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Denise DeLuca - Administrative Assistant

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES February 27, 2025

Call to Order and Attendance 2/27/2025 -On Thursday, February 27th, 2025 the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at the Project headquarters. In attendance were Commissioners Sharland, Motyka, Fiore, Krystofolski, and Reynolds (via Microsoft Teams). Employees present were Ross Rossetti, Superintendent/Pilot, Matt McPhee, Assistant Superintendent, and Erin Morrill, Community Liaison.

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

Public Comments/Input- There were no public comments.

Comments from the Chair- Commissioner Sharland, participating in a Focus Group project for state-wide mosquito control Commissioners, made recommendations that when used properly, social media platforms offer information valuable to communities, potentially helping alleviate misconceptions. He also suggested that all projects would benefit from having a community liaison. He noted that the Project is the only one, among all state projects, to have one on staff.

Commissioner's Reorganization (vote required) - Motions to re-elect John Sharland and Ann Motyka in the Chairman and Vice Chairman/Secretary positions, respectively, were made by Commissioner Fiore and seconded by Commissioner Krystofolski. Both passed unanimously.

Vote to approve January 16th 2025 Minutes - Motion to approve the January 16th, 2025 minutes was made by Commissioner Fiore and seconded by Commissioner Krystofolski. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Administrative Assistant **Expense Report **Monthly Review- (Ross reported on Denise's absence). There were no significant changes to the expense report. On February 10th and 11th, the Project placed the "Aerial Application of Pesticides" notification in the legal sections of the Brockton Enterprise, The New Bedford Times, and the Patriot Ledger. Copies were also sent to all Project towns' Boards of Health, the State Reclamation Board, and the DPH.

Assistant Superintendent ReportWater Management Summary**- Matt noted that Field Tech Chris Hoppie completed certification for his CDL license. From January 16th-February 26th, the Field Techs have been cleaning and maintaining equipment needed for seasonal trapping; deep-cleaning adulticide sprayers, repairing traps, and painting specific equipment as needed.

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In addition to the inside work, wetlands maintenance included 20,225 feet of cleaning/brushing, including 6,400 feet to improve access to larvicide sites. An upland job completed 75 feet at a site at 84 Howland Street in Lakeville. There were 154 tires collected.

Superintendent Report *Review of Project operations since last meetingMigration to EEAIT** Ross noted that all Projects will fall under the umbrella of EEAIT (Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Information Technology). This department will provide all IT support and related IT equipment (computers, monitors, servers, etc.).

The date for the Spring tire collection event, held in conjunction with the South Shore Recycling Co-op, will be held at Plymouth's DPW facility in Camelot Park, on Saturday, April 12th, from 9am-1pm. On February 13th, Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project hosted a meeting to discuss how each project provided their services, mostly in regards to adulticiding. Out of all the state projects, Plymouth County received the most requests of its residents in 2024. The Project plane has been serviced and returned and is ready for upcoming Spring adulticiding. The ISA (Interdepartmental Service Agreement) was renewed between Plymouth and Bristol Counties that will enable Ross to aerial treat the targeted breeding areas in both counties. This year's Congested Area Plan has been submitted to the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration). The adulticide Zenivex will be ordered in June. Duet will be used first and then only in select areas in the second half of the season.

In other news, The Project is currently in the process of hiring 1 Field Technician. Clarke Chemical will be hosting an event at the Project on April 2nd from 9:00am-12:00pm. Newly-hired pilot Tom Foley is continuing his training in Gainesville Florida. He is working toward certifications needed and will have completed 30-40 hours of flying. He is receiving agricultural GPS training, received his Tailwheel Endorsement, and is training on multiple types of agricultural aircraft.

Entomologist Report- (Ross reporting in Ellen's absence). On February 5th, Ellen, along with Blake Dinius and Katie Brown, presented at "Sustainable Plymouth", an event held at the Plymouth Public Library. Ellen created a link on the Project's website to notify residents of Community Liaison Erin Morrill's "Upcoming Engagements" schedule.

Community Liaison UpdatePresentation Update***Upcoming Engagements:-**Community Liaison Morrill has been meeting with towns' Boards of Health and scheduling a significant number of events. Tire disposal is the most common question she has been receiving at the BOH. The town of Lakeville personally acknowledged work done by Field Tech Shephnie Dugan. The events scheduled for March are on 3/6; a ZOOM meeting roundtable event hosted by the UMass Extension Service (with Blake Dinius attending as well); on 3/8, Kingston Elementary School Health and Wellness Fair from 10am-1pm.; on 3/27, meeting with Brockton's BOH staff, and on 3/31 at 3:30, participating at a STEM program at the Boys and Girls Club in Brockton.

Erin has 8 events set up for April starting with two on 4/1; first at the Kingston COA at 10am and a program at the Hingham COA with Blake at 2pm. On 4/4, she will present at the Hanson COA, 10am: and on 4/9, she will be at the Marshfield COA at 1pm. Erin has 2 events in Brockton this month. She will be at the Brockton Public Library Children's Room on 4/10; time TBD. She returns to the Children's Room on 4/24; time TBD. Two events on 4/16; Erin at the Pembroke COA at 9am and at the Rochester COA at 11am. On 4/17, she will be at the Lakeville COA at 11am. On 4/22, Erin will be at the Norwell Public Library Children's Room at 1:30pm. On 4/23, she will be meeting with the Massachusetts Reserve Corp of Nurses at the Duxbury Senior Center from 6-8pm. On 4/28, she will be at the Halifax Public Library from 6-7pm. Two events on the 29th have Erin at the Rockland COA at 10am and in Plymouth at Redbrook in the afternoon at 1pm.

There are 6 May events. On 5/3 Erin is participating at the Plymouth Community Health and Wellness Fair at Plymouth North High School from 10am-1pm.; the Hull Health and Wellness Fair on 5/17; at L Street Field from 10am-1pm; on 5/19 she will present at the Marion COA at 1pm. On 5/20, she will be at Marshfield's

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COA for a Health and Wellness Fair from 9am-12;pm. Along with Blake Dinius, will be presenting at the Wildlands Trust in Plymouth, May 21st from 5-6pm. Last event is 5/28 at the Pembroke Public Library Children's Room from 4-8pm.

June 12th, Erin will be at the Manomet Library at 5pm. On 6/19, she will be attending the Rochester's COA Community Fair from 2pm-6pm; and on 6/20, she will be at the Hanover COA at 1pm. August 5th, she will be at the Scituate Public Library Children's Room at 2pm.

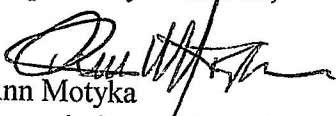
To view Community Liaison Morrill's schedule of events, log onto www.plymouthmosquito.org, click on the 'About Us' tab and select 'Events'

Commissioner's Comments: There were no comments.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting/Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 27th, 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 Krystofolski. It was unanimously passed at 10:23am.

Respectively submitted,


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

Documents that accompany this agenda:

- **Meeting Agenda
- **Aerial Application of Pesticides notification
- **Monthly Expense Report