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PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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COMMISSIONER’S MEETING MINUTES November 17, 2022

On Thursday, November 17, 2022, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at the Project building. In attendance were Commissioners Sharland, Motyka, Valenti, and Reynolds. Employees present: Ross Rossetti Superintendent/Pilot (Via ZOOM), Matt McPhee Assistant Superintendent, Denise DeLuca Administrative Assistant, Ellen Bidlack Entomologist, Russ Mazzilli General Foreman, and Erin Morrill Community Liaison.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharland at 9:30am.

Public Comment/Input- There was no public comment.

Comments From the Chair:- Commissioner Sharland inquired if there had been any applications for the vacant commissioner’s position. Ross noted that there were 2 applicants so far.

Vote to approve July 21, 2022 Minutes- The October 20, 2022 minutes were approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Administrative Assistant Expense Report- Denise presented the most up-to-date budget and expense report. There have been no significant changes.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report-Field Work Summary: Matt reported that 186 tires had been collected. General Foreman Mazzilli and the crew hand cleaned and brushed 22,827 feet during the past month. It was noted that the crew completed this work on all 28 towns in the Project’s service area. The machine completed 2 dig jobs totalling 600 feet this month. They completed 200 feet on Indian Ridge in Bridgewater and completed 400 feet on Longwood Drive in Norwell.

Superintendent’s Review of Project Operations: Ross reported that he will be attending the Northeast Agricultural Aviation Association Conference to earn credits toward his aerial re-certifications. It will be held in Gettysburg Pennsylvania; January 15-17, 2023. Ellen will be attending the American Mosquito Control Association national convention in late February.

The Project is looking into a pilot program with Alex Heckman, formerly with the Division of Ecological Restoration and now with Audubon, to explore methods agreeable to all for the restoration of abandoned cranberry bogs in the county.

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Vehicle Right Sizing Initiative Update: Mosquito Control and MDAR staff met on November 8th to discuss the rightsizing initiative after meetings between OSD and MDAR legal teams determined that there would be no exemptions from EO594. The Project forwarded a document to the SRB coordinator detailing the need for certain specialty vehicles identified as underutilized by the telematics review performed by OVM. The Project would be able to turn in 2 older trucks in place of these specialty vehicles should our Exemption requests fail. The next meeting with OVM has yet to be determined.

Commissioner Position Update: The two candidates for the vacant commissioner's position will be interviewed via Zoom during the next SRB meeting to be held on December 1, 2022.

Entomologist Summary- Adult Surveillance Update: Ellen is continuing to compile data from the season's trapping efforts. She has also been working on mapping the trap locations.

Community Liaison Report: Erin has corresponded with 20 towns to this point. She noted that many day cares have either closed or merged. Ellen has requested accurate daycare addresses for next season to assist Russ and the crew with their spray operations. Ellen plans to update this list in the spring of 2023. Commissioner Sharland suggested that Erin send a 'letter of introduction' to all Boards of Health by early next year.

Commissioner Comments, if any: Commissioner Motyka requested that the Project's website be updated with photos to reflect the addition of Community Liaison Morrill and update the status of the current commissioners. General Foreman Mazzilli, in an assessment of this past season just completed, wanted to thank all in the Project for working together and keeping the lines of communication open. Commissioner Sharland reminded the Commissioners that the annual reorganization will be on the January meeting agenda.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 9:30am. Meeting will be held at the Project headquarters, 272 South Meadow Road, Plymouth. It will also have a ZOOM option.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was accepted unanimously by roll call vote at 10:29am.

Respectively submitted,

Ann Motyka
Commissioner/Vice-Chairman/Secretary
Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project

Documents/Media that accompanied this agenda:

- * Meeting Agenda
- * Expense Report