PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PMAC)
AGENDA - Monday, November 4, 2019
5-6:30PM – South Portland Community Center Conference Room

1. Review, revise and/or approve 10/7/19 meeting notes (ATTACHMENT)

2. Pesticide Ordinance Questionnaire Distribution Status (Ann & Cathy)
   • May need to consider including placard since some question about whether staff intended to solicit involvement
   • Check with Julie about providing links to both from new FB page

3. NOFA Training Recap (Jesse & Justin)

4. Considerations for Possible Improvements to Grow Healthy South Portland website

5. Yerxa Park project status
   • Fabric installation may need to wait until next year
   • Interpretive sign to follow shortly thereafter

6. Fertilizer Ordinance Update
   • Synthetic ban back on table
   • Concerns related to compost use in lieu of fertilizers
   • Next Fertilizer Working Group meeting 11/13/19; see FWG webpage FMI
   • Questions / comments / discussion

7. Upcoming Events / Other Items of Potential Interest
   • 2019 Maine Stormwater Conference: Holiday Inn by the Bay on 12/2/19 & 12/3/19
     o Lots of interesting presentations (including “From Bees & Bays to Goats”)
   • 4/7/20: CCSWCD Trout Brook YardScaping Workshop including discussion on pesticide & fertilizer ordinances
   • 2020 Maine Flower Show (3/26-3/29/20)?
   • 5/7/20: request to speak about ordinance at Piper Shores
   • Others?

8. Other agenda items / discussion topics
   • Others?

9. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: TAKE DECEMBER OFF & MEET AGAIN ON 1/6/20 FROM 5-6:30 PM?
1. Review, revise and/or approve 9/9/19 meeting notes (ATTACHMENT)
   - Notes OK

2. Sustainability Department has created new FB and Instagram accounts
   - Use FB to link to GHSP website
   - Add Nancy Olmstead’s notes and perhaps even presentation – FD check on permissions

3. Pesticide Ordinance Questionnaire Distribution
   - 200 resident questionnaires for Ann and Cathy to distribute throughout City
     - FD will print and get them to Ann
     - Places to distribute:
       - Library
       - Community Center
       - Red Bank Community Center
       - Planning office
       - City hall
       - Branch library
   - Low response rate for professional questionnaires at Site One
     - Post on web / FB page – and include in the newsletter
     - FD make up professional landscaper’s version in Google form format
     - FD check with Julie about providing links to both from new FB page
     - Also distribute through City’s E-Newsletter (Fred will do)

4. Fertilizer Ordinance Update
   - Draft ordinance language recently simplified (update by Jesse)
   - Next Fertilizer Working Group meeting 10/9/19
   - See FWG webpage FMI
   - Questions / comments / discussion
     - No synthetic ban
     - Focus on BMPs – not adhering could result in violation
Focus on hands-on activities, such as calibrating spreaders and measuring application areas
- Early focus on E&O
- Is there a role for PMAC given many/most BMPs apply to both pests and ferts?
  - 1 page with lots of white space
- Compost is not fertilizer; fertilizer is food for the microbes
- Suggestion for placing FWG webpage on the Sustainability website

5. Upcoming Events / Other Items of Potential Interest
- 10/21-24: NOFA training course with turf component at Wainwright Field on 10/23; mostly indoor lecture with field component to discuss cultural practices
  - Justin will present at Botanical Gardens in Boothbay
  - Jesse will present at Portland Parks conference space on Canco Rd: grass seed and soil nutrition; Chip will talk about soil structure and microbes
  - Send address to PMAC members
  - Will it be videotaped? Not sure...
  - Big registration fee ($600) – may be a smaller fee for single day attendance
  - MELNA will consider doing something similar given the trend towards organic – sometime this fall; will outreach to non-MELNA members

6. Other agenda items / discussion topics
- Nancy Olmstead’s (MNAP) presentation on invasive plant management from 9/12/19
  - What’s SoPo supposed to do with invasive plants they haul off? Import/export doesn’t apply per Nancy and Gary Fish for disposal (which law doesn’t address)
  - Check with Julie on how best to do this as it will likely have to involve DPW (maybe for designated dumpster); Todd suggested something similar to what Cape uses where commercial haulers have to pay for disposal – honor system
  - Question about whether contractors have to pay and homeowners dump for free
  - Need for signage to help homeowners understand?
  - Is this a PMAC issue?
  - Consideration about segregating invasive yard waste from homeowners vs landscapers
  - Excavated stuff is a big problem
  - Similarity to aquatic invasive plant patrol
  - Is there a way to partner with the state? DEP (FD check with Wendy Garland) or MNAP (Nancy Olmstead)
- Yerxa Park project update: P&R is taking the lead and will include an interpretive sign; PMAC will help with content and design – **FD will bring draft next meeting**

7. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2019 5-6:30 PM