

**SOUTH PORTLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
3/1/21 (5-6:30 PM) – ZOOM MEETING**

ATTENDEES

Residents / Taxpayers	MBPC-Licensed / NOFA-Certified Professionals	Agronomist
Andrew Capelluti Alex Redfield (absent) Cathy Chapman (absent)	Todd Robbins Addie Smith-Reiman	Jesse O'Brien (Chair)
City Staff	Guests	
Fred Dillon (notes)		

1. Brief introductions and welcome new LMAC member Addy Smith-Reiman
 - Todd on his arborist background / expertise
 - Andrew on his LA background / expertise
 - Jesse on his agronomic background / expertise
 - Fred his SW background
 - Addy on her LA and planning background – worked in Pittsburgh on riverfront parks and urban planning; Executive Director for Portland Society of Architecture

2. Review/amend/approve 2/1/21 PMAC meeting notes
 - Approved unanimously

3. Continue providing input for Fertilizer Ordinance Outreach Plan
 - Do we have a relationship with SMCC?
 - Sort of with Cheryl Rich, chair of horticulture program – also Dave Palm as well
 - Consider for outreach and demo sites – how things work
 - Possibly even work with students who have English as second language
 - Ref to StonyField Farms demo project – reached out to SMCC and they weren't able to participate due to time constraints
 - Consider relating outreach to Willard Beach Master Plan

 - List of info and topic areas to consider for outreach effort
 - Check with Coop Extension for existing refs
 - Reconsider “bucket” names (i.e., 6 main topic areas on GHSP landing page – “why restrict pesticides” becomes “how pesticides and fertilizers are used” – or something similar)

- Create “What You Need to Know” on GHSP landing page
 - Ref. to Addy’s Urban Land Institute grant - “what’s the dirt” branding for homeowners (akin to Jesse’s “don’t treat your soil like dirt”)
 - Importance of audience: homeowners, contractors, HOAs (latter 2 groups look for bids to decide who will be hired)
 - Lots of folks are concerned about the environment and aren’t sure about how to do the right thing
4. Waiver Committee appointment (confirm whether Addy is interested / able)
- Addy agrees!!
5. Other agenda items / discussion topics?
- Contractor’s meeting follow-up
 - Concerns about comprehensive soil test because of timing
 - 10” aeration depth seems like too much – include 6” of topsoil
 - 75’ setback seems too restrictive – but consistent with pesticides requirements
 - Organic/natural was a concern – how it’s defined and what it means
 - Hydroseeders had concerns about running organic fertilizers through their equipment – gums it up. They currently use a starter fertilizer without lime base to avoid equipment damage to (metal) pump parts. Can hydroseeding be done with organic products? Are there examples elsewhere?
 - Could be part of waiver requests?
 - Fred will check with Julie on other concerns
 - If we need to recommend changes we may want to consider allowing for standard test if comp test becomes a problem
 - Jesse will be speaking for MBPC in April
 - Upcoming training opportunities (see below)

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- Tuesday, March 30 from 6:00-8:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 14 from 4:00-6:00 PM
- Thursday, April 29 from 6:00-8:00 PM

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6. Adjourn

NEXT REMOTE MEETING: 4/5/21 from 5-6:30 PM