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PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES October 19th, 2023

On Thursday, October 19th, 2023, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at the Project headquarters. In attendance were Commissioners Sharland, Motyka, and Fiore. Commissioner Reynolds attended remotely via ZOOM. Employees present: Ross Rossetti, Superintendent/Pilot, Matt McPhee, Assistant Superintendent, Ellen Bidlack; Entomologist, and Erin Morrill; Community Liaison.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharland at 9:35 am

Public Comment/Input: There was no public comment.

Comments from the Chair: Commissioner Sharland and Commissioner Motyka attended the Northeast Mosquito Control Association field day held on October 12th at the Project. The event was well attended by several projects and the crew did a great job preparing and cleaning up the facility.

Vote to approve September, 2023 Minutes: The September 21, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote by Commissioners Motyka, Fiore, Reynolds, and Sharland.

Administrative Assistant Expense Report: In Denise's absence, Ross reported that there were no significant changes in the month's expense report.

Assistant Superintendent Report-Field work summary: Matt reported that all spray machines are now off the field tech's trucks. The activity summary from September 21st to October 18th shows that the crew collected 805 tires. They also completed 10,790 feet of hand cleaning and brushing. Machine digging took place in 2 locations; 137 Wood Street in Halifax totaled 1,125 feet and at 83 River Street in Middleboro, the crew completed 930 feet. The total for the month was 2,055 feet dug.

Superintendent's Review of Project Operations since last meeting: Ross reported that he had spoken to the three affected employees regarding the vacation status issue and all were in favor of the result. The newer employees, affected by the policy change, will have their accruals adjusted monthly. Ross thanked the Commissioners who attended as well as the crew that prepared the Project facility to host the Northeast Mosquito Control Association (NMCA) field day held on October 12th. Ross shared that Blake Dinius complimented Community Liaison Erin Morrill on her networking and communication skills.

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On October 31- November 2, the crew will be attending a Chainsaw Safety Technique and Maintenance class hosted by the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project. Other projects planning to attend are Suffolk and East Middlesex projects. Mike Smith of UMass Extension services will be presenting.

The grant for the 8 electric vehicle (EV) chargers came through. The installation will be completed on site by March 2024.

The first tire event, held in collaboration with South Shore Recycling will be held at the Rockland Transfer Station on Saturday, October 21st from 9am-1pm. The second will take place in Plymouth at the DPW barn in Camelot Park on November 11th from 9am-1pm.

Entomologist Report: Update on Mosquito Surveillance: Ellen reported that 685 pools had been submitted to the DPH. In all the Project tested 29,259 mosquitoes. Twenty-three pools were found positive with West Nile Virus from 13 towns in the county. The state found WNV in 17 pools from 4 towns. Noting that there were no human cases, In all WNV was found in 15 Plymouth County towns. No EEEV was detected in the county.

Community Liaison Report-Presentations Update-Upcoming Engagements: On Tuesday, October 17th, Erin participated at a STEM event; (science, technology, engineering, and math) in Brockton. This well-received event had approximately 150 mixed-aged students attend. On October 21st, Erin along with Blake Dinius presented at the Whitman Public Library. Kingston and Hull have been in contact with Erin to schedule events starting next March. Erin is continuing to update Integrated Pest Management (IPM) contacts for 2024.

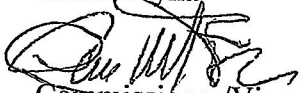
Commissioner Comments, if any: There were no other comments.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting/Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th, 2023 at 9:30am. Meeting will be scheduled at the Project headquarters, 272 South Meadow Road, Plymouth. It will also have a ZOOM option.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was accepted unanimously at 10:40am.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Motyka



Commissioner/Vice-Chairman/Secretary
Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project

Documents that accompanied this agenda:

- * Meeting Agenda
- * September 21st, 2023 Minutes
- * Expense Report
- * Service Requests from Week Ending October 18th, 2023