

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Pesticide Management Advisory Committee
June 7, 2022
Start time: 6:30PM

Minutes June 7, 2022

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

May 3rd Minutes:

Minutes approved unanimously.

Status of Pesticide Ordinance Converting to Land Care Ordinance

Not ready yet. A draft should be ready for July.

Status of Sustainability Website Updates

We should include information about ticks on the website. CDC, Maine Med, and UMaine would be good resources of information to include on the website. How to identify the type of tick, what to do when you've found one on you, recommended organic treatments, treatment for ticks are exempt from the pesticide ordinance.

Everything has been updated except for the resource library. We will revisit the resource library and what we want to include on the website without being overwhelming to the viewer.

Lessons Learned from BTM Check

Spraying for BTM has a large cost associated and they likely check for BTM each year. The farmers market was not moved and the notification sent out for that included a note that they did not need to spray for BTM. SOPs are used at City Hall and we would need to check to make sure they are used in Parks. Inviting Alex and/or Jeff to a meeting would be a good next step.

Business License Update - Review potential licenses and sources

Karen identified over 200 potential sources. The City Attorney is looking at the fertilizer ordinance and Troy is still weighing the benefit vs cost of implementation and administration. Licensing would potentially be included in the Land Care Ordinance. Karen will send her list to Erin.

Violation Tracking Status

Typically reports are documented in SeeClickFix. Followup conversations, etc will not be on SeeClickFix. The Sustainability Office will work on establishing some kind of spreadsheet database to track these encounters.

Fix City website in looking at past meetings for PMAC - Not in drop down list.

The City can only have so many categories for the meetings. PMAC shows up under the Ad Hoc Committee meetings category.

For September event - Sept 10th 10-noon. Lawn Care event. Jesse recommends holding it at Fox Field or Deering Oaks because the farmers market crowd will already be there.

Set Next Meeting Date

August 2nd at 6:30pm.