

IPM Meeting Minutes June 24, 2021

In Attendance: Jonathan Yeo, Nicole Banks, Margaret Doris, Justin Traxler, Bruce Wenning, Kyle Simpson, Derek Mannion and Robert McClary

- Minutes –

Amended minutes were reviewed and accepted for June 3rd June 10th.

- Review next steps for IPM –

- Recap IPM zoom information outline
 - Update - faq's, q&a's, zoom recording, new cold springs letter response, ipm herbicide application feedback.
 - DM - Two FAQ's were added to the webpage zoom meeting added and zoom questions answered. Four councilors have approved of the application. Neighborhood resident of Weeks questioned application. Only two mailing have bounced back. One person opposes to the use at New Cold Spring. NB - an appeal has been filed for New Cold Springs; Mayor Office will weigh in on the application.
- Next steps IPM zoom information meeting
 - NB - annual meeting the goal of the meeting is to provide a forum for residents and neighbors to weigh in. The meeting does not seem to attract the neighbors. Future mailings should include further outreach. MD - what are the options? NB - update of the website and additional avenue of reaching out. MD - is concerned about doing away with meeting. DM - maybe the level of people opposed are not that many, over time and with scientific approach shows people are more comfortable. NB - is open to the community meeting but the amount of available information is easily accessible.
- Next steps on Proposals to Use Pesticides on Public Property
 - Update on Conservation Commission impacts
 - DM - we reached out to the conservation committee, as long as we are over 100 ft away from a wetland, we do not need approval. We will measure out 100 ft for the new cold application. NB - Is this similar Albemarle field restricted away? DM - similar but different type of body of water. We ask for permission to get inside of 'area'. NB - if the goal is improving the fields, we should look at getting the most area treated. DM - next year we will be look at each site early for con comm impacts. BW - how do you determine the wetland? DM - we use the Newton GIS system to determine boundaries. We will continue to measure to be accurate. JT - what is the alternative to treat the areas to improve the condition. DM - loam and seed or sod, with these methods, the field will need time to rest. NB - is the guidance a 100'? DM - determination is 100' for a wetland 200' for a perennial stream. The option is there as long as we do not alter the site by digging or changing the grade. DM - we can go within the 200' but not the 100'. NB - what is the process for next year? DM – maybe a permit or NOI.
 - Update on fence/field closed sign installations, on-site literature posting, departmental informational call-in sheets, mowing/irrigation
 - DM - snow fence will be installed tomorrow field closed signs will go out on Monday departmental call sheet. All the fields will be mowed a second time. Irrigation will be turned off tomorrow and remain off till after the application, noise application was approved.
 - DM - motion to approve June 3rd & 10th minutes, from JT and BW

- DM - next meeting July 22nd
- Non-agenda item
 - NB - data collection track adds a section of impact to bugs, native species systematic approach to the inspection more data on file. DM - express concern of why a bee or native species has died, we can't assume any damage to wildlife is because of herbicides. PRC does more with IPM than anyone else. We don't have the bandwidth to add more work to the schedule. NB - so there is a section for insect damage. JT - we are measuring the pest for field damage, slippery slope of adding a group. NB - an appeal can come from one person and it needs to address. MD - the person may represent more people. We need to document sport injuries to justify the pesticide application. NB - maybe hhs documents this? KS - we do not collect the information. JT - the leagues do not have that information. MB - maybe back off the claim of injury. We should say weeds are a playability issue, not safety issue. JT - this is being broken in to two groups field users and other that do not use the fields. MD - we should back off the claim. JY - I agree with Margaret it's about playability.

Next Meeting July 22, 2021

Respectfully submitted by, **Robert McClary**