on PMAC / Grow Healthy South Portland webpage**
  
3. Review WillardFest Questionnaire Summary (ATTACHMENT)
  - DEP comments / suggestions for improvement
    - Discussion about how effective GHSP website is and that we should review it on screen at an upcoming PMAC meeting
      - Question about how easy it is to figure out what can and can't be used
    - Consider Kathy Hoppe's suggestions for questionnaire
    - Discussion of efficacy of questionnaire and acknowledgement that it's not a research tool
    - SiteOne is OK with having our questionnaires there: they'll provide display table; try to get done ASAP because just before fall is a good time
      - Should develop a different questionnaire for contractors (**Fred & Jesse will do**)
      - Also include copies of the what to know about ordinance – will determine when Cathy and Ann will staff table some time next week
  - Revise before using for Art in the Park?
    - Consensus that current version OK for now
    - **Fred will check on whether Parks Dept will also be there and whether they can bring 2 tables and 2 chairs**
  - Still need to work on IT issue for distributing [online questionnaire](#)
    - Apparently, works for some folks?
  
4. Upcoming Events / Opportunities for Education & Outreach
  - [Art in the Park](#) on 8/10 from 9AM – 4 PM
  - Others? – SiteOne; could also check with Sustainability and Parks
    - NOFA? Work with City of Portland since it will be hosted there

## 5. Fertilizer Ordinance Update

- See [Fertilizer Working Group webpage](#) FMI
  - Gary Fish presented on fertilizers and various BMPs
    - Well received and also some discussion about not banning synthetics
    - Not enough organic products on the market to support need for quick release; there are organic products that are quick release but there may be associated feedstock issues
    - Chilean fertilizer is quick release but it's a stretch to call it organic since it's mined (not minimally processed and not organically approved)
    - Concerns about lack of organic philosophy
  - Goal setting: outreach

## 6. Other Items of Potential Interest

- 7/15/19 Rollins Hill (Stratham, NH) tour for Sable Oaks redevelopment considerations: Fred coordinated visit for officials from SPCC, LCWMD, DEP and CBEP to tour "green" development as potential model for future redevelopment of Sable Oaks
- DIY Rain Garden Workshop in September through Trout Brook grant project
- 10/21-10/24: NOFA Training Course in Portland
- 9/12 at 6PM at Portland City Hall: Nancy Olmstead will be speaking on invasive plants; will be inviting PMACs / CCs from surrounding towns – **invite Karl Coughlin**

## 7. Other agenda items / discussion topics

- Town of York Conservation Commission is entertaining a fertilizer and pesticide ordinance – very different from SoPo and Portland – focus on public property and golf courses and setbacks from water issues
  - The Ledgers Golf Course – YCC required them to do 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing (FBE?) for nitrates and pesticides from course for the past 21 years and they've been getting non-detects
- What's the status of Chip and Bug Light – **check with Julie and Karl**

## 8. Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 5-6:30 PM**