

SOUTH PORTLAND PESTICIDES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

8/7/17 (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	
Julie Rosenbach Fred Dillon (took notes)	None	

1. Reviewed 7/10/17 Meeting Notes with edit noted at top of document needed to reflect correct date

2. Review Draft Education & Outreach Plan Status
 - Overall the Plan is in a pretty good place but would still appreciate any PMAC review with any comments / suggestions for edits.
 - Next Steps & Outreach Methods
 - Review and set tentative target dates in Implementation Timeline (refer to JR’s handout)
 - Fall is best time to work on yard / landscaping but most folks tend to do it in spring
 - Ideal to alert audiences this fall about preparing for ordinance implementation as spring will be too late for some preparations.
 - Need to clearly identify what residents & businesses can and cannot do this fall.
 - Suggestion to ask Home Depot to use zip code for communicating directly with customers from South Portland.
 - Retailer Outreach Task List
 - Need to develop comprehensive list of retailers
 - If possible, outreach directly to retailers through personal visits
 - Begin this process sooner rather than later since retailers begin purchasing products well ahead of time
 - Train the Trainer Workshop for Project Partners
 - Need to clearly define what this will consist of so all partners on the same page and pulling in same direction
 - Will depend on target audience industry professionals will need different training from residents
 - Identify Training Opportunities for Professionals – e.g., NOFA, MELNA, Maine Arborists, etc.

- School Outreach: conduct in spring
- Consider contacting realtor to inquire about potential disclosure concerns; also consider trying to involve MEREDA.
- Consider contacting businesses owned by out-of-state entities that use landscaping services and identify current property managers.

3. Discuss Considerations for Waivers

- Need to establish Waiver Committee members: Ann M and 1 licensed pesticide applicator (Justin, Jesse, or Mike); consider using all 3 depending on nature of the waiver (e.g., lawns, landscape or trees)
- Focus on invasive species or plants?
 - May require site visit to verify nature of complaint
 - Refer to MBPC process as potential model
 - Require applicant to provide photos?
- Considerable discussion on contents of waiver form (refer to JR's notes based on PMAC feedback)
 - Add: method of application; timing of application (when it will be applied); temp; wind direction, etc.

4. Upcoming Events

- **8/26 & 10/7:** Down East and Broadway Gardens event to promote low maintenance sod grass from 10-noon.
- **9/23:** Heat Pump event at Community Center from 10-1.

5. Next meeting Monday 9/11/17 from 5-6:30 at location TBD

6. Adjourn