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THE STATE RECLAMATION & MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD



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Ellen Bidlack – Entomologist
Ross Rosetti – General Foreman

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

On Wednesday, February 22, 2017, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at Project Headquarters in Kingston at 10:00 am. Commissioners Kenney, Valenti, Drinan and Sharland were present, along with Supt. Steve Gillett, General Foreman Ross Rossetti, Entomologist Ellen Bidlack, Administrative Assistant Denise DeLuca and Community Liaison Dan Daly. A member of the public was present – Mrs. John Kenney

Chairman Kenney called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Project Administration

Commissioner's Reports – In reviewing last month's minutes, Commissioner Drinan reminded that our letters and other forms of communication to State Reps., members of the public, etc. should have a couple of sentences about the materials that the Project uses for larvicide and adulticide.

Commissioner Sharland noted that he attended the January 15, 2017 quarterly meeting of the SRB.

The minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Expenses for the last period were reviewed and approved.

Next, the board reorganized. After discussion, Commissioner Valenti made a motion to elect John Kenney for another one year term as Chair, himself for another year as Vice Chair and Commissioner Sharland for another year as secretary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Drinan. The vote was unanimous.

Superintendent's Report

Project Update –

A six year field tech had to be terminated for repeated incidents of poor performance. Mr. Daniel Cabral. Job postings will be put up in March for two full time field techs.

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Steve reviewed key points from the January SRB meeting. The OVM chargeback fee per vehicle was clarified and identified as \$384. We have 13 vehicles subject to this process and annual fee.

At the SRB meeting we learned that the state run No Spray system and program was not yet ready, nor is it live yet as of today. The next quarterly meeting of the SRB is March 15.

Steve had a discussion with OVM about the private insurance that we currently carry on our vehicles. They have been given all the details and they will be providing Steve with an opinion as to whether we should continue with this annual \$30,000 expense.

Steve is working with Priscilla Matton and our legal counsel, Jessica Burgess, to sign an agreement (that Ms. Burgess is drafting) for shared services and equipment between our two projects.

The commissioners were shown the new Chevrolet 3500 dual rear wheel truck that will be used for trailering the digging equipment.

Water Management – hand cleanings and brushings were done in 15 of the 28 towns in the Project for a total of 5760 linear feet. Machine digging was carried out in Duxbury on Landing Road and in Scituate in The Glades (work now complete) and on Richfield Road for a total of 740 linear feet.

Entomologist Bidlack next updated the commissioners on her attendance and learnings at the recent AMCA meeting in California. While there was less on Zika than she expected, she did take away some very innovative techniques and equipment adaptations that are being used in Miami that might be useful to us. There have been some papers published on this, which she is obtaining.

Ellen also showed the commissioners the latest version of the complimentary door hangers and pamphlets that are left at residences after spraying. These are provided by Central Life Sciences. The commissioners reviewed that last version of these items and agreed that the new version is less favorable than the old version. Ellen suggested that the best of both could be built into our own product.

General Foreman Ross Rossetti announced that the Mobile Demand X1550 tablet has been chosen over the Surface Pro to replace the Archer units. Along with lower cost, the X1550 has a built in GPS and a Serial Port and is very rugged.

Community Liaison Dan Daly reported that he has been in contact with the school districts, and in particular the new superintendents, about having an up to date IPM. He will also be visiting the statehouse next week to check in with new state reps and senators. He has two presentations scheduled with Councils on Aging – May 10 and 15.

Other Business

Our next meeting will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

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Respectfully submitted,

John Sharland, Secretary