

IPM Meeting Minutes July 22, 2021

In Attendance: Kyle Simpson, Margaret Doris, Justin Traxler, Derek Mannion and Robert McClary

- Minutes –

Minutes were reviewed for June 24th. JT - had difficulty following minutes. DM - Minutes had not been formatted yet.

- Review next steps for IPM –

- Recap IPM zoom information outline
 - Update - ipm herbicide application feedback
 - DM - after reviewing the front desk herbicide application call in sheets, PRC received 3 calls. DM - PRC received a letter from Newton Conservators. DM - Commissioner Banks replied to letter. JT- There is a need to align with other groups to agree what a sports fields vs an open space. DM - PRC maintains nearly two hundred contractual sites where we mechanically remove or hand pull weeds. New Cold Springs has been an organic turf management program for over 18+ years. MD - would like to see a copy of the Commissioner's response to conservator. DM - will email Commissioner's response after meeting. Definition of playing fields vs open space. DM - we will add these to our FAQ's.
- Next steps IPM zoom information meeting
 - next steps for zoom information meeting TABLED.
- Next steps on Proposals to Use Pesticides on Public Property
 - Update - appeal for application at new cold springs
 - DM - an appeal to mayor office to delay application. After several meetings with the Executive Office and looking at all sides, the application did occur on slated date. JT - will there be a defined area between the sports field and the stream. DM - pollinator garden may be planted as a buffer zone.
 - Update on herbicide results
 - DM - Very good results from the application. JT - great results. DM - Weeks, Warren New Cold Cabot very good results. Forte had a large infestation of knotweed. Chance for a follow up application. DM - follow up turf work occurred at all locations (aeration, slice seed and fertilize) lower New Cold Springs soccer field was seeded not aerated due to being too wet.

Next Meeting August 5, 2021

Respectfully submitted by, **Robert McClary**