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Ellen Bidlack – Entomologist
Denise Deluca – Administrative Assistant

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

On Wednesday, December 13, 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, Asst. Supt/Pilot Ross Rossetti, Entomologist Ellen Bidlack, Admin Assistant Denise Deluca and Community Liaison Dan Daly. There were no members of the public present.

Chairman Kenney called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

Project Administration

The minutes of the November 29, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

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

Commissioner's Reports – None

Superintendent's Report

Project Review/ Update –

The revised RFP for our new facility will be ready for advertising soon. Bridgewater has been dropped and Plympton added along with Plymouth, Carver and Kingston as potential landing spots.

Asst. Supt. Rossetti has been accepted into the Core Management Program and has begun matriculating.

At the NMCA Annual Meeting, Asst. Supt. Rossetti was recognized with the David Scott Award for his innovations and efficiency gaining projects. The Commissioners were of one voice that this was a well deserved award.

Supt. Gillett also received the David Colburn Award for 20 years of service to the Project.

Water Management – Hand cleanings since the last meeting totaled 2090 ft. Machine digging was carried out in Pembroke on Rte. 14 at Pudding Brook and in Wareham at 12 Fisherman's Cove Road for a total of 390 feet.

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Five hundred seventy seven (577) tires were collected, with the total year to date of 2415.

Next, the new website was reviewed for us by Entomologist Bidlack. She has been doing the leg work on this. After seeing the draft of the website, the Commissioners noted that they were very pleased with the new layout and new material. It is anticipated that the new web site will be put up by the end of January 2018.

NMCA Annual Meeting Review:

Dan Daly – some presentations not a good match to the attendees. Also it seems that some grant monies are not well spent, citing a presentation where the conclusion of the study was that if there are more mosquitoes, you are more likely to get a vector borne disease.

Ellen – Connecticut now allows selective filling of marshes with spoils. Perhaps Massachusetts will follow, as this is by all accounts, an acceptable and non-detrimental practice.

Cathy – was impressed with the presentation by a 17 year old who is studying a crustacean that feeds on mosquito larvae. Her studies started as a science fair project.

Steve – we got mention of our new tire pick up and recycling program.

Community Liaison

Dan met with Blake, the new tick entomologist at Plymouth County Extension Service. They are going to work together, with the first effort to be some educational sessions with school nurses.


Other Business/Comment - Commissioner Drinan reviewed for us a situation from the NMCA meeting. An inappropriate joke was made by a presenter. She called him out on it by email with copies to NMCA officials. She noted that the response she got from the person was just as inappropriate, if not more so, than the joke. The Commissioners agreed. This was another sobering reminder of how important it is to be trained on Preventing Sexual Harassment, which all four commissioners have taken, along with all Project staff.

Public Comment/Input - None

Our next meeting will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday, January 24, 2017. The SRB Meeting is the third Wednesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,



John Sharland, Secretary