

SOUTH PORTLAND PESTICIDES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

12/4/17 (5-6:30 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 (took notes)	None	

1. Reviewed 11/6/17 meeting notes; no changes suggested.
2. Summary of 11/20/17 USM Planning Workshop Presentations
 - Several good ideas were generated by students that may be potentially useful to our efforts (e.g., algorithms to drive web traffic to site)
 - Also provided good opportunity for students to engage in a “real world” project.
3. Review website outline
 - Still not much for PMAC to review until draft is completed, which will hopefully be by mid-late January 2018.
 - Important to ensure that core info is presented clearly and accurately. For example:
 - Clearly state that City’s goal in enacting ordinance is to limit / restrict the use of synthetic pesticides.
 - Question about whether to refer more specifically to what the ordinance actually says or provide a broader overview as driven by overarching philosophy.
 - Important to emphasize “systems approach”
 - Is the ordinance intended to manage or suppress pests?
4. Review logos & mottos (attachments)
 - Very nice work by Rachel Berger!
 - Would like to combine elements from both drawings
 - Suggested motto: “GROW HEALTHY SOUTH PORTLAND”
5. Other Discussion Topics
 - Question about whether Bret and Justin need to be reappointed (Fred will check).
 - Boston Trade Show / Boston Globe article by Peter Del Tredici on “[Amnesty for Plants](#)” – discussion on how we need to learn to live with some invasives.

- What constitutes an invasive plant? One that reduces biodiversity and habitat value?
- Context will become important when considering waiver applications – e.g., knotweed in front of a stop sign vs. knotweed in residential yard.
- Refer to [Beyond Pesticides approach for poison ivy control](#)
- Consider creating an online library of various strategies/approaches (including goats!)
- 11/15/17 MELNA Workshop summary
 - Good presentations by Julie, Mike Hughes and Clay Kirby (UMaine Coop. Ext. entomologist).
 - UMaine Coop Ext will be really good resource as we move forward with ordinance implementation.
- Question about status of City's arborist or tree warden – Fred will check.
- 11/16/17 Retailer Meeting summary
 - Not very well attended though compelling presentation by Chip Osborne on successfully managing high-use turf (athletic fields) without synthetic pesticides
 - Have Julie provide attendee list
 - Decide what kinds of materials to distribute to retailers
- Comment about pretty good overall awareness among land care professionals on South Portland's ordinance.
 - We should expect to hear concerns with broadleaf weeds

6. Next meeting Monday 1/8/18 from 5-6:30 at Community Center

7. Adjourn