

IPM Meeting Minutes January 20, 2022

In Attendance: Kyle Simpson, Rob McClary, Derek Mannion, Joe Crossen, Bruce Wenning, Commissioner Nicole Banks, Commissioner Josh Morse Public Building Department

- Minutes –

There were no changes/edits to the October 21, 2021 and November 18, 2021 IPM minutes. The minutes were not approved since there was no quorum.

- Review next steps for IPM –

- Rat issue

- Josh Morse – Presented the City’s rodent control plan on city owned land only. The program is a GIS web-based program to address all Reported Rat Hot Spots. The city has decided to use ContraPest. and BurrowRx. The combination stops the reproduction of the rat and gassing of known rat burrows. Neither method are classified as a Rodenticide. The city has also begun to require compliance of pest control during construction project permitting. They are looking further into regulations for compliance of local business and restaurant for waste control. The program has begun to show public support and positive control results.

Q&A – No questions were asked.

DM Thanked Josh for his presentation.

- IPM Meetings

- DM spoke to the importance of attendance at the IPM meetings. 2022 is the 25th anniversary of the committee. Out of the last 44 meetings a quorum has only been met 50% of the time.

- IPM Zoom information meeting

- DM asked if an IPM zoom meeting is necessary going forward. There are multiple ways for public comments and questions. City webpage, phone, email. NB - agreed there is good lines of communications that are available.

- 2022 IPM Application Sites

- DM discussed the four locations selected. These are school sports playing fields. A two-week window for the application will be decided.
- Sites will be

1. Newton Highland
2. Newton North
3. Newton South
4. Burr Park

Next Meeting February 17, 2022 Snow Date February 24, 2022

Respectfully submitted by **Rob McClary**