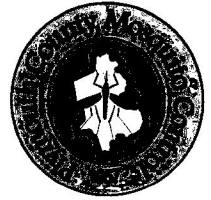




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Stephen A. Gillett - Superintendent

Ross Rossetti - Asst. Superintendent/Pilot

Ellen Bidlack - Entomologist

Denise DeLuca - Administrative Assistant

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

On Wednesday, May 22, 2019, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their first monthly meeting at the Project's new Headquarters in Plymouth at 10:00 am. Commissioners Drinan, Kenney, Valenti and Sharland were present, along with Asst. Supt. Ross Rossetti, Entomologist Ellen Bidlack, Community Liaison Dan Daly and Administrative Assistant Denise Deluca. Supt. Gillett was absent due to a doctor's appointment. There were no members of the public present. Full time field staff had been invited and were present for the entire meeting.

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

Public Comment/Input - None

Project Administration

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

The minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Commissioner's Reports – Commissioner Sharland noted that once again this year, there were several “what was that low flying airplane” questions/comments on social media during the aerial larviciding season and that he answered the questions, but also noted to the commenters that the Project does notify the police departments and Board of Health in each town in the county where aerial larviciding takes place. He said he does not see any effort on the part of many of those towns to use their social media pages to notify residents.

Chair Drinan next discussed broadening the topics on the monthly agenda for standardization and inclusion, even if they are not used every month. For example, key staff names/positions would appear, even if no report was expected that particular month. After some discussion, it was agreed that she would provide a template for review at the next meeting.

Commissioner Sharland also inquired if our motion, at our last meeting, to have Juan Gutierrez look into starting the process of having a 5th commissioner appointed had shown any results. None that Ross has seen. Ross will inquire.

Assistant Superintendent's Report/Monthly Review

At the May 15 SRB meeting, the Project's 2020 budget was approved with the requested 3 ½% increase and stands at \$1,896,764.

A summary of the aerial larviciding season was handed out, along with a map showing the many wet areas (swamps, et al) that were treated. A total of 15, 094 acres were sprayed over 11 towns in Plymouth County and 3 in Bristol County (as part of Hockomock Swamp effort). Commissioner Sharland asked the status of the research that was being done for better penetration of cedar crypts that was underway when he first joined the commission. Ross and Ellen noted that there were no definitive results but that it was determined that a different set of spray nozzles, which are very expensive, would most likely provide better crypt penetration. It was agreed that Ross could ask the manufacturer of the nozzles to let us borrow a set for at least next season and then see if there was any effect on trap counts during the adult season.

Pay increases – Asst. Supt. Rossetti presented a pay increase chart for 2020, showing 3% increase, plus step where applicable, for full time staff. Commissioner Valenti moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Sharland, vote was unanimous to approve.

Water Management – no digging during the period. 2171 larval checks carried out.

Entomologist Report:

- Ellen's paper and presentation at the CDC meeting in New Hampshire were well received.
- Maps preparation, traps running and new lab setting up kept her busy during the period.
- Summer assistant is on board
- Taught a mosquito identification class at Cape Cod Community College in collaboration with the Cape Cod Project superintendent and entomologist.

Community Liaison Dan Daly Update

Dan commented on his concern that CORI checks are needed for every school that he wants to visit to make a presentation. Dan had asked Jessica Burgess in the past if there was some way to streamline this, but received no response. Ross will inquire again. Ideas on how to streamline this were discussed with no firm action plan.

Visited the Brockton Senior Center and will be visiting the Lakeville Senior Center on June 5.

Planning a visit with the Abington Board of Health and Health Agent to reinforce our joint objectives.

Letter going out to schools to inform them that on-site storage and use of larvicide needs to be included in their Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plans.

Full time field staff in attendance and others were next invited to make comments about the move and the new facility. Field techs to a person all commented favorably about extra efforts and teamwork by all involved and the first class nature of the new facility. Ross noted that there were some glitches with Ockers and Comcast getting the internet/network infrastructure up and running, indicating that he was told it would be a one day deal and it has taken a week. Commissioners noted that the summer assistant set up for taking spray calls was nicely arranged in one corner of the large new conference room.

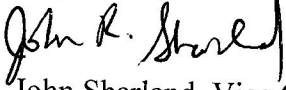
Other Business/Comment – Ross noted that the Rich Goodwin lump sum settlement was finalized and was within what the commissioners had authorized.

It was requested that spray call hours be changed from 8:00am-3:00pm to 7:30am to 2:30pm for several different reasons, all of which made sense to the commissioners. Commissioners voted unanimously to allow this change.

Date, Time and Location of Next Commission Meeting – Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 10:00am at Plymouth Headquarters.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Sharland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a stylized "S".

John Sharland, Vice Chair and Secretary.