

# SOUTH PORTLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

5/7/18 (5-6:30 PM) – COMMUNITY CENTER

## ATTENDEES

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

### 1. Review 4/2/18 meeting notes

- Accepted as written with request for Andrew Capelluti's plant palette list.

### 2. Waiver Form (ATTACHMENT)

- Develop recommendations for responsible application of synthetics.
  - Tie it to MBPC which include IPM practices...maybe UMaine Coop Ext.
  - Got Pests / MBPC – currently online.

### 3. E&O Campaign

- Need assistance with poster distribution
- Review calendars – really nice
- Website review by Eric Sideman with MOFGA will review.
- Tabling events:
  - JO and AM did Home Depot last Sat with CCSWCD (maybe a dozen folks stopped by); Broadway Gardens this Sat; Cathy is doing Shopper's Hardware in 2 weeks; last Sat AM will do Drillens
  - Need to work on "elevator speech" – one person asked about why Scott's 4-step process wasn't available...need to have pat replies
  - Question about how to treat grubs
  - Worth considering developing talking points? Grubs, cracks and crevices for weeds, dandelions
- Additional books for library reading list: Healthy Soils for Sustainable Gardens (Brooklyn Botanical Garden Guides); Organic Lawn Care Manual (Paul Tukey)

### 4. CDBG Grant Planning

- Responses to CDBG Grant Manager questions.

- Development of “project plan”
  - Andrew checked out site – LOTS of invasives: knotweed, multiflora rose, Norway maple
  - Mass DOT / Audubon using “smother crops”: cover it over with native mix of perennials for several years before planting
  - Ref to Dan Hogan’s work on knotweed was very successful; worked with carpet; cutting holes through carpet and planting natives
  - Site assessment with PMAC and Karl – preferably Mon evening and perhaps next PMAC meeting (if not sooner) – try to arrange for 4-5PM site walk
  - Role of PMAC needs to be clarified: Fred will develop list of questions
  - PMAC serves in advisory capacity
  - “Slow Gardening” or “Gradual Gardening”
  - Get general idea of what to do but consider formal landscape design
  - Is it called “Yerxa Park”?
  - What’s the intended purpose of the park?
    - 2 benches with uneven terrain
  - Initially put more thought into interpretive sign / story board
  - Ref to Ogunquit Cliff walk – how did they deal with invasives
  - Maybe put more emphasis on sign
  - Consider goats?
  - Important for City to have long-term management plan – really big challenge on a long-term basis (ex: Fort Williams sets aside half funds raised for long-term maint)
  - Consider involving Resiliency Hub? Prob not worth their trouble or part of their focus...contact Shanna(?)
    - Interesting discussion about whether we’re expending more effort than it’s worth

#### OTHER TOPICS

- Is Julie keeping track of communications from folks opposed to or who have had problems with ordinance? It’s one of our important data points
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#### 5. Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING: June 4, 2018 from 5-6:30 PM at the Community Center**