

**SOUTH PORTLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
1/14/19 (4:30-6 PM) – COMMUNITY CENTER**

ATTENDEES

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

- 1. Review, revise and/or approve 12/3/18 meeting notes**
 - Couple revisions needed – 1st bullet under “Ensuing Discussion” (see revised notes)
 - Discussion about the kind of info City can get from MBPC based on the kind of info they collect; still TBD.
 - Fred will follow up with MBPC FMI.

- 2. Goat Ordinance Status**
 - Provide draft to PMAC before it goes to workshop.
 - Ask Julie if it would be helpful for PMAC members to attend and voice support.
 - Provide date for when workshop will happen.
 - RELATED: Parks Dept. Deputy Director Karl Coughlin will be speaking at an event sponsored by the Maine Invasive Species Network (not sure about date).

- 3. Yerxa Park Planning Board Application Status**
 - Karl Coughlin (with Addie’s support) has submitted application, which is currently undergoing staff review.
 - Provide PMAC with date for when PB will consider/review application (probably some time in March).
 - Determine if it would helpful for PMAC members to attend and voice support.

- 4. Fertilizer Ordinance**
 - Friends of Casco Bay will likely ask City to consider establishing a fertilizer ordinance given ongoing concerns with potential adverse impacts from nutrient enrichment in the Bay.
 - Staff have done preliminary review and found some potential examples in, FLA, NY and MD.
 - NH and MA have developed fertilizer BMPs.

5. Upcoming Events

- a. 1/29/19 (10-11:30AM): Landcare professional roundtable at Portland City Hall (room 24)
 - Problems, Practices and Potential: meeting with stakeholders / applicators to provide opportunity to express concerns / perceived issues with ordinances in both communities.
 - May provide some opportunity for South Portland to adjust ordinance (Portland's just went into effect for public on 1/1/19).
 - Jesse will facilitate and has sent out invites; will also get MBPC's category "3A" list for all licensed applicators in the state.
 - RISE rep probably won't come, but Tom Atwell (who also writes occasional articles on land care) may attend.
 - Fred left VM for Nancy Olmstead with the Maine Natural Areas Program requesting her attendance.
 - SMCC and oil tank company reps will also be invited.
- b. 3/29/19 (2:30-4:30PM): Maine Flower Show panel discussion
 - Jesse will also be speaking on turfs.
 - Need to get more info on what it will consist of...see Ashley Krulik's latest email.
 - Should we have another PMAC member (Justin/Bret/Ann?) participate.
 - Can PMAC have a table?

6. Annual Reporting

- a. 2018 annual report of PMAC's activities to Council by March 2019
 - Confer with Julie on Council's expectations.
 - Include info on monthly meetings, E&O events and number of individuals contacted, complaints, waiver requests, special projects, arborist status, calendar, website, field day / StonyFields Day, etc.
 - Fred will develop outline between now and next meeting
- b. 2018 annual summary reports from licensed applicators on or before 2/1/19
 - Info ideally to include:
 - target site
 - pesticide name brand
 - EPA registration number
 - total undiluted formulation (in lbs or gals)
 - total area treated (including pesticides applied for waived activities?)
 - Need to figure out how to get applicators' reports.
 - Thought it would happen through waiver reports but may also have to include exempted activities (biting, stinging insects).
 - Refer to MBPC 3A and 3B lists - stinging insects and invasive plants.
 - Need to clarify which exempted activities we want to track and whether to include organic pesticides as well (check with Julie).
 - We'll probably have to request info directly from applicators ourselves.

- MBPC investigating improved data collection methods / processes.

7. Ordinance Evaluation by 5/1/19

a. Pilot project results

- Yerxa Park: use of goats to suppress invasives successful overall but ran into a few difficulties with local and federal permitting.
- Bug Light: Jesse working with Chip to develop report including soil test results which show an imbalance for base saturation rate.
 - Pilot / improvements will begin in 2019.

b. Reporting data

- Practices City has changed as result of ordinance: core aerator, steamer, etc. (check with Karl).

c. Recommendations to Council & Sustainability Coordinator for possible amendments

- Should glean info from applicators' meeting on 1/29/19: PMAC meeting discussion topics to help finalize report.
 - Need to be conservative in what we recommend for changes because it takes time.
 - Should almost wait 2 more years to develop a "watch list".
 - Also try to work with State to improve info gathering so individual municipalities don't have to do it separately.

8. Other Discussion Items

- Review Dept. of Ag's IPM Committee and emerging pests of concern.
- 7 proposed pesticide bills, one of which seeks to create a pesticide commission (unsure how this will relate to MBPC's board).

9. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING AT COMMUNITY CENTER ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2019 4:30-6pm