AGENDA
Fertilizer Ordinance Meeting
Wednesday January 8 at 4:00pm
South Portland Community Center, 2nd fl conference room

Ad Hoc Working Group Members
Julie Rosenbach, Sustainability Coordinator
Fred Dillon, Stormwater Program Coordinator
Jesse O’Brien, Agronomist, Downeast Turf
Chip Osborne, Osborne Organics
Linden Thigpen, Resident
April Caricchio, City Councilor
Rick Peruzzi, Athletic Fields & Golf Course Manager, Parks & Rec Dept.
Cathy Ramsdell, Friends of Casco Bay
Breece Sleeper, Always Green Tree Lawn and Landscape
Rachel Mason Burger, Resident
Andrew Capelutti, Resident

Progress Update
The Fertilizer Working Group has made significant progress in developing a draft ordinance. Over the past four months we have:
   a. identified a core set of findings that establish the case for limiting fertilizer use
   b. developed a principle purpose statement to guide our efforts
   c. agreed on the applicability of the restrictions (citywide, both public and private)
   d. established a core set of prohibitions
   e. built a simple framework for allowed uses
   f. started to identify best practices to promote through outreach & education

Agenda
1. Approve meeting minutes (8/14, 8/26, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11). Please review these prior to the meeting.

2. The purpose of this meeting is to finalize prohibitions and allowed uses. To do this, we will discuss the following questions (and any others that may be added):
a. What is the case for increasing allowed pounds of fertilizer on “performance turf” from 3.25 to 3.5 or 4 lbs per square foot?

b. Is this case based on BMPs? Do we want be stricter than published BMPs to protect our waterways? What implications would this have?

c. What is the case for allowing fertilizer use on “all other turf” outside of re-establishment?

d. Does established turf retain nitrogen with best management practices? What resources back this up?

e. If this is true, are applications outside of re-establishment justified compared to threats to Casco Bay?

f. What would be the implications of prohibiting fertilizer use on “all other turf?”