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PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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COMMISSIONER’S MEETING MINUTES November 21, 2024

On Thursday, November 21st, 2024, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at the Project headquarters. In attendance were Commissioners Sharland, Motyka, Reynolds, Krystofolski, and Fiore. Employees present were Ross Rossetti, Superintendent/Pilot, Matt McPhee, Assistant Superintendent, Ellen Bidlack, Entomologist, Denise DeLuca, Administrative Assistant, and Erin Morrill, Community Liaison.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharland at 9:32am.

Public Comment/Input: There was no public comment.

Comments from the Chair: There were no comments.

Vote to approve October 17th, 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve the October 17th, 2024 minutes was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Fiore. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Administrative Assistant Expense Report: Monthly Overview: Denise noted that new expenses this month were monies allocated for the registration and membership of all staff to attend the Northeast Mosquito Control Association Annual Conference. This event, held on December 8-11, recertifies all staff with credits needed for their specific licenses.

Assistant Superintendent Report-Water Management Summary: Matt reported that Wetlands Maintenance from October 17th through November 20th included 44 resident service requests that included a combination of tire and water checks. The field techs completed 25,963 feet of cleaning and brushing. An Upland job resulted in the machine cleaning 220 feet on 578 Lincoln Street in Duxbury. There were 537 tires collected; 172 of them collected at Plymouth’s Hazardous Waste Day on October 26th.

Superintendent Report: Review of Project Operations since last meeting: Pilot Position Update: EEE Update: Ross noted that the State Reclamation Board will be reviewing the preliminary budgets of all Mosquito Control Projects in the state. The Project has signed a letter of support for the North East Regional Center of Vector Borne Disease to receive grant funding for a study testing wastewater for vector borne diseases. Ross noted that there was an Eastern Equine Encephalitis(EEE) horse case in East Bridgewater on November 21st. A Trial Readiness Conference, regarding the stolen excavators, will take place at the Plymouth County District Court on November 25, 2024.

Ross has requested to attend the American Mosquito Control Association’s yearly conference that is being held in Puerto Rico from March 3-7, 2025. A motion to provide Ross with a Travel Authorization Form was made by Commissioner Fiore and seconded by commissioner Reynolds. The motion passed unanimously. Tom Foley, the recently hired Project pilot, will be starting employment on November 25th. He will be working towards the required training for this position and studying pesticide information for all licensing needed.

Entomologist Report: Ellen has been working on the agenda for the Northeast Mosquito Control Association(NMCA) Conference that is being held this year in Plymouth on December 8-11, 2024.

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Community Liaison Report-Presentations Update-Upcoming Engagements: On October 23, Erin presented at a very well-attended STEM event that was held at the Brockton Public Library. On October 28th, she met with the Brockton Garden Club. Erin continues to get inquiries on holding future events in Brockton. Erin and Blake Dinius met with the Wildlands Trust in Plymouth on November 8th. They will also be participating in a joint presentation at the Wildlands Trust on May 21st, 2025, from 5-6pm. On December 3rd, she will be presenting at the Kingston COA at 10:00am. Erin has several events lined up for 2025. The South Shore Family Network has invited her to attend the upcoming Commission Advisory Group meeting, held on January 24 via ZOOM. On May 28th, she will be presenting at the Children's Room located at the Pembroke Public Library. On June 12th, she will be presenting at the Plymouth and Manomet Public Libraries.

Other future events in discussion include a STEM event at the Manomet Bird Observatory(MBO) in Plymouth, an event for the Hingham COA in the Spring, and one at the Carver COA. Erin has also received interest to hold events in the towns of Mattapoisett and Norwell.

Commissioner Comments, if any: Commission Motyka recognized Entomologist Ellen Bidlack as she was appointed as President-Elect of the Northeast Mosquito Control Association and will assume the position at the NMCA Conference to be held on December 8th-11th. All Commissioners extended their congratulations to Ellen. A motion proposing no December Commissioner's meeting was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Motyka. A motion to hold the next meeting, with Commissioner reorganization on the agenda, on January 16th, 2025 at 9:30am was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Krystofolski. Both motions passed unanimously.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting/Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16th, 2025 at 9:30am. Meeting will be held at the Project headquarters, 272 South Meadow Road, Plymouth. A remote option will be available.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fiore and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. It was unanimously passed at 10:23am.

Respectively submitted,



Ann Motyka
Commissioner: Vice-Chairman/Secretary
Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project

Documents that accompanied this agenda:

- *Meeting Agenda
- *Monthly Expense Report
- *October 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes