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COMMISSIONER’S MEETING MINUTES MARCH 17, 2022

On Thursday, March 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, Kenney, Valenti, and Reynolds. Employees present: Ross Rossetti, Superintendent/Pilot, Matt McPhee, Assistant Superintendent, Entomologist Ellen Bidlack, and Administrative Assistant Denise DeLuca. Commissioner Kenney’s wife Joan attended as well.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharland at 9:00am.

Public Comment/Input- There was no public comment.

Vote to approve February 17, 2022 Minutes- The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Administrative Assistant Update- Denise said that she is already receiving inquiries regarding adulticiding but has not received any requests for larviciding. The Project will be hosting a Girl Scout troop from Middleborough on April 28. They will be touring the facility to learn what the Project does and to inform the staff about their project of building bat houses.

Commissioner’s Report- Commissioner Sharland stated that he continues to get the word out on social media platforms that informs residents of the services provided by the Project.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report- Matt reported that as a seventh field tech had been hired for the Project, it changed the Field Technician Districts from 6 to 7. Creating a smaller service area for each tech gives the Project more continuity and efficiency in servicing 28 towns. There have been 21 tires collected during the month. The crew completed 6,213 feet of hand cleaning/brushing and machine digging completed 675 linear feet at a site on West Street in Carver.

Matt noted that applications are coming in for the summer positions for catch basin and administrative office jobs. There have been no applicants for the seasonal field assistant job. These jobs are posted on the job search website ‘Indeed’ as well as on the Project’s website; www.plymouthmosquito.org.

Superintendent’s Report/Monthly Review- As ditch work has tapered down, the priority becomes spring larviciding. The crew will be working on loading the airplane for spring larviciding and assisting Ellen in

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setting up pre and post dipping sites inside and outside of the treatment areas. The window for aerial spraying falls between April 1st to the middle of May; all dependent on appropriate weather conditions. Ross talked to Jessica at SRB about longevity pay that may be applied contingent on personnel performance reviews. COLA will be discussed at the next meeting. Ross presented the balance forward of the FY22 budget. Any extra monies may be used for increases like gas funds. FY23's budget request will be changed from 2.5% to level funded. Rollover money will be used to fund increases in the FY23 budget. The project will be purchasing 2 trucks from next year's budget. The Mosquito Control for the 21st Century Task Force plans to have its final report by the end of March, 2022. After the final meeting on March 29, a report, with their recommendations, would then be sent to a Legislative Committee for considerations.

Entomologist Report- Ellen has been getting map layers updated for the field techs to use during the summer season. Aerial spray maps for spring larviciding will be updated as well. She is setting up sites for the field techs so that they may pre and post- test aerial spray sites. Ovicups sites may change but many will continue to be located in coastal areas; especially at marinas. She will also be placing these traps at sites where containers go in and out of a facility continuously. Examples are highway barns, Department of Transportation sites, Departments of Public Works, and transfer stations. Ellen was informed that in order to place these traps at DOT sites, permits are needed. Commissioner Reynolds will assist Ellen in coordinating to acquire these permits in selected South Shore towns.

Leica came by the Project last the second week of March to demonstrate their microscope/camera product. The Nikon sales representative planned the date of March 18 to leave Ellen their microscope/camera product for a week.

Community Liaison Report- The Community Liaison position requisition has been completed to HR. At this time, the job has not been posted.

Other Business/Comment- There was no new business.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting- Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 11:00am. Meeting will be held at the Project headquarters, 272 South Meadow Road, Plymouth. It will also have a ZOOM option.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

Respectively submitted,

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

Documents that accompanied this agenda:

- * March Expense Report
- * March 2022 minutes