

**CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE**  
Pesticide Management Advisory Committee

Minutes February 4, 2020

**Members Present:** Avery Kamilla, Karen Snyder, Carol Laboissonniere, Priscilla Skerry, Jesse O'Brien

**Staff Present:** Troy Moon, Ashley Krulik

Meeting was called to order at 4:10pm by Karen Snyder.

**Applicator Reports**

- Post to Sustainability website the companies that are in compliance.

**Review and Approve Minutes from January 7, 2020**

- Avery moved to accept, Priscilla seconded, all in favor.

**Annual PMAC Report**

- Sustainability team to develop draft
- Summary of public outreach completed
  - Applicator roundtable
  - Flower Show
  - Green Neighbor Family Fest
  - Greenfest
- Outline planned public outreach

**Reports and Updates**

City of Portland Land Care Plan

- Follow-up with Matt TenEyck regarding budget plan
- Carol - may want to suggest some changes to his plan to have better success - mix in synthetic fertilizer to support new root systems.

Franklin Street Solarizing Project

- Very high maintenance, can become very weedy and messy
- Potential plants:
  - Catmint - short lifespan
  - Clover
- Going to have weeds no matter how long the tarp is down
- City is partnering with Portland Pollinator Project and Wild Seed Project
- PMAC is available to help if needed

Fertilizer Ordinance

Jesse on the sopo committee. They're working through the technical aspects. Developing BMPs, deciding whether to recommend a ban.  
Falmouth is working on a fertilizer ordinance, too.

### **Education**

- Reach out to larger retailers - Lowe's and Home Depot
  - Troy to call and make an appointment, present materials
  - Show them what the local competition is doing
- Paris Farmers Union
  - PMAC to reach out directly
- Upcoming Home Shows
  - Carol to bring educational materials to Home and Remodel Show, Feb 15 + 16 and Portland Home Show, April 17-19
- Maine Flower Show
- Display materials at Hill House
- Put out brochures in City Hall lobby
- Sustainability Week - press event on April 22 with tables
  - PMAC table
    - Handout seeds?
  - Include pesticide ordinance successes in press release - stats around decrease in pesticide use on City property, people are reporting seeing more pollinators

Next meeting March 3 — meet at 4PM

Jesse -- worked with Jeff Tarling to arrange a tour of Cushing Island to view conservation land  
Waiver request in sopo for wainwright field.  
Jesse also chairing sopo pmac

**Adjourn: 5:00pm**