

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Pesticide Management Advisory Committee

Minutes March 10, 2020

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

Staff Present: Troy Moon, Ashley Krulik, Matt TenEyck

Meeting was called to order at 5:12 by Jesse O'Brien.

Review and Approve Minutes from February 4, 2020

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

Update re: Stonyfield Grant

Stonyfield grant awarded -- \$5,000

Hannaford may provide additional funds

Need to do an event on May 17. Committee recommends that it be held at Deering Oaks to coincide with a Farmers Market.

Update on pollinator housing technology. Matt to send more info. Maybe install in meadow near the North Street community garden.

Annual PMAC Report

Ashley reviewed the draft report.

We can't define the specific pest treated, only the target area.

Add discussion about public comment / feedback received

Note that we added SCF reporting

Attach reports from golf course, parks & rec

Include list of applicators that responded

Jesse asked how we plan to use the data. There is so much annual variation it's hard to track. Weather, type of pests are always different.

Noted that many of the pesticides reported are for exempt applications for structural uses or insect pests.

Committee recommends creating a table breaking down the pesticides by type
Use numbers instead of bullets on ed material

Recommendations:

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.

3b Sustainability Event for Earth Day

Tabling at Eldridge Lumber and/or Maine Hardware. Jesse has reached out to Lowes and they would be receptive to a table. He also reached out to Paris Farmers. Dates would be 4/18 or 4/25.

Jesse will take Home Depot on 4/18. We can do Eldridge on 4/25

3d. Annual meeting of Maine Invasive Species Network -- Jesse updated about the meeting on March 24 at Colby College. Concerned about mudpuppy fish, crazy worms, and now the lantern fly. Devastates crops and fruit trees b/c now natural predators. Tree of Heaven is a local host plant.

3e: Jesse reported work for South Portland fertilizer ordinance work. In Falmouth they are working to create a license and reporting requirements for professional applicators.

Yarmouth is looking at an ordinance

Received request for info from Westbrook

Jesse presented on how to use nematodes to control grubs. It is very difficult and all steps must go very well in order to be effective.

Cushing Island tour -- late April

Next meeting: start planning fall event, review final draft of report

Date April 7 at 5 PM

Adjourn: 5:35 pm