

City of Portland

Landcare Management Advisory Committee



Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM Via Zoom

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1. Review April 4th Meeting Minutes
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2. Sustainability Updates
3. Discuss Fall Landcare Event
4. Set Next Meeting
5. Adjournment

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Pesticide Management Advisory Committee
April 4, 2023
Start time: 6:30 PM

Minutes April 4, 2023

Attendance: Jesse O'Brien, Avery Yale Kamila, Karen Snyder, Carol Laboissonniere, Priscilla Skerry, Erin Ferrell, Noah Tucker

Review and Approve February 7th and March 7th Minutes

Both Minutes are Unanimously Approved.

Sustainability Office Updates

Presented By Erin Ferrell

The Sustainability Office has been implementing an outreach campaign for the Landcare Ordinance that went into effect March 19. Emma visited local retailers and dropped off signage and talked with managers about the restriction of fertilizers and pesticides in Portland.

Educational materials were disseminated via social media, newsletters, and media channels.

The Committee notes that Metal signs to talk about fertilizers and waterways at Bell Buoys Park would be informative and reach many people.

Emma will make a list of what questions retailers were asking.

Board of Pesticide Control report requirements

Presented by Noah Tucker and Jesse O'Brien

Noah and Jesse discussed what is required at the state level vs city level. State and Portland have the same requirements currently - this includes "Target Site" and not "Target Pest".

The issue is that Portland reports do not include "Target Pest". This will be revisited in future LMAC meetings. This could be included in future ordinance amendments.

No Mow May

Presented by Jesse O'Brien

Jesse put together a presentation which can be found in the agenda packet. These campaigns have the goal of improving biodiversity and pollinator habitats. No Mow May may be replaced with Mow High or Mow Tall til Fall. These campaigns emphasize the importance of maintaining these practices all season long, not just for the month of May.

It is important to be cautious of invasives. Mowing is one of the easiest techniques to manage invasives.

Landcare Event in the Fall

September at the Farmers Market worked very well. We may want to include the same partners. Farmers market was a good venue to reach more people. Sustainability Office Resilience Corps member Emma will work on putting together the Fall Landcare event building off of 2022 model.

Discuss Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee will meet at 6:30pm on May 2nd. The Committee will reconnect the week before to confirm everyone's availability.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM