SOUTHPORLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

5/7/18 (5-6:30 PM) – COMMUNITY CENTER

ATTENDEES

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<th>Residents / Taxpayers</th>
<th>MBPC-Licensed Professionals</th>
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<td>Bret LeBleu</td>
<td>Justin Nichols</td>
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1. **Review 4/2/18 meeting notes**
   - Accepted as written with request for Andrew Capelluti’s plant palette list.

2. **Waiver Form (ATTACHMENT)**
   - Develop recommendations for responsible application of synthetics.
     - Tie it to MBPC which include IPM practices...maybe UMaine Coop Ext.
     - Got Pests / MBPC – currently online.

3. **E&O Campaign**
   - Need assistance with poster distribution
   - Review calendars – really nice
   - Website review by Eric Sideman with MOFGA will review.
   - Tabling events:
     - JO and AM did Home Depot last Sat with CCSWCD (maybe a dozen folks stopped by); Broadway Gardens this Sat; Cathy is doing Shopper’s Hardware in 2 weeks; last Sat AM will do Drillens
     - Need to work on “elevator speech” – one person asked about why Scott’s 4-step process wasn’t available...need to have pat replies
     - Question about how to treat grubs
     - Worth considering developing talking points? Grubs, cracks and crevices for weeds, dandelions
   - Additional books for library reading list: Healthy Soils for Sustainable Gardens (Brooklyn Botanical Garden Guides); Organic Lawn Care Manual (Paul Tukey)

4. **CDBG Grant Planning**
   - Responses to CDBG Grant Manager questions.
• Development of “project plan”
  o Andrew checked out site – LOTS of invasives: knotweed, multiflora rose, Norway maple
  o Mass DOT / Audubon using “smother crops”: cover it over with native mix of perennials for several years before planting
  o Ref to Dan Hogan’s work on knotweed was very successful; worked with carpet; cutting holes through carpet and planting natives
  o Site assessment with PMAC and Karl – preferably Mon evening and perhaps next PMAC meeting (if not sooner) – try to arrange for 4-5PM site walk
  o Role of PMAC needs to be clarified: Fred will develop list of questions
  o PMAC serves in advisory capacity
  o “Slow Gardening” or “Gradual Gardening”
  o Get general idea of what to do but consider formal landscape design
  o Is it called “Yerxa Park”?
  o What’s the intended purpose of the park?
    ▪ 2 benches with uneven terrain
  o Initially put more thought into interpretive sign / story board
  o Ref to Ogunquit Cliff walk – how did they deal with invasives
  o Maybe put more emphasis on sign
  o Consider goats?
  o Important for City to have long-term management plan – really big challenge on a long-term basis (ex: Fort Williams sets aside half funds raised for long-term maint)
  o Consider involving Resiliency Hub? Prob not worth their trouble or part of their focus...contact Shanna(?)
    ▪ Interesting discussion about whether we’re expending more effort than it’s worth

OTHER TOPICS

• Is Julie keeping track of communications from folks opposed to or who have had problems with ordinance? It’s one of our important data points

5. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: June 4, 2018 from 5-6:30 PM at the Community Center