

# SOUTH PORTLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

12/3/18 (4:30-6 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 (notes) Addie Halligan		

### 1. Review, revise or approve 11/5/18 meeting notes (ATTACHMENT)

- Accepted without revisions.

### 2. Future use of goats in Yerxa

#### a. City ordinance amendments

- Addie will help write goat ordinance draft that may also include sheep; will look at both public and private sector.
- Will be located in Ch. 3.
- PMAC could provide a supporting memo for Council workshop.
- Corporation Council will review and finalize ordinance.

#### b. Planning Board application process

- Addie assisted Parks Dept. in putting together application packet for PB review.
- Should be approved and ready to go in the spring.

### 3. How to measure “success” of Years 1 & 2 ordinance implementation

#### a. Discussion of what metrics we’d like to use – possible examples include:

- Summary of education & outreach efforts including estimated numbers of individuals (and retailers) contacted.
- “Ripple effect” of neighboring communities considering synthetic pesticide restrictions – but need to come up with a way to quantify meaningfully.
- Complaints / waiver requests.

- Need to get baseline of complaint sources, whether by email, letter or phone call.
- Check with Julie on what she's heard from people (including phone calls) and include in follow up actions.
- Also, consider discussing the positive cultural changes (practices) that have been made – maybe do this through examples or case studies?
- May be difficult to specify amounts of synthetic pesticides applied per Sec. 32-8 because MBPC doesn't summarize this data based on community.
  - Discuss in report to Council that this ordinance requirement may be difficult unless/until MBPC changes the way it collects data from applicators.
  - Consider recommending that Council ask the state to provide summarized data by municipality.
- Summary of retail store training activities per Sec. 32-9.(C)(i).

#### **ENSUING DISCUSSION**

- Licensed applicators required to provide general info such as product, target, how many locations, acreage, volume (lb or gal) and when (the specific where is not required). MBPC is considering other approaches requiring more info.
  - There isn't a MBPC requirement to identify location, quantity and type of pesticide.
  - The only kind of info MBPC requires is for complaints (check with Megan Patterson at MBPC FMI).
  - Justin showed his MBPC log for what's required (Ordinance Section 32-8 is consistent with [MBPC form](#)).
  - Discuss what we don't know (i.e., no easy way to know what individuals may have applied).
  - MBPC has spent quite a bit of time trying to figure out how to track amounts of pesticides used without very conclusive results (again, maybe check with Megan Patterson for any updates).
  - There are private property rights considerations: folks don't have to provide info on what they apply to their land.
  - Include discussion of quantities collected by HHW events.
- b. Next steps
- Get together in late March / early April to begin developing report – include Julie.
    - Subcommittee with Ann, Cathy, Julie and Fred.

- Also check out Wainwright again for condition June & Sept (benchmarking) – mention in report; mention what they’re doing to provide context for relative success / failure (will require input from Rick Perruzzi and Karl Coughlin).
- Also check with Parks on practices they’re using City-wide that are consistent with ordinance.

#### **4. Status of Arborist for PMAC**

- a. Cape Elizabeth Tree Warden Todd Robbins is unable to participate throughout the spring of 2019 due to a scheduling conflict but may be interested in serving after.
  - Check with him again to see when he could start after he clears conflict.
  - If he’s unable to participate then continue looking for other potential candidates.

#### **5. Other Discussion Topics**

- a. Possible joint effort with Portland to develop fertilizer management ordinance (more info to come soon).

**DISCUSSION:** [New York](#) and [Maryland](#) have enacted state-wide laws to manage the application of lawn fertilizers; both efforts may be relevant for any future efforts by South Portland to manage fertilizer runoff.

#### **6. Adjourn – next meeting Mon. 1/14/19 from 4:30-6PM**

***\*Feb meeting will also be 1 week later than usual (2/11/19) as Fred will be away***