



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE STATE RECLAMATION & MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD



Plymouth County MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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Cathleen Drinan, Chairman
John Sharland, Vice Chairman/Secretary
Michael F. Valenti
John Kenney

Stephen A. Gillett - Superintendent
Ross Rossetti - Asst. Superintendent/Pilot
Ellen Bidlack - Entomologist
Denise DeLuca - Administrative Assistant

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

On Wednesday, April 3, 2019, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at the DEP Office in Lakeville at 10:00 am. Commissioners Drinan, Kenney, Valenti, (Remotely) and Sharland were present, along with Asst. Supt. Ross Rossetti, AGR Legal Counsel Jessica Burgess and AGR Operations Manager Juan Gutierrez. There were no members of the public present.

Chairman Drinan called the meeting to order at 10:02 am with a roll call vote of commissioners present.

Public Comment/Input - None

Project Administration

The minutes of the February 20 regular meeting and the March 15 special meeting were reviewed and approved.

Expenses for the last period were reviewed, with no issues noted.

Commissioner's Reports – Chairperson Drinan noted that the GIS/GPS catch basin locations information for the town of Halifax that she received from the Project will be very useful and a time saver. Commissioner Valenti noted that this would be valuable information for all towns in the Project area.

Chairperson Drinan also discussed the fact that the commissioners do not know the staff, beyond those that regularly attend our monthly meetings and that there should be some event, perhaps on an annual basis that allows the commissioners and the staff to meet and greet. As this would necessarily be an "on the clock" time period, a motion was made to allow this for the staff. The vote was unanimous to move forward with this.

Commissioner Sharland took advantage of the presence of Juan Gutierrez to make a motion that Juan look into the delay in appointing a 5th commissioner for our project, noting that it has been two years since Commissioner King resigned. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report/Monthly Review

Asst. Supt. Rossetti reported:

Steve and Ross attended AMCA Annual Meeting , February 25-29. Highlights:

- New type of high tech trap being developed that has a camera that will take pictures of the mosquitoes, can analyze the data and then transmit them by cell phone. These traps would be much more “real time” and efficient for the entomologist.
- Buffalo Turbine has a new truck mounted larvicide sprayer that works similar to our adulticide sprayers. Expensive (\$30k) but would be more efficient in many cases.

Ross handed out a document from EEA outlining a policy for use of drones. Ross noted that for now, their use would be limited to aerial surveillance and documentation of dig areas, etc. No plans at this time for the Project to use.

Ross attended the quarterly SRB meeting. Highlights:

- Town of Palmer is now in the Pioneer District Project
- Discussion about excluding larvicides from school IPM's, especially Day Cares.
- Tax implications of clothing allowances. Our current arrangement would be taxable, so Ross has decided to go back to a uniform supplier – Doughboy has been chosen. Budget impact is about the same.
- SRB has a plan in place for 2019 for aerial spraying of adulticide, should the need arise. This came up because it has been 5 or 6 years since there was a need.
- Next meeting is May 15 in Westborough.

Job posting for one Full Time Field Tech closes on April 6. There are good candidates. Same for one Seasonal Field Assistant.

The Project received a thank you letter from the pastor of The Church in the Pines in Carver, citing Russell Mazzilli's proactiveness in contacting them about tires on the property and arranging for their removal.

Water Management – 180 tires collected since the last meeting and a total of 2965 collected for the “season”, which is now closed so as to turn full attention to larviciding and other activities.

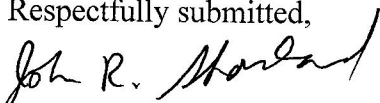
Hand cleanings totaled 10,560 ft. for the period. Machine digging was performed in Halifax at 278 River and in Halifax Mobile Home Estates for a total of 730 ft.

Other Business/Comment - Chairperson Drinan inquired about the status of purchasing a laptop for the seasonal employee to use in the new Conference Room at Plymouth for taking nuisance spray phone calls, etc. Ross explained that upon further review, there will be an All-In-One computer available for this function in the conference room, noting that all of the new computers are All-in-One and thus easy to move around if needed.

Our next meeting was scheduled for 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

The commissioners next voted by roll call, at 11:05 a.m., to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21 (a)(1) to discuss a personnel matter and not to reconvene in open session at the end of the executive session.

Respectfully submitted,



John Sharland, Secretary