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THE STATE RECLAMATION & MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD



## **Plymouth County MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

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**Commissioners:**

Cathleen Drinan, Chairman

John Sharland, Vice Chairman/Secretary

Michael F. Valenti

John Kenney

Stephen A. Gillett - Superintendent

Ross Rossetti - Asst. Superintendent/Pilot

Ellen Bidlack - Entomologist

Denise DeLuca - Administrative Assistant

### COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

On Thursday, November 21, 2019 the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at the Project's Headquarters in Plymouth at 9:30 am. Commissioners Drinan, Valenti and Sharland were present, along with Superintendent Stephen Gillett, Asst. Supt. Ross Rossetti, Entomologist Ellen Bidlack, Community Liaison Dan Daly and Administrative Assistant Denise Deluca. Commissioner Kenney was absent.

Chairman Drinan called the meeting to order at 9:50 am.

Public Comment/Input - None

#### Administrative Assistant Update

As requested at our last meeting, Denise handed out an expanded Monthly Expense report with a breakout of Section Sub GG: rent, fuel and utilities. The commissioners indicated their approval of this to review at our monthly meetings.

#### Project Administration

Expenses for the last three months were reviewed. Chairman Drinan requested that for future reports, the line item of Rent, Fuel and Utilities be separated out since Rent is not a variable but the other two are.

The minutes of the October 22, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended.

#### Commissioner's Report

The revised wording of the third paragraph of the Spray Route Statement on the web site was reviewed and approved. Cathy suggested a couple of other changes in the first paragraph. These will be incorporated and available for the commissioners to review at our next meeting.

#### Superintendent's Report/Monthly Review

Ross was not present because he is at the NAAA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Juan Gutierrez was approached at the recent SRB meeting about setting up an interview with Charles Farnham to be considered for appointment as our fifth commissioner. Juan said that initial attempts to find a common date for the interview have been unsuccessful but that he would pursue further.

At the SRB meeting, the important numbers about the state sponsored aerial adulticide spraying, in response to the EEE threat were given: Two million acres were sprayed at a cost of five million dollars. Also at the meeting, a member of the public made a statement against aerial adulticide spraying and suggested that garlic be used.

At the conclusion of the SRB meeting, Steve, Ross, Ellen and members of Bristol County Mosquito were asked to stay and provide ideas on how to improve the aerial spraying and any other any other issues to improve our operations and effectiveness. In other words, create a “Wish List” on the basis that money would be available for everything on the list.

Subsequent to that effort at the end of the SRB meeting. Steve and Ellen were invited to a meeting in central Mass. to provide further feedback and ideas on better effectiveness of our mission. This resulted in Ellen and Steve putting together a five page documents entitled “How to modernize PCMCP and improve control of disease vector” and forwarding it to the SRB. Copies were handed out to the commissioners.

Meet the staff/staff update – None

Water Management – Since the last meeting, 247 tires were collected, with 2,133 collected year to date. Hand cleanings totaled 14,205 ft. and machine digging totaled 985 feet across seven towns in the county.

Meet the Staff and Staff Update – nothing to report.

#### Entomologist Report:

Ellen’s major efforts for the month included preparing for the NMCA Annual Meeting and preparing the “How to modernize... document noted above. She also noted that her article, as lead author, entitled “A New Record of Aedes Thibaulti in Massachusetts” has been accepted for publication in the Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association. The commissioners were pleased and offered their congratulations to Ellen.

#### Community Liaison Dan Daly Update

Dan reviewed his keynote speaker role from yesterday at the meeting of the Plymouth County Conservation District, which was held at the Carver Public Library. District representatives were positive about our response to EEE and WNV but also asked a lot of questions about what the Project does. Dan, as usual, used the opportunity to emphasize proper repellent selection and use.

He also met a representative (Mia Halter) from the USDA, who mentioned that she was involved in a USDA effort to restore abandoned cranberry bogs “to their natural state”, meaning as swamp land. Dan pointed out the mosquito larval situation in swamps, which did cause Ms. Halter to take pause and suggest that more discussions might be in order.

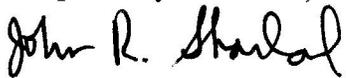
Dan accompanied two students from Plymouth South High School for their visit to our headquarters. He commended all the staff for their involvement with the students, and singled out Matt and Brian.

Other Business/Comment – Cathy requested that a written notice of our meetings be given to staff a day or so ahead of time.

Date, Time and Location of Next Commission Meeting – Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 9:30am at Plymouth Headquarters.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Sharland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

John Sharland, Vice Chair and Secretary.