SOUTH PORTLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
11/2/20 (5-6:30 PM) – ZOOM MEETING

ATTENDEES

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1. Review/amend/approve 10/5/20 meeting notes (ATTACHMENT)
   • Accepted unanimously

2. Update on PMAC membership changes
   • Vacancy needs to be formally posted for any interested members of the public and Council needs to make formal appointment
   • 10/30/20 City newsletter included link to online application form
   • Unlikely there will be many applicants but if several people apply PMAC (soon to be LMAC) will make recommendations to Council for most appropriate replacement

3. Current status of Land Care Management Ordinance
   • 1st Council reading on Thurs 11/5/20 (not on Tues 11/3/20 due to election)
   • Key elements:
     o Tighter and simpler definitions: only include “organic” and “synthetic” (removed water-soluble, slow-release, etc.)
     o Added prohibitions section and limitations on organic fertilizer applications
     o Organic only for everything except performance turf and new development, both of which will require waiver requests
     o Charge LMAC with considering provisions for all other land uses within year 1
   • Send to PMAC (see link above)
   • Public comments will be accepted at 1st reading
   • Question about the need for a waiver for new development – really isn’t needed since there are alternative approaches available
   • LMAC charged with reviewing waiver apps and denying as needed
   • Concerns with loam removal on new construction sites
     o Soil quality requirement will hopefully discourage loam removal
     o New development in non-growing season is also a concern
       ▪ Wait until temp is higher and mulch until then
- Since development happens throughout the year, there may be some resistance from developers/owners/contractors on this requirement
  - E&O is really important and will be addressed through enhancements to [GHSP website](#)
    - LMAC will be closely involved in this effort
  - Concerns with being able to establish provisions for other land uses (e.g., trees/shrubs, horticulture, veg gardens) within 1 year
    - Importance of acquiring hard data for misapplications
  - Important to consider nuance of mulching / watering to get grass to grow – lots of room for improvement – can address on GHSP
  - Concern with allowing performance turf up to 4 lb N/1000 sf/yr – usually 2 lb is enough except when there’s a disease problem
  - Consider establishing waiver to apply 4# per year
  - Lots of discussion about different N types and potential for runoff
  - MA has a bill for soil health and has done a great job of sourcing soils for different regions

4. Planning for transition from PMAC to LMAC
- Tentative timeline / process for approving and implementing Fertilizer Ordinance
  - If Council approves ordinance on 11/5 then there will a 2nd reading at the regularly scheduled meeting on 11/17
  - If Council approves ordinance on 11/17 it will become effective 20 days later (12/7)
- Begin thinking about additional resources for GHSP website
- PMAC becomes LMAC when ordinance becomes effective (most likely on 12/7)
- LMAC composition doesn’t include arborist in updated ordinance – check with Julie on whether this is intentional (turns out arborist isn’t mentioned in original version of ordinance either)
  - Check on status of City’s arborist and report back to PMAC/LMAC
  - Check on status of tree ordinance and report back to PMAC/LMAC
  - Find out if there’s anybody that assesses for risk
- Begin thinking about additional strategies for public outreach & education
  - Consider applying for grants to teach about soil health (very fundable)
  - Consider working with other surrounding municipalities ASAP
  - Social media presence really important to drive folks to GHSP
  - Webinars

**NEXT REMOTE MEETING: 12/7/20 from 5-6:30 PM**