

SOUTH PORTLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES 10/7/19 (5-6:30 PM) – COMMUNITY CENTER

ATTENDEES

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

1. Review, revise and/or approve 9/9/19 meeting notes (ATTACHMENT)
 - Notes OK

2. Sustainability Department has created new [FB and Instagram accounts](#)
 - Use FB to link to GHSP website
 - Add Nancy Olmstead's notes and perhaps even presentation – **FD check on permissions**

3. Pesticide Ordinance Questionnaire Distribution
 - 200 resident questionnaires for Ann and Cathy to distribute throughout City
 - **FD will print and get them to Ann**
 - Places to distribute:
 - Library
 - Community Center
 - Red Bank Community Center
 - Planning office
 - City hall
 - Branch library
 - Low response rate for professional questionnaires at Site One
 - Post on web / FB page – and include in the newsletter
 - **FD make up professional landscaper's version in Google form format**
 - **FD check with Julie about providing links to both from new FB page**
 - Also distribute through City's E-Newsletter (**Fred will do**)

4. Fertilizer Ordinance Update
 - Draft ordinance language recently simplified (update by Jesse)
 - Next Fertilizer Working Group meeting 10/9/19
 - See [FWG webpage](#) FMI
 - Questions / comments / discussion
 - No synthetic ban
 - Focus on BMPs – not adhering could result in violation

- Focus on hands-on activities, such as calibrating spreaders and measuring application areas
 - Early focus on E&O
 - Is there a role for PMAC given many/most BMPs apply to both pests and ferts?
 - 1 page with lots of white space
 - Compost is not fertilizer; fertilizer is food for the microbes
 - Suggestion for placing FWG webpage on the Sustainability website
5. Upcoming Events / Other Items of Potential Interest
- 10/21-24: NOFA training course with turf component at Wainwright Field on 10/23; mostly indoor lecture with field component to discuss cultural practices
 - Justin will present at Botanical Gardens in Boothbay
 - Jesse will present at Portland Parks conference space on Canco Rd: grass seed and soil nutrition; Chip will talk about soil structure and microbes
 - Send address to PMAC members
 - Will it be videotaped? Not sure...
 - Big registration fee (\$600) – may be a smaller fee for single day attendance
 - MELNA will consider doing something similar given the trend towards organic – sometime this fall; will outreach to non-MELNA members
6. Other agenda items / discussion topics
- Nancy Olmstead's (MNAP) presentation on invasive plant management from 9/12/19
 - What's SoPo supposed to do with invasive plants they haul off? Import/export doesn't apply per Nancy and Gary Fish for disposal (which law doesn't address)
 - Check with Julie on how best to do this as it will likely have to involve DPW (maybe for designated dumpster); Todd suggested something similar to what Cape uses where commercial haulers have to pay for disposal – honor system
 - Question about whether contractors have to pay and homeowners dump for free
 - Need for signage to help homeowners understand?
 - Is this a PMAC issue?
 - Consideration about segregating invasive yard waste from homeowners vs landscapers
 - Excavated stuff is a big problem
 - Similarity to aquatic invasive plant patrol
 - Is there a way to partner with the state? DEP (FD check with Wendy Garland) or MNAP (Nancy Olmstead)
 - Yerxa Park project update: P&R is taking the lead and will include an interpretive sign; PMAC will help with content and design – FD will bring draft next meeting
7. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2019 5-6:30 PM