

City of Portland

Pesticide Management Advisory Committee



Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM

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1. Welcome and check in
2. Review and Approve Minutes from prior meetings
 - a. Minutes from August 2
 - b. Minutes from November 1
3. General Public Comment
4. Committee Discussion
 - a. Outcome of ordinance violation at 605 Stevens Avenue
 - b. Discuss education and outreach to residents, businesses, and other stakeholders
 - c. Discussion of LMAC related website content
 - d. Discuss requesting a dedicated City email for the LMAC.
5. Determine next meeting date
6. Other business

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Pesticide Management Advisory Committee
August 2, 2022
Start time: 6:30 PM

Minutes August 2, 2022

Attendance: Troy Moon, Jesse O'Brien, Avery Yale Kamila, Karen Snyder, Carol Laboissonniere, Priscilla Skerry, Courtney Crossgrove

Review and Approve June 7th Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously.

Organic Lawn Care Event Update

The event will take place September 10, 2022 Deering Oaks bandstand area.

Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District, Cooperative Extension Master gardeners, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Entomologist (Hillary Peterson PhD.), Broadway Gardens, and City of Portland Parks Department with electric tools have been invited to table.

Karen will follow up with Hillary from Maine Conservation to clarify the need to not recommend synthetic pesticides. Karen will also follow up with Phil from Broadway Gardens. Karen will reach out to Eldridge to invite them as well.

Priscilla to consider tabling on a holistic health approach.

LMAC Member Composition

Karen proposes to remove the agronomist, reduce pesticide applicator to one, and increase residents to five. Residents would be required to have experience and/or accreditation in organic land care management environmental sciences, soil science, horticulture, or public health.

Avery notes that Pesticides Control licensed or landscape professionals are still restrictive.

Karen recommends opening up to six residents and including landscape professionals.

Karen proposes requiring a balance of varying qualifications for residents.

Avery notes that "residents" limits inclusion of qualified participants from neighboring municipalities.

Karen proposes keeping the one landcare professional that is not required to be a resident.

Allows current committee members to remain and makes it easier to recruit.

Karen motions to recommend changing LMAC composition to be one practicing landscape professional with the remaining seats held by qualified residents.

Priscilla seconds.

Avery, Karen, and Priscilla vote in favor.

Troy and Carol vote against.

Jesse unavailable for vote due to connectivity issues.

Amendment passes 3:2 of members present

Discuss the State Shoreland zoning 75ft and 250 ft

Currently the ordinance states 75 ft as opposed to 250 ft.

Troy notes that state shoreland zoning requirements applies mostly to cutting and clearing.

Shoreland zoning does not apply to pesticide use but to pesticide storage.

Avery suggests aligning existing legislation with the shoreland zone and applying it to municipality. Suggests increasing to 250 ft as that is the standard for major waterbodies as opposed to the current 75 ft zone.

Carol agrees with Troy that 250 ft is associated more with habitat and erosion control.

Experience permitting with state has been aligned with 75 ft. Also notes that it states “all turf types” and not trees and woody plants. This is good because trees and woody plants are necessary. Trees necessary for filtering and may need fertilizer especially in drought.

Avery is concerned about pesticide shoreland requirements.

Karen recommends keeping fertilizer requirement at 75 feet and moving pesticides to 250 feet.

Troy to follow up with Jeff (arborist) regarding 75 feet for fertilizer and 250 feet for pesticides.

To discuss again at next meeting.

Education: Discuss tool kit for fertilizer ordinance implementation

To discuss at next meeting

Adjourned at 8:15 PM

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
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November 1, 2022
Start time: 6:30 PM

Members present: Karen Snyder, Avery Kamila, Priscilla Skerry

Meeting adjourned due to lack of quorum.