

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE STATE RECLAMATION & MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD



**Plymouth County**  
**MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

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John Kenney, Chairman  
Michael F. Valenti, Vice Chairman  
Cathleen Drinan  
John Sharland, Secretary

Stephen A. Gillett – Superintendent  
Ross Rossetti – Asst. Superintendent/Pilot  
Ellen Bidlack – Entomologist  
Denise Deluca – Administrative Assistant

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

On Wednesday, November 14, 2018 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, and Sharland were present, along with Supt. Steve Gillett, Asst. Supt./Pilot Ross Rossetti, Entomologist Ellen Bidlack, Community Liaison Dan Daly and Administrative Assistant Denise Deluca. Commissioner Drinan was absent. There was one member of the public present.

Chairman Kenney called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

Project Administration

The minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

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

Commissioner's Reports – Commissioner Sharland noted his continued presence on social media (Bridgewater Residents group, 17,400 members), most recently with information about our tire pick up program. He noted that additional members of the group have started to promote our services, particularly about our nuisance spray service and its benefits over private applicators.

Public Comment/Input - None

Superintendent's Report/Monthly Review

Steve invited the seasonal employee, who was confused about not receiving the 2% cost of living increase that full time staff got this year, to his office and explained the situation to her. The matter is settled.

Ken Andrea has submitted his resignation.

No official update on the new facility at this time.

All staff attended the annual Field Day at Myles Standish Reservation on October 11. Two credits towards license renewals were awarded for this educational event.

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All staff pesticide licenses have been renewed. This is done on line.

Ross and Matt attended the most recent SRB meeting and presented our proposed FY20 budget.

Ross, Ellen and Matt will be attending the NMCA Annual Meeting in New Hampshire on Dec. 3-5. Frontier Precision will be giving several papers and seminars. Ellen will be giving a paper.

## Entomologist End of Season Report:

Ellen attended the DPH End of Season meeting and showed the commissioners several charts and graphics that helped to summarize the season for the entire state. There were 46 human and 2 animal cases of West Nile Virus. The highest number of cases was in eastern part of Middlesex County. There were no human cases of EEE and two in animals across the state.

She also showed the commissioners some pictures of the different types of traps, their locations and results. The one pool of mosquitoes that tested positive for EEE was from a trap in Lakeville. The procedure when this occurs includes some additional spraying in the area around the trap. Ellen's top priority across the whole season is on EEE.

Water Management – Tires collected since the last meeting totaled 680, with 2880 collected year-to-date. Hand cleaning totaled 15,570 ft. for the period. Machine digging was performed in Halifax at 69 Pratt St., in Hanover on Upton St., in Medfield at 887 Plain St. and 77 Keene Rd., in Marion at 265 Wareham Rd., in Scituate at the large Gilson Rd. project, and in Whitman at 152 Bedford St. for a total of 4130 ft.

## Community Liaison

Dan will be reconnecting with officials in Rockland due to some changes in administration there.

He has sent letters out to almost all of the Councils on Aging in the county with an offer to speak at a meeting. He no longer sends letters to those Councils which have never replied for several years in a row.


We brainstormed with Dan on ways to further raise awareness about the Project and what it does. He will possibly target Health Agents.

## Other Business/Comment - None

Our next meeting will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Sharland, Secretary