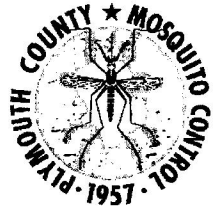


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## PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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### COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2023

On Thursday, March 23, 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, Matthew McPhee Assistant Superintendent, Denise DeLuca Administrative Assistant, and Erin Morrill Community Liaison.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharland at 9:31am.

Public Comment/Input- There was no public comment.

Comments From the Chair:- Chair Sharland commented on the quality of the Clark Chemical presentation held at the Project headquarters on Tuesday, March 21st. The content and history of mosquito control products and history was well presented. Several state mosquito control project employees, along with Commissioner Motyka, attended the event.

Vote to approve February 2023 Minutes- The February 16, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote by Commissioners Valenti, Reynolds, Motyka, Fiore and Sharland.

Administrative Assistant Expense Report- Denise presented the most up to date budget. There were no significant changes although due to the Project's recent 7 week restoration of the flood-damaged building, the monthly electric bill was reduced whereas heating costs increased. Ocker's company currently backs up the Project's computers to an off-site location.

Assistant Superintendent Report-Field work summary- Matt complimented General Foreman Mazzilli and the crew for their efforts to prepare the Project for the Clark Chemical presentation on March 21. There were 29 tires collected during the month. The field techs completed 16,132 feet of hand cleaning and brushing. Machine digging project at 100 Country Club Drive in Halifax resulted in 600 feet being completed. The crew just began a job on Atlantic Avenue in Cohasset.

Superintendent's Review of Project Operations since last meeting:

Ross noted that there are 2 newly appointed field techs. One is scheduled to start the week of March 27th and a second will begin in June.

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Two older dispensable trucks were turned in as a result of the Vehicle Right Sizing Initiative. The trucks were sent to another state mosquito control project for their use. An account with Enterprise Car Rental will be set up as a back-up plan if the Project needs a vehicle in case of an emergency.

On March 31st, the Emergency Order for the Open Meeting Law is scheduled to expire. The Project will be looking for an extension. It is MDAR's current policy to continue with a ZOOM option.

Ross reported that less than \$1,000.00 was used for expenses related to business interruption from the frozen pipes incident. Most was spent on laundromat visits and materials needed to access the daily workload while being displaced to the vehicle bay.

Tire Recycling Update: There have been 2 tire recycling events scheduled through cooperation with the Project, South Shore Recycling Cooperative, and the towns of Plymouth and Rockland. The first will be held in Plymouth on April 8th from 9am-1pm. The second will be held on May 24th from 4pm-8pm in Rockland. The flier for these events can be found on the Project's website and through a variety of media options.

Helicopter Update: With good results, Ross and Ellen submitted a congested area plan(CAP) to the FAA for aerial larviciding. As required by the CAP, written permission was received by all towns where aerial operations will take place. Ross submitted a proposal to SRB staff highlighting reasons why a helicopter would be the best upgrade to the Project's current airplane. Using thorough spreadsheet data, the helicopter company Bell projected to be the best choice due to their availability of new and used helicopters, large inventory, and variety of cost options. On March 29th, Ross will meet with the SRB Chief Financial Officer, Cullen Roberts, Operations Coordinator, Alex Gianantonio, Chief of Staff, Alisha Bouchard, and Jessica Burgess, Attorney. They will be discussing funding options.

The plane is currently at Yankee Aviation dealing with a crankshaft issue. It is anticipated that the plane should be returned to the Project by the first week of April.

Entomologist Report-AMCA update: There was no report.

Community Liaison Report-Upcoming May Events: Erin reported that Senior Centers visits have been keeping her busy this month. Erin and Blake Dinius from the Plymouth County Extension Services will be making a joint presentation at the Carver Public Library on April 19th, during school vacation week. She has presentations in the works in Pembroke on May 12th, a Health Fair at the Rising Tide School in Plymouth on May 20th, at the East Bridgewater Senior Center on May 25th, and a Health Fair, also in East Bridgewater, on June 8th. Brockton Senior Center is interested in a presentation but they are currently in the process of moving to a new building.

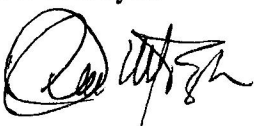
Commissioner Comments, if any: None

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27th, 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.

Executive Session: Next, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to enter into an Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A, S.21 (3), to discuss strategy for possible litigation, and not to reconvene in open session. The meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Motyka



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Commissioner/Vice-Chairman/Secretary  
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Documents that accompanied this agenda:

- \* Meeting Agenda
- \* February 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- \* Balanced Forward FY 2023 Budget
- \* Tire Collection events flier