

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Pesticide Management Advisory Committee
January 31, 2022
Start time: 6 PM

Minutes January 31, 2022

Attendance: Carol Laboissoniere, Troy Moon, Jesse O'Brien, Avery Yale Kamila, Karen Snyder, Priscilla Skerry, Erin Ferrell

January 4th Minutes:

Karen asks to include start time in minutes. Letter to applicators will be sent to the PMAC.

Objectives of the year OMRI – fix that.

Public Events - include the rollout of 100 Resilient Yards won't be until 2023.

Post minutes as amended.

Avery motions to approve the January 4th 2022 minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

Agenda for the Applicator Forum

Committee suggests talking more about Fox Field instead of Brown Tail Moth and reviewing the Applicator Report requirements. The forum will be held at 10am Feb 22nd. Avery recommends including organic solutions to brown tail moths. Jesse suggests mentioning it during the forum but not focusing on it for the entire forum. Carol recommends asking applicators if any trees/woody plants have been affected by the ordinance in a positive or negative way.

The agenda should include: Fox Field success, Brown Tail Moth case study, Applicator Reports feedback, Pesticide Signage, Open to Q and A.

An email will be sent to applicators in coming weeks with the agenda included. Karen requests the PMAC reviews the agenda before it is sent out to applicators.

PMAC Annual Report

There are 19 Applicator Reports received so far as of 1/31/22.

The Committee will wait until next month to recommend formatting changes to the annual report. Avery wants to be able to include what was done on City owned property and include it in the annual report. Troy will meet with Parks and Rec to get this information and recommend that they document all the applications they contract for. Avery can create an executive summary of the compliance report and will send it to Troy and Erin.

Next meeting will include looking at the annual report and formatting changes. Karen would request including if the pesticide and the target pest in the annual report. Erin will share the folder with the applicator reports to the PMAC members.

Portland Little League Ball Field update:

Avery got information from a representative about residents' concern about keeping up with Little League Ball Fields. There is a nonprofit that is taking care of the fields and they hire a third

party to maintain the fields. They have used TruGreen in the past which does offer organic fertilizer options. Avery is working to identify why they are having issues and why the parents are responsible for maintaining the fields.

PFA Sludge Information around Portland, ME

Karen sent a link of a map of the sludge sites around the state. Our sludge is sent to a landfill in Old Town. Using sludge based compost is not recommended. Jesse recommends reviewing Maine Board of Pesticide Control Pam Bryer work on PFAS. Jesse will send the link to the information.

Set date for next meeting:

Tuesday, March 1st 6:30pm.

Topics to discuss: Annual Report, Educational Events - could include scheduling a field trip with Chip to go view Hadlock Field and have it be open to the public but focused on applicators.

Karen motions to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm