



City of Portland Pesticide Management Advisory Committee

Room 24
5PM
Tuesday, December 3

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and approve minutes
 - a. Minutes from November 5
3. Reports
 - a. Update on transition of parks and fields to organic from Portland Parks and Recreation Department
 - b. Informational matrix
 - c. Staff updates
 - d. Municipal Pest Management Roundtable overview
4. Discussion
 - a. Future topics
5. Confirm next meeting date
6. Adjournment

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Pesticide Management Advisory Committee

Minutes November 5, 2019

Members Present: Avery Kamilla, Karen Snyder, Jesse O'Brien, Carol Laboissonniere

Staff Present: Troy Moon

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Jesse O'Brien.

Welcome and introductions - information sharing among the group

- Avery- shared *catalogues and info about vendors who carry organic products*

Review and approve minutes from August 5, 2019

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

Reports and Updates

NOFA Class — Jesse, Avery and Karen reviewed their experience at the NOFA course. Discussed ways to attract more local professionals to take the course. People were disappointed in the lack of local people at the class.

Avery suggested staff connect with Matt from Parks re: budget requests.

Discussed Grub B Gone and Beetle B Gone. Members believe it may be worth trying to address grub issues.

Jesse suggest we take up the current prohibition against pre-emptive treatment in the case of grubs.

Discussed acelepryn vs. grub be gone in terms of how it works.

Informational Matrix — reviewed the current draft of the matrix Karen and Avery have been working on. All agreed it has a lot of great information. Troy mentioned that perhaps we could work with MIS to create a searchable version on the web site. Karen to e-mail Ashley with the final version for formatting.

Solarizing on Franklin St — Troy reported that Parks has placed a dark fabric at the location of some fallen trees to reduce weeds before re-planting trees in the spring.

Staff reports — Troy reports no SCF items. Jesse requests that we invite Jeff Tarling and Mat Ten Eyck to the next meeting to talk about efforts in Parks to transition to organic and what can be done about invasive insects attacking trees.

Discussion: Emerald Ash Borer — identified in Maine. Jesse reports that it doesn't travel far on its own but is transported by wood. Jesse thinks it would be valuable to have Jeff Tarling discuss this issue.

Outreach: Need to plan for annual report.

Discussed having a meeting for retailers in early winter to talk about the ordinance and unveil the matrix. Reach out to stores — hold meeting in February. Include hardware stores, nurseries, — any place people might go for yard and garden materials.

Jesse wants to hold a meeting with landscapers to provide them with info and ways to communicate with customers about organic practices. Ashley to think about ways to message this. Idea is to help build business practices for organic land care. Maybe include property management companies in the meeting? How do we change the model of fee for service — mowing, application, etc. and fee for results.

Talk at Southern Maine Landlords Association?

Waivers — what happened at Waynflete? Jesse would like to do a site visit. Check in with Cliff Island — how did it go, did you implement the plan.

Retailer meeting in Feb

Jesse to get something together with small landscapers

Get matrix out to retailers.

Next meeting December 3 — meet at 5 PM

Adjourn 7:57