

# City of Portland

## Landcare Management Advisory Committee



Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:30 PM via zoom

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1. Review and Approve January Minutes
  - a. January 2 Minutes
2. Conversation with City Arborist, Mark Reiland
3. Update re: applicator reports
4. 2024 Outreach - final plans
5. Updates from the Board of Pesticide Control
6. Set next meeting date and Adjourn

**CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE**  
Landcare Management Advisory Committee  
January 2, 2024  
Start time: 6:30 PM

**DRAFT Minutes January 2, 2024**

Attendance: Jesse O'Brien, Melissa Runstrom, Carol Laboissonniere, Avery Kamila, Troy Moon, Erin Ferrell

**Review and Approve December 5 Minutes**

December 5th minutes unanimously approved.

**Sustainability Office Updates**

The Office has started receiving applicator reports and looks forward to more and similar outcomes to last year's reporting season.

**2024 Outreach Campaign Discussion**

Want to focus on the "why" of the ordinance and include non-lawns. Avery suggested asking Coastal Maine Botanical Garden to participate in the summer landcare series - Irene Barber. Melissa suggests repurposing content from prior years. Social media will be a helpful tool. Topic ideas: soil tests, designing for water management, what people can do if they do not have yard space, rain gardens installed in Portland,

Avery suggests posting educational signs at rain gardens installed in Portland to educate on the purpose.

**Discuss Annual Report**

The Office recommends amendments to the Landcare Ordinance noted in the memo included in the agenda packet.

In the amendment recommendations, it is important to note the different application scenarios. 1/2 lb of nitrogen on established turf but new turf is allowed 1-2 lb? Jesse recommends incorporating soil into the soil when possible instead of requiring measuring 2-3 inches. The Committee suggests moving the vegetable gardens and indoor applications to the "Permitted Fertilizer Applications" section. Carol suggests including information on woody plants.

Next month, a draft ordinance recommendations will be presented. They can be adopted in March.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

First Tuesday of the month.

**Adjourned at 8 PM**