SOUTH PORTLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
11/4/19 (5-6:30 PM) – COMMUNITY CENTER

ATTENDEES

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<td>Andrew Capellutti</td>
<td>Justin Nichols</td>
<td>Jesse O’Brien</td>
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<td>Cathy Chapman</td>
<td>Todd Robbins (absent)</td>
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1. Review, revise and/or approve 10/7/19 meeting notes (ATTACHMENT)
   - Notes OK as written

2. Pesticide Ordinance Questionnaire Distribution Status (Ann & Cathy)
   - May need to consider including placard since some question about whether staff intended to solicit involvement
     - Very few had been filled out; about 5 at library
     - Can it be placed online? Also do a QR code
     - Put together announcement to use as placard – FD will send to PMAC for feedback
   - Check with Julie about providing links to both from new FB page

3. NOFA Training Recap (Jesse & Justin)
   - JN: only 3 attendees were “professionals”; hard for pros to attend and it was pretty expensive; site prep, interacting with clients, etc.
     - Deb Perkins talked about wildlife plans
     - Heather McCargo (Wild Seed Project) spoke about native seed gathering / planting
     - Mike Nadeau spoke about wildflower meadows instead of lawns
   - JO: had about 25 people – it’s a 4 day class with test to certify – big commitment
     - 1 person from CT; 1 from Augusta; remainder were municipal staffers
     - Jesse spoke about grass and soils
     - Chip spoke about many of the same things Jesse covered
     - Jeremy Pelletier (CT NOFA) asked Jesse to go on speaking circuit
     - NOP list in our ordinance is not for ornamentals but for agriculture – it’s more stringent than it may need to be
     - MELNA wants to have a recertification course that allows for NOFA credits
     - Lots of folks we need to reach aren’t MELNA or NOFA members
       - Consider targeting these folks – events and other outreach methods
       - PMAC’s role to encourage cultural practices – does it fall within the E&O purview?
• It is in our purview
• How does it relate to the waiver process? For example, what happens if SMCC or Wainwright has grub issue?
• It’s really critical to determine need for grub treatment based on shifting window – depending on particular season, it could be a span of time (ref. to Clay Kirby – Umaine Extension Entomologist)
• Question about the extent to which it’s the responsibility of the owner / property manager to determine need for synthetic intervention
• Allow for more flexibility in how PMAC grants waivers based on what we learned from the process with Wainwright & SMCC
• Have a list of experts for response protocols – will depend on specific pest issue
• Need to improve GHSP on what to do about pests...
  ▪ UNH’s organic turf handout is consistent with what Chip says – need targeted type of pesticide and rescue treatment
  ▪ Discussion about Falmouth’s approach with requiring landscapers to register and report how much / what type of pesticides are being applied

4. Considerations for Possible Improvements to Grow Healthy South Portland website
   • Biggest issue is that we don’t have much traffic and have to figure out how to drive folks to the site
   • Suggestion to rely on existing info…just create links
   • Stick with Coop Ext and UMaine
   • Also consider MOFGA, which may be moving into lawn / turf space
   • Golf course superintendents are quite aware of the growing organic trends – “poverty turf” - grass that can grow with no ferts / pests

5. Yerxa Park project status
   • Fabric installation may need to wait until next year – timing will be important; limited time for the fall so first thing in the spring before knotweed growth takes off
   • Interpretive sign to follow shortly thereafter – FD will bring draft sign next time

6. Fertilizer Ordinance Update
   • Synthetic ban back on table (for residential – NOT performance turf)
     ▪ Andrew’s suggestion of landscape design features that could be used in lieu of synthetics; avoid use in drainage swales
     ▪ Consider role of E&O to promote other types of vegetation such as clover
   • Concerns related to compost use in lieu of fertilizers
   • Next Fertilizer Working Group meeting 11/13/19; see FWG webpage FMI
   • Questions / comments / discussion
     ▪ Keeping roof water out of area that’s been fertilized – rain barrels
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”)
     o PMAC members can get in for free if they’ll just be attending “Extrordinance” track at 3PM on Mon. 12/2
   • 4/7/20: CCSWCD Trout Brook YardScaping Workshop including discussion on pesticide & fertilizer ordinances
     o Importance of notifying the neighbors to inform them of what they can do to reduce their impacts on Trout Brook; importance of outreach think about strategies
   • 2020 Maine Flower Show (3/26-3/29/20)?
   • 5/7/20: request to speak about ordinance at Piper Shores
   • Others?
     o Consider presenting to colleagues that aren’t MELNA members – Don Sproul Ex. Dir. of MELNA will help; request customer list from O’Donals, SiteOne, Allen Sterling & Lothrop, etc.
     o “Horticultural Horrors: What Happens When You Treat Your Soil Like Dirt”

8. Other agenda items / discussion topics
   • Others?
     o Emerald Ash Borers: OMRI recognizes “BeetleGone” and NOT “GrubGone”; don’t need a waiver to treat but would most likely be done by professional – tree injections

9. Adjourn

    **NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY DECEMBER 2, 2019 or JANUARY 6, 2020 5-6:30 PM**