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PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES July 25th, 2024

On Thursday, July 25th, 2024, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at the Project headquarters. In attendance were Commissioners Sharland, Motyka, and Krystofolski. Commissioners Fiore and Reynolds attended via Microsoft Teams. 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 9:38am.

Public Comment/Input: There was no public comment.

Comments from the Chair: There were no comments.

Vote to approve June 20th, 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve the June 20th, 2024 minutes was made by Commissioner Fiore and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Administrative Assistant Expense Report: Monthly Overview: Denise reported that the new fiscal year budget included the annual lump sum payment for Project employees' retirement. There were no other significant changes. The Project is looking to hire a new seasonal assistant for Denise.

Assistant Superintendent Report-Field Work Summary: Matt reported the field work summary from June 20th-July 24th. The Field Techs completed 1050 larviciding inspections. Additionally, residents called or faxed an additional 66 "check water" requests. The catch basin crew treated 21,273 basins and have now treated 39,627 for the season. The Machine Digging totals this month have included 185 feet of saltmarsh located on Noyes Avenue in Mattapoisett. Matt recognized Field Techs Dugan, Stiles, and Hoppie for joining him in completing a spray shift in the early morning hours on the 4th of July.

Superintendent's Review of Project Operations since last meeting: Budget Update: Service Request Totals: Pilot/Survey Tech Job Description: Ross thanked Matt and the 3 field techs for spraying on July 4th. Ross reported that the Project has received 2,200 more requests for services compared to last year at this time. This breaks down to 9,251 calls for a variety of offered services; compared to 6,766 at this time last year. West Nile virus isolates have been trapped in Middleboro, Hanson, Pembroke, Rockland, and Scituate. Ross noted that the Pilot/Survey Technician application would be posted next week.

The new CAT303 excavator arrived at the Project and was immediately brought to Mattapoisett for the saltmarsh job on Noyes Ave.

The Project's employee drug testing vendor is no longer providing the service. The Project is in the process of finding a new vendor to perform all CDL and random drug testing. This is being coordinated with HR and the State Reclamation Board.

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Entomologist Report: Update on Mosquito Surveillance: In continuing the Pesticide Resistance Testing, Ellen reported that larvae had been collected from the towns of Abington, Whitman, Marshfield, and Hingham and were sent to the Northeast Regional Center For Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases at Cornell University (NEVBD). Ellen noted that collections have nearly tripled compared to last year's numbers during this time period.

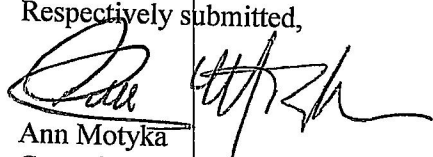
Community Liaison Report-Presentations Update-Upcoming Engagements: Erin presented at Marion's COA on June 21st and at the East Bridgewater COA on the 25th. Erin finished up June with an event at the Plymouth Boys and Girls Club on the 27th that included 130 children in attendance. On July 9th, Erin presented an event at the Wareham COA. The residents asked questions on the topics of spray requests, water checks, and tire disposals. On July 31st, she will be presenting at the Kingston KinderCare summer camp. As August approaches, Erin will be conducting a radio interview with WATD on August 6th. She will be presenting at the Brockton COA on August 14th. She is looking to schedule an event with the Rockland Public Library within the next few weeks. Erin will be presenting at the Marshfield Fair on 4H, Senior, and Children's days on August 20-22. She set up 2 dates for children's presentations at the Brockton Public Library. She will present to younger children on September 16th and with older children on September 23rd. Erin will be presenting at the Whitman Public Library on September 29th and on October 2nd, she will be in Rochester at a COA sponsored Wellness Fair.

Commissioner Comments, if any: There were no comments.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting/Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21st, 2024 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 the meeting was accepted unanimously at 10:44am.

Respectively submitted,



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

Documents that accompanied this agenda:

- *Meeting Agenda
- *Monthly Expense Report
- *June 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes