

SOUTH PORTLAND PESTICIDES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

10/2/17 (5-6:30 PM) – COMMUNITY CENTER

ATTENDEES

Residents / Taxpayers	MBPC-Licensed Professionals	Agronomist
Cathy Chapman Bret LeBleu Ann Morrill (Chair)	Mike Hughes Justin Nichols	Jesse O’Brien
City Staff	Guests	
Fred Dillon (took notes)	None	

1. Reviewed 9/11/17 Meeting Notes; no changes suggested.

2. Review charge & role of PMAC
 - Committee must implement ordinance as written but can establish “parking lot” for issues that arise during implementation phase for future consideration.

 - Suggestions for more connections to industry:
 - Contact condo associations using land care professionals
 - Upcoming meeting for Maine Arborists Association – panel discussion about concerns with local ordinances (not sure City staff / PMAC can attend)
 - January MELNA meeting?
 - Develop strategies for contacting “unaffiliated” land care professionals
 - Master Gardeners through Maine Cooperative Extension’s Amy Witt (consider inviting Amy to upcoming PMAC meeting)
 - Southern Maine Landscape Forum Facebook page – put posting on page
 - MPBC / Megan Patterson – see if they can send notice

 - Other outreach ideas
 - “Pesticide Free Zone” lawn signs in public parks

 - Waiver Review Process
 - What to do about invasive insects not included on MFS list (e.g., winter moth)?
 - Consider putting list of pests on City’s website
 - Concerned that PMAC will lack capacity to respond to volume of requests; may need to consider City staff position or contractor – review with Julie
 - Consider pre-emptive waiver process for major infestations (example: brown tail or winter moths)
 - Need to identify pest and determine threshold for using least toxic pesticide available; also consider proximity to other constraints
 - Consider developing waiver packet that includes index card for professionals to make id

- Concerns with homeowner ability to make accurate determinations of threshold exceedances that trigger waiver requests
 - PMAC should try to anticipate types of waiver requests to be as prepared as possible
3. Update on Beyond Pesticides / review of fact sheets
- Fall Lawn Care Practices: some concerns with accuracy of item 4 on overseeding; Jesse will clarify & suggestion edits
 - Questions to Ask Lawn Care Company: looks good
4. PMAC Display and Upcoming Events
- Wellness Fair on 10/3/17 at Community Center
 - Maine Flower Show in late March 2018:
 - Cost to set up display
 - Must register soon (now)
 - Need to commit to staffing display for entire event
5. Other Discussion Topic(s)
- Parking Lot: ordinance doesn't seem to address fungal diseases, pathogens or viruses – all of which can be issues. Review Dept. of Agriculture's approach and possibly consider something similar for South Portland.
6. Next meeting Monday 11/6/17 from 5-6:30 at Community Center
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