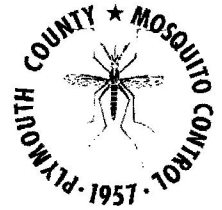


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Ross Rossetti – Acting Superintendent/Pilot
Ellen Bidlack – Entomologist
Matthew McPhee- General Foreman
Denise DeLuca – Administrative Assistant

COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

On Thursday, October 22, 2020 the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at Project headquarters in the Shop area, observing social distancing. Commissioners Drinan Valenti, Sharland, Kenney and Motyka were present, along with Acting Superintendent/Pilot Ross Rossetti, Entomologist Ellen Bidlack and Administrative Assistant Denise DeLuca. There were no members of the public present or on Zoom. Johanna Zabriskie from HR was present for the entire meeting.

Chair Drinan called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

Public Comment/Input – None

Project Administration

The minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Administrative Assistant Update – Denise reported that there has been an increase in calls for tire removal in the Bridgewater area. She thinks this is due to Commissioner Sharland's promotion of the service on social media.

Copies of Thank you notes from a resident (Grace Griffiths) and from Dan Daly were given to the commissioners.

Commissioner's Reports – Commissioner Sharland reported that he attended the most recent Mosquito Control in the 21st Century Task Force meeting (Zoom) and asked for the floor during the RFR discussion, which was granted by the Chair. He asked the Task Force to include the impact of private mosquito control companies. He will also be putting this into writing to the Task Force chair.

Commissioner Drinan reminded the other commissioners not to use the Reply All feature of email.

Commissioner Sharland noted that as long as the email subject and discussion does not constitute a deliberation, there are times when Reply All can be used in the name of efficiency.

Acting Superintendent's Report/Monthly Review

Ross went over all the details of the new truck purchase. Commissioners approved the purchase as detailed.

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Water Management – 995 tires collected since the last meeting. Hand cleaning/brushing totaled 13, 225 ft. and machine digging was done at 335 South St. in Halifax, 314 Spring St. in Hanover and on South Pleasant St. in Hingham for a total of 1795 ft.

The previously discussed OVM Telematics mandatory equipment installations in our vehicles will result in an annual charge against our budget of \$4-5,000.

Entomologist Report – Trapping season ended on Sept. 30, with all traps collected, cleaned and stored.

The Project had 18 EEE isolates and 3 WNV isolates, while the DPH totals were 43 and 4 respectively.

Ellen is transitioning into her winter activities – a lot of review and study of data collected for the season and a review and study of hand larviciding.

Superintendent Position Interviews – Cathy announced that she had applied for the Project's Community Liaison position and therefore would be recusing herself and leaving the meeting. Vice Chairman Sharland took over for the interview process.

Two internal candidates were interviewed – Entomologist Ellen Bidlack and Acting Superintendent Ross Rossetti. Using the questions assembled (from suggestions from the commissioners) by Johanna and the scoring system on the questions form, both candidates were interviewed and thanked for their interest in filling the position. After the interviews were complete, Vice Chair Sharland asked for a motion for which candidate to recommend for this appointment. Commissioner Valenti moved for Ross Rossetti, seconded by Commissioner Motyka. After discussion, Commissioner Sharland called for the vote. The vote was unanimous to recommend (to HR) Ross for the appointment. Johanna then thanked the commissioners for their adherence to the process, said she would do the necessary background check and then asked Commissioner Sharland to write a letter of justification/recommendation to her. Lastly, she requested Commissioner Sharland to return all the Interview Packets and materials and forms to her.

Other Business/Comment – None

Date, Time and Location of Next Commission Meeting – Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 9:30am at Plymouth Headquarters.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sharland, Vice Chair and Secretary.

