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PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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Denise DeLuca – Administrative Assistant

COMMISSIONER’S MEETING MINUTES June 15, 2023

On Thursday, June 15th, 2023, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at the Project headquarters. In attendance were Commissioners Sharland, Motyka, Valenti, Reynolds, and Fiore. Employees present: Ross Rossetti Superintendent/Pilot, Matt McPhee; Assistant Superintendent, Denise DeLuca Administrative Assistant, and Erin Morrill Community Liaison. The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharland at 9:32am.

Public Comment/Input- Pine DuBois, executive director of the Jones River Watershed Association and Kingston resident, attended via ZOOM. She expressed concern about the proliferation and lack of regulation of independent pesticide companies; those that apply barrier sprays for paying homeowners. She complimented the Project’s tire collection program.

Comments From the Chair:- There were no comments from the Chair.

Vote to approve May 18th, 2023 Minutes- The May 18th, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote by Commissioners Valenti, Reynolds, Motyka, Fiore and Sharland.

Administrative Assistant Expense Report- Denise reported that there was one significant purchase as the Project purchased twenty, 30-gallon drums of Zenivex for truck adulticiding.

Assistant Superintendent Report-Field work summary- Matt reported that there had been 1,218 larviciding site visits and inspections. Residents requested 54 check waters for the crew. There were 9,109 catch basins treated. The May 24th Rockland tire collection event resulted in the Project collecting 321 tires. Machine digging resulted in 75 feet of salt marsh dug at Noyes Avenue in Mattapoisett. An upland project at 278 River Street in Halifax resulted in 60 feet dug.

Superintendent’s Review of Project Operations since last meeting: Ross noted that calls were down as overall mosquito populations are down. The crew treated a saltmarsh on Noyes Avenue in Mattapoisett that had been breeding heavily. Ross noted that the second South Shore Recycling Cooperative event in Rockland was well attended by residents of the county. Next year there will be 2 collection events held in the spring and 2 in the fall. The Project will be hosting one each season.

Through GSA Access, a Federal website, the Project acquired a surplus Argo from the Department of Homeland Security. This low-impact vehicle can be used to access and treat hard-to-reach areas in marshes and can disperse a granular larvicide.

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SRB meeting review: At the State Reclamation Board's Budget Certification meeting, the Project's proposed budget for FY24 was approved. On June 14th, the SRB approved pesticides Anvil 10/10 and Mirus 310 as a backup. The SRB has begun a draft to update its "SRB Handbook". Commissioner Sharland wants to know if the Project will be able to make comments on the draft.

The board also voted to select a vendor to update the Generic Environment Impact Report(GEIR), which has not been updated since 2009.

Commissioner Stipend increase: The SRB accepted a stipend increase to \$160 per meeting for all Project Commissioners. This request was submitted by Mosquito Control Projects last fall.

Entomologist Report: Update on Mosquito Surveillance: Ellen reports that the trap collections from May 15th-June 7th have been half of what has been normally collected. *Cs. melanura* has been 40% of what's normal and *Ae. canadensis* has been 25% of normal. Testing at the Department of Public Health (DPH) begins this week.

Community Liaison Report-Visits to Senior Centers: Erin reports that since last meeting she had presented at 6 health fairs, COA, and Senior Centers. The response had been positive with residents impressed by the tire collection program and the thoroughness of the Project brochures. On June 28th, she will be presenting at the Hanover Public Library. On July 31st, she will be presenting in Halifax. Erin believes that the Project's participation in town's health fairs has been extremely valuable.

Commissioner Comments, if any: There were no comments

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting/Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 13th, 2023 at 9:30am. Meeting will be scheduled at the Project headquarters, 272 South Meadow Road, Plymouth. It will also have a ZOOM option.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29am.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Motyka



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

Documents that accompanied this agenda:

- * Meeting Agenda
- * May 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- * Expense Report
- * Service Requests from Week Ending June 9, 2023