

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Pesticide Management Advisory Committee

Minutes August 6, 2019

Members Present: Avery Kamilla, Karen Snyder, Jesse O'Brien, Tim Lindsey, Priscilla Skerry, Carol Laboissonniere

Staff Present: Troy Moon, Ashley Krulik

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Jesse O'Brien.

Welcome and introductions - information sharing among the group

- Jesse - shared *Wild Urban Plants of the Northeast*
- Priscilla - talked to Maine Audubon about putting brochures in store
- Karen - Maine Hardware frustrated by CCSWCD educational efforts, would like further education on alternative land care practices, Karen created one-sheet and will send file to Troy/Ashley to review
- Avery - pollinator populations are looking good

Review and approve minutes from June 4, 2019

- Add missing PMAC members who were in attendance. Tim moved to accept, Carol seconded, all in favor 7-0.

Reports and Updates

- Cushings Island Conservation Corporation waiver request, 1-1 rejected, filed appeal, Lena Geraghty is appeals officer and is reviewing application now
 - OK to grant 7 year waiver if approved?
 - Avery - felt application was incomplete and answers from CICC during hearing were unclear
 - Troy - feels that application was sufficient
 - Jesse -
 - Unlicensed people can apply pesticides on conservation land but area needs to be closed 7 days after application
 - Containers must be triple rinsed before being thrown out
 - Leftover material must be used up on labeled uses or disposed as hazardous waste
 - Need to monitor process to ensure that CICC is informed on proper application and clean-up
 - Tim -
 - Moving forward, can we require applicators to read guide book and make sure they read the label

- Would you (Troy) have approved this waiver if it wasn't a conservation organization requesting it? Troy - yes, based on background, level of knowledge, experience with the land.
 - Troy - if we make any amendments to the ordinance, recommend adding a third person to the waiver committee
 - Carol - important to preserve ecosystem that invasives can destroy
- Performing outreach (sending letters) to residents who may have applied pesticides
 - Keep a log of letters sent
 - Many cases have been applications for carpenter ants which is exempt
- Jeff Tarling - City may be getting a steam weed killer - follow up to learn more
- South Portland Art in the Park event - conducting survey about ordinance
 - Jesse working with Fred Dillon on survey
 - See if South Portland would be open to including Portland ordinance in survey

Discuss Future Meeting Agendas

- September 12 - invite Nancy Olmstead, Maine state biologist
 - Invite South Portland and Falmouth PMACs
 - Will be beneficial to learn about treatments for invasive species
 - Important to also hear from experts in organic land care in the future
 - Avery - expects that we will receive some pushback from the public on invasive species exemption within ordinance
- Bring in someone to speak about how to find a balance with invasive species management
- October - Browntail moth - Jesse to reach out to UMaine to find a speaker
- Ticks and mosquitos

Educational Discussion: Jesse presented on Soil Biology

Next Meeting: September 12, 6pm

Adjourn 8:04