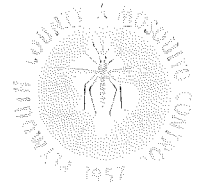


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COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

On Wednesday, August 22, 2018 the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at Project Headquarters in Kingston at 10:00 am. All Commissioners were present, along with Supt. Steve Gillett, Asst. Supt./Pilot Ross Rossetti, Community Liaison Dan Daly and Administrative Assistant Denise Deluca. 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, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Expenses for the last period were reviewed, with no issues noted.

Commissioner's Reports – Commissioner Drinan noted her continued appropriate interactions on social media towards promoting the Project for nuisance spraying. Commissioner Sharland responded on social media to a question about over the counter remedies for the itch of multiple mosquito bites by supplying the person with a copy of our FAQ sheet on prevention of getting bit.

Superintendent's Report/Monthly Review

In response to the state raising the level to Moderate for West Nile Virus, the Project has been undertaking additional trappings and larvicide checks/larvicide applications in the 4 towns where the virus has been found.

August 31 has been published on our web site as the last day to request nuisance spraying. The spraying activity should wrap up after the first week of September. Spray requests for the season stood at 14,989 as of today, up 2000 from last year.

The salt marsh machine has significant corrosion on the underbelly. Steve and staff will study the options for a remedy this Fall.

FY '20 initial budget sent to Boston as requested – a 3 ½ % increase (slightly higher than normal to cover contingencies with the start up of the new facility), the total is \$1,896,763.70.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Project received a same day request for spraying Forges Field Pond Park in Plymouth, for a fund raiser for the family of the fallen Weymouth police officer (Michael Chesna) and quickly reorganized the day so as to complete the request. Steve received a hand written Thank You note card from Frank Basler, Plymouth County Commission Administrator.

Water Management - Since our last meeting, larval sites checked totaled 1,222 and basins treated totaled 16,747. Total basins treated for the season stands at 51,434.

Hand cleanings totaled 450 ft. for the month and machine digging was carried out in Pembroke on Washington St., in Plympton on Churchill Rd. and in West Bridgewater on North Elm St., for a total of 1025 linear feet.

Community Liaison

There was good interest in our material and Dan's presence at the Plymouth Aero Club Air Show. Our airplane was a big hit with the kids.

Interest in our material at the Marshfield and Brockton Farmer's Markets was low.

Cohasset Farmer's Market has now approached Dan for a display and presence, after Dan had approached them three times with no response. Most likely due to the elevation of West Nile Virus threat to Moderate state wide.

Second interview on WATD is upcoming and he will focus on Wile Nile Virus prevention.

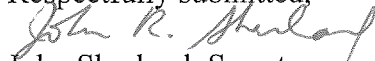
Other Business/Comment - None

Public Comment/Input - None

Our next meeting will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,


John Sharland, Secretary