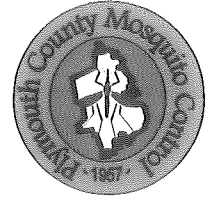


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# **MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

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John Sharland, Secretary

Stephen A. Gillett- Superintendent  
Denise DeLuca – Administrative Assistant  
Ellen Bidlack – Entomologist  
Ross Rosetti – General Foreman

### COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

On Wednesday, August 23, 2017, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at Project Headquarters in Kingston at 10:00 am. Commissioners Kenney, Valenti, Drinan and Sharland were present, along with Supt. Steve Gillett, General Foreman Ross Rosetti and Community Liaison Dan Daly. Entomologist Bidlack was present just for her update. There was one member of the public present.

Chairman Kenney called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

#### Project Administration

The minutes of the July 25, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Expenses for the last period will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Commissioner's Reports – None

#### Superintendent's Report

Project Review/ Update –

The Unifirst service for uniforms was cancelled as of July 31. This will save the Project an estimated \$8,000/yr.

The vehicle insurance will be ending September 15, which will result in a \$34,000/yr savings.

We are down to one proposer for the new facility and the proposer is now working with our requests to modify the proposal. Once an agreement is reached, the construction period is estimated to be 6 months.

Four Project vehicles need to be replaced due to age and condition and Steve will be using the state's lease program to procure the new vehicles. The lease period is 5 years.

A preliminary FY '19 budget was requested by the state. It includes a 3 ½% increase versus a normal 2 ½ - 3% increase to account for variables involving the fit out and move in and rent amount for the new facility.

# PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

Nuisance spray requests will be ending on September 1, with all requests being finished up by September 8.

All field staff will be attending the annual DPW Expo on September 20 in Boxborough. The safety training provided at the Expo is invaluable.

Water Management – Larvicide sites checked since last meeting – 1,692. Basins treated – 12,882, with a total for the end of the season of 50,638. Hand cleaning in Mattapoisett – 130 ft. and Middleboro – 100 ft. Machine digging on Kilby St. in Hingham, West End Ave. in Middleboro, 90 Fullers Farm Rd. in Plymouth, 145 Clapp Rd. in Rochester and at Peaceful Meadows in Whitman for a total of 890 linear feet.

Entomologist Update – Ellen reported that a total of 8 isolates with West Nile Virus were found in Abington, Marion, Whitman and West Bridgewater during the month. This caused the Mass. DPH to raise the risk level to Moderate in Abington, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Hanover, Rockland, West Bridgewater and Whitman.

There were no EEE isolates found during the month.

Commissioner Sharland noted that he had seen a news article that said that the Plymouth County Extension had hired an entomologist to work on the tick problem. Ellen noted that she had been consulted for her thoughts on qualifications for the hire.

## Community Liaison

Dan reported that he had made his presentation at the Hingham Rotary Club. A very worthwhile effort as no member of the club present had ever heard of the Project.

His presentation to the Brockton Rotary Club has been postponed, by them, to May 7, 2018.

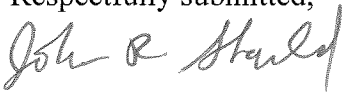
Other Business/Comment - None

Public Comment/Input - None

Our next meeting will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday, September 27, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,



John Sharland, Secretary