

City of Portland Landcare Management Advisory Committee



Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 6:30 PM Via Zoom

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1. Review and Approve March 5 Minutes
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2. Elect Chair
3. Updates
4. Review reporting requirements and Process to propose ordinance amendments
5. Set next meeting date
6. Adjournment

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Landcare Management Advisory Committee
March 5, 2024
Start time: 6:30 PM

DRAFT Minutes March 5, 2024

Attendance: Jesse O'Brien, Melissa Runstrom, Carol Laboissonniere, Avery Kamila, Troy Moon, Erin Ferrell, Priscilla Skerry, Noah Tucker, Kayley Weeks

Review and Approve February 6 Minutes

February 6 minutes unanimously approved.

Review the LMAC Annual Report and Reported Data

The committee reviewed the report and approved it to go forward to the Sustainability and Transportation Committee with the LMAC approved ordinance amendments.

The LMAC reviewed data quality of reports submitted by commercial applicators. Reports are required to include the same information as is required by the State of Maine Board of Pesticide Control. Members noted that the requested information does not allow staff to identify ordinance violations. Over the next year, the LMAC is going to review reporting requirements and will propose amendments in the 2024 LMAC report.

Proposed Ordinance Amendments

The LMAC proposes the following ordinance amendments in 2024:

1. Changing the required soil test to a "standard soil test" offered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension.
2. Required soil tests may be done every three years rather than yearly.
3. Application of organic fertilizer to gardens is permitted with a soil test highly recommended.
4. Fertilization of woody plants and shrubs is permitted so long as fertilizer is injected to the root or applied within the drip edge of the plant and incorporated into the soil.
5. Removal of the term "penetrometer" because it is not referenced in the ordinance language.

Set Next Meeting Date

First Tuesday of the month. April 2nd.

Adjourned at 8 PM