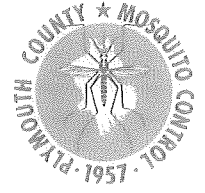




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THE STATE RECLAMATION & MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD



## Plymouth County MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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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, September 26, 2018 the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at Project Headquarters in Kingston at 10:00 am. Commissioners Valenti, Drinan and Sharland were present, along with Supt. Steve Gillett, Asst. Supt./Pilot Ross Rossetti, Community Liaison Dan Daly and Administrative Assistant Denise Deluca. Commissioner Kenney (Chair) was absent.

Vice Chairman Valenti called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

#### Project Administration

The minutes of the August 22, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

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

Commissioner's Reports – Commissioner Drinan reported that she will be speaking with a particular article writer for the Massachusetts Association of Health Board's (MABH) Newsletter at the next MABH meeting. The article made general reference to nuisance spraying for mosquitoes, without differentiating between our methods, materials and techniques and those of private companies. The latter having proliferated the last few years.

#### Superintendent's Report/Monthly Review

Twelve towns have had mosquito pools with West Nile Virus. Lakeville has had one pool with EEE.

Staff attended the annual DPW Expo in Boxboro.

Final Rollover amount has been received - \$456,760.

No definitive update on the RFP for a new facility.

Gilson Road project in Scituate will be getting underway soon. The salt marsh machine will be evaluated after this large project is finished.

Next SRB Quarterly Meeting is October 17. Meeting place to be announced.

# PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

Water Management - Since our last meeting, larval sites checked totaled 1125.

Hand cleanings totaled 1760 ft. for the month and machine digging was carried out in Hanson at 92 Indian Heat St., Hingham at 160 South Pleasant ST. and on Stagecoach Road, Middleboro at 35 Summer St. and on Murdock Rd. and in Marion at 214 Delano Rd. for a total of 2225 linear feet.

Entomologist Bidlack has been out ill the last two days, so her end of season update will be given next month.

## Community Liaison

Dan noted that positive pools for West Nile Virus are up significantly in 2018 (28) versus the average of the last four years (6). This can pose opportunities for discussions on bite prevention.

Dan reviewed his history with the Project, starting in 1980 and noted that in 1983, in light of the enactment of Proposition 2 ½ in 1982, he promoted the idea of the position he now holds, and that over the years, many opportunities for community outreach have presented themselves. However, he noted that recent trends in getting speaking engagements, etc. have declined. He plans to make some changes and re-evaluate his situation next May.

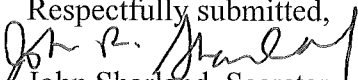
Other Business/Comment - None

Public Comment/Input - None

Our next meeting will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday, October 24, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Sharland, Secretary