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## PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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Ellen Bidlack - Entomologist  
Denise DeLuca - Administrative Assistant

### COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES October 17th, 2024

On Thursday, October 17, 2024, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at the Project headquarters. In attendance were Commissioners Sharland, Motyka, Reynolds, and Fiore. 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 9:37am.

Public Comment/Input: There was no public comment.

Comments from the Chair: Chair Sharland reminded the Commissioners of the Field Day that the Project is hosting on October 24th from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Vote to approve September 26th, 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve the September 26th, 2024 minutes was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Fiore. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Administrative Assistant Expense Report: Monthly Overview: Denise noted that there were no significant changes in the monthly expenses. The Project received a letter from a Wareham resident thanking them for efforts in assisting in the resident's tire removal. The Project also received an official letter from the city of Brockton complimenting Community Liaison Morrill's presentation at a Brockton Council on Aging event on September 18th.

Assistant Superintendent Report-Water Management Summary: Matt reported that Ross, Ellen, and he have been searching for new *Cq. perturban* sites. They found 30 new locations and noted that at least 50% of them were breeding. Many were located at abandoned cranberry bog sites. From September 26th-October 16th, the crew completed 79 larviciding inspections. 259 tires were collected with 116 of those from the Rockland tire recycling event held on October 9th. Totals from Wetlands Maintenance included 975 feet of brushing and 4,778 feet of cleaning; totaling 5753 feet.

Superintendent Report: Review of Project Operations since last meeting: Fall Aerial Spray Totals: FY26 Budget Overview: Review of Updated Pay Scale: Ross noted that the open Field Technician/Survey and Equipment Operator position will be available as an internal posting within 2 weeks.

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The Project completed its fall aerial granular larviciding on October 3rd. Completed under favorable weather conditions, the 3 sites treated were Burrage #3 in Hanson, Pond Street in Carver, and the Eel River Preserve in Plymouth. Using Vectolex FG, the total area treated was 254 acres. The target application rate was 15 lb/acre. A total of 3,800 lbs of granular material was used.

Ross has compared Norfolk County's pay scale information to present some possibilities for Project employee's pay rate, longevity discussions, and overall spending plans. A motion to approve an employee pay scale proposal for Project employees presented by Superintendent Rossetti was made by Commissioner Fiore and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. Additionally, a motion for the pay scale to be implemented by the 1st pay period in January, 2025 was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Fiore. The 2024 longevity pay chart was presented and a motion to accept the pay as presented was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Motyka. Ross noted that in the absence of a full time equipment operator, Field Tech Jesse Anderson has been using his Class A CDL to move equipment and pick up tires. A motion to pay Anderson a \$3,000 stipend for this work during 2024 was made by Commissioner Fiore and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All motions passed by unanimous vote.

Entomologist Report: Update on Mosquito Surveillance: Ellen noted that the Department of Public Health will be presenting its results of their cage trail study on pesticide resistance at the Field day on October 24th. Ellen has wrapped up trapping and has spent time cleaning the equipment and making an inventory of materials.

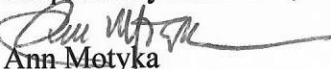
Community Liaison Report-Presentations Update-Upcoming Engagements: Erin presented at the Whitman Public Library on September 27th. She presented at the Rochester Public Library to a large crowd on October 1st. Most inquiries centered on tire removal and residential water checks. Erin presented at the Rochester COA on October 2nd. On October 7th, along with Blake Dinius, she presented at the Duxbury COA. On October 23, Erin returned to hold another STEM event at Brockton's Family Night held at the Brockton Public Library. On October 28th, she met with the Brockton Garden Club. Erin continues to get inquiries on future events. She has received interest from the Pembroke Children's Room for a May 2025 event. BID Plymouth reached out and is planning a safety and prevention program to be held in the Spring. Erin and Blake will be looking to attend and may present along with the South Shore Family Network. Erin is currently updating Integrated Pest Management(IPM) sites.

Commissioner Comments, if any: There were no comments.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting/Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 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 made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Fiori. It was unanimously passed by roll call vote at 10:25am.

Respectively submitted,

  
Ann Motyka

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

Documents that accompanied this agenda:

Meeting Agenda, Monthly Expense Report, September 26th, 2024 Meeting Minutes, FY2025 Pay Scale, Dec 2024 Longevity Pay