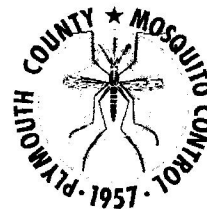




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COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2023

On Thursday, February 16, 2023, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting in the main conference room at Plymouth Municipal Airport. In attendance were Commissioners Sharland, Motyka, Valenti, Reynolds, and Fiore. Employees present: Ross Rossetti Superintendent/Pilot, Denise DeLuca Administrative Assistant, Ellen Bidlack Entomologist, 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:- Chair Sharland noted that he had seen the legal notice in the February 14th edition of the Brockton Enterprise regarding the Project's 'Aerial Application of Pesticides'.

Vote to approve January 2023 Minutes- By roll call vote, the January 19, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved by Commissioners Valenti, Reynolds, Motyka, Fiore and Sharland.

Administrative Assistant Expense Report- Adding to Chair Sharland's comment regarding seeing the Project's legal notice, Denise produced a copy from the Classifieds page from the Patriot Ledger. The Brockton Enterprise and the New Bedford Standard Times also included this notice as these 3 local newspapers serve our towns. She had nothing new to report regarding the month's expense report.

Superintendent's Review of Project Operations since last meeting:

Field Work Summary: (Ross gave Assistant Superintendent McPhee's report in his absence). There were 16 tires collected and the crew completed 17,662 feet and hand cleaning and brushing. The machine digging crew finished their project at 90 Driftway in Scituate. There were 1,100 additional feet dug; bringing the finished total to 2,352 feet. Another digging job resulted in 300 feet being completed at 20 Minuteman Road in Hingham.

Facility Update: During the 2-day storm on February 3-4, the inside of the Project building suffered damage as pipes in the ceiling froze and burst. All offices and bathrooms were flooded. There was no loss to the technical infrastructure so staff, when moved to the main vehicle bay, were able to continue with all normal day-to-day operations. At this time, work is underway by the building owner to clean, repair, and restore the building. It is anticipated that this work should be completed by mid to late March.

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FAA Congested Area Plan (CAP): The Project will be working with the FAA on the implementation of a CAP. Entomologist Bidlack, along with Superintendent/Pilot Rossetti will be mapping changes and adjusting polygons so that Ross has options in case an emergency landing is needed. Discussions regarding a purchase of a helicopter took place as it has the ability to maneuver differently than the plane. A helicopter doesn't have the load capacity of an airplane but has advantages. A helicopter would be able to access the field techs to reload closer to treatment areas, saving time and fuel. The Department of Agriculture may be able to assist in securing monies to help alleviate costs to the Project's budget. A motion to authorize Ross to pursue more information on helicopter availability was made by Commissioner Fiore and seconded by Commissioner Valenti. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Tire Recycling Discussion: Ross spoke with Claire Galkowski, coordinator of the Hazardous Waste Program for South Shore Recycling. Both sides discussed the possibility of up to 5 weekend commitments from the Project to assist towns that participate in the recycling program for tire disposals. Ross noted that the Project has a yearly-allotted budget for tires collected and being properly disposed of so ways to stay within the budget, while still offering services for the eligible towns, needs to be further discussed. While most Plymouth County communities pay into the South Shore Recycling option, Commissioner Reynolds informed us that many towns have their own recycling programs. These towns, Abington, Pembroke, Marshfield, and Duxbury hold their own town-wide events.

Entomologist Summary: Ellen did not have anything new to report. In addition to working with Ross to remap polygons for the FAA Congested Area Plan, she has been working with Field Tech Duggan to evaluate and repair traps used in summer surveillance and collections.

Community Liaison Report: Erin has finished with contact updates and other pertinent information from all Project towns. On Friday, February 17, Erin, along with Ross, will be making a presentation to two 4th grade classes at the Alden School in Duxbury. The students will be seeing a video presentation on the life cycle of the mosquito and ways to eliminate standing water. Erin will be participating at a Health Fair, being held at the Rising Tide Charter School in Plymouth, from 9AM-12PM on Saturday, May 20th.

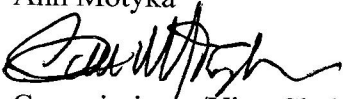
Commissioner Comments, if any: There were no further comments.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 25th, 2023 at 9:30am. Meeting will be tentatively 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 by roll call vote at 10:40am.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Motyka



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

Documents that accompanied this agenda:

- * Meeting Agenda
- * January 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- * Balanced Forward FY 2023 Budget