



City of Portland Pesticide Management Advisory Committee

City Hall
Room 24
6:30 PM

1. Welcome and Check In
2. Review and approve minutes from June 4
 - a. Minutes from June 4
3. Reports and Updates
4. Discuss future meeting agendas
 - a. Invasive Plants
5. Educational Discussion: Soil Biology
6. Next Meeting: DATE
7. Adjournment

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Pesticide Management Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes June 4, 2019

Members Present: Avery Kamilla, Karen Snyder,

Staff Present: Troy Moon, Ashley Krulik

Meeting was called to order at 6:44 PM by Troy Moon.

Welcome and introductions - information sharing among the group

- Troy - update on legislation in Augusta, solar, bags, foam
- Avery - City budget included position for maintenance to implement organic fields, has gotten calls from residents in other communities who would like an ordinance.
- Karen - three new bee packages in hives, so far so good.
- Priscila - working on the Global VoC issue.

Review and approve minutes from May 7, 2019

- Avery moved to accept, Karen seconded, all in favor 7-0.

Brown Tail Moth Treatment

Ask Jeff if there are BTM issues elsewhere

All agree that Parks Department approached the problem very well. Would like to hear the analysis of how successful it was.

Report on contacts with members of the public regarding the ordinance

- Can we do training for retail staff?
- Troy to follow up with CCSWCD to see if they have sent material to Maine Hardware
- Troy had calls from applicators about fire ants
- All agree the brochures look great

Defer discussion of soil health until a later date

Discussed that committee members could work with retailers what resources they could use. Karen and Avery to begin working. Will check in with Maine Hardware.

Future meeting: will poll people

Adjourn 7:55

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Invasive Plant Discussion with Nancy Olmstead

Maine Department of Agriculture

Here is a brief bio:

Nancy Olmstead is an Invasive Plant Biologist with the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Nancy coordinates the iMapInvasives online mapping program, conducts outreach to raise awareness about invasive plants, documents invasive plant infestations, makes recommendations for invasive plant management, and helps manage invasive plants on state of Maine lands. She has previously worked for Maine Audubon, Bowdoin College, and The Maine Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. Nancy received her BA in Biology from Cornell University and her MS in Plant Biology from the University of Vermont.

Discussion

Plants Out of Place: Invasive Plant Ecology and Management

Invasive plants can displace native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers, change soil ecology, reduce the abundance of food for beneficial insects, degrade or eliminate wildlife habitat, create thickets which favor disease-carrying ticks, and cause injury due to thorns and skin toxins. These aggressive plants can also be a safety hazard along roadways, and crowd and overgrow trails and recreational areas. Nancy Olmstead, invasive plant biologist with the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, will discuss the top invasive plants, why they are so harmful, and what can be done about them.