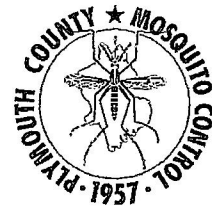




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# PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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## COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES February 15th, 2024

On Thursday, February 15th, 2024, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at the Project headquarters. In attendance were Commissioners Sharland, Motyka, and Fiore. Commissioner Reynolds attended via ZOOM. 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 9:34am.

Public Comment/Input: There was no public comment.

Comments from the Chair: Commissioner Sharland noted that he read the Project's Legal Notice of Aerial Application of Pesticides in the February 15th Brockton Enterprise. Denise stated that this notice appeared in both the Patriot Ledger and the New Bedford Standard Times as well.

Vote to approve January 18th, 2024 Minutes: The January 18th, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote by Commissioners Motyka, Reynolds, Fiore, and Sharland.

Administrative Assistant Expense Report: Denise reported that hard copies and emailed reports of each town's Annual Report were sent to the respective Boards of Health, Town Managers and Accounting departments. They were also submitted to the State Reclamation Board. Denise noted that the Project's airplane had its registration renewed for the upcoming year. All Plymouth County Boards of Health have been invited to the Project for an informational visit to be held on March 21st at 11:00am.

Assistant Superintendent Report-Field work summary: Matt reported that Seasonal Employee positions have been posted. Currently there are openings for 1 Catch Basin Applicator, an Administrative Seasonal Assistant, and an Entomology Assistant.

Wetland Maintenance activity that dug 210 linear feet took place on Wall Street in Bridgewater. There was 200 feet dug on Wood Street in Halifax. Matt showed a slide presentation from a digging job on East Grove Street in Middleboro; completing 310 feet. The crew hand cleaned and brushed a total of 6,843 feet this month. There were 196 tires collected.

Superintendent's Report- Review of Project Operations since last meeting: Ross noted that Clark is planning an event at the Project on April 10th. More information will be forthcoming. January random drug testing for 2 employees resulted in a negative finding. The State Reclamation Board will be meeting on February 28th. A potential candidate for the vacant commissioner's position is expected to be interviewed. Mandated state online

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training for all Project employees and Commissioners will be due by May 31st. There will be no supplemental budget available this year.

The Project airplane is being serviced and prepared for seasonal use at Yankee Aviation; located at Plymouth Airport. The Project will be assisting Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project transport their excavator until their tow truck is replaced. An Interdepartmental Service Agreement (ISA) will be in place to reimburse the Project for any expenses associated with this assistance. The new Ford F-150 Lightning EV arrived at the Project and will be upfit by McGovern Municipal HQ in Kingston.

To address the need for a product that is effective in addressing pesticide resistance, the Project is looking into Remoa-tri, an adulticide produced by Valent Bio Sciences. New Juniper Systems Mesa Pro tablet computers have been purchased through Frontier Precision for use during the upcoming adulticide season.

The Project chose K & M Communications in Easton for the installation of a video surveillance system at the Projects headquarters.

Ross reported that the Project will have 2 tire events scheduled for the fall. There will be no spring event.

Entomologist Report-Update on Mosquito Surveillance: There was no report.

Community Liaison Report-Presentations Update-Upcoming Engagements: Erin will be attending an Early Childhood Fair at Kingston Elementary School on Saturday, March 9th, from 10am to 12:00pm. On April 27th, she will be attending the Plymouth Family Network Health and Wellness Fair at Plymouth North High School. Events in May are on the 8th at the Kingston Public Library, a Health and Wellness Fair on the 14th, and an event on the 22nd at the Wareham Public Library. The Wareham COA has reached out to set up a potential date and time. June events will be held at the Pembroke Library on the 12th and one at the Hanson Public Library on the 18th. Hanson is looking to set up a child-specific event as well. Erin continues to get inquiries for presentations at the Rockland COA, the Scituate COA and public library, and the Marshfield and Plymouth Boys and Girls Clubs.

Rising Tide, in Plymouth, who held a health fair last May, is looking to set up another event.

Commissioner Comments, if any: There were no comments.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting/Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 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 was accepted unanimously at 10:42am.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Motyka



Commissioner/Vice-Chairman/Secretary

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Documents that accompanied this agenda:

- \* Meeting Agenda
- \* January 18th Meeting Minutes
- \* Expense Report