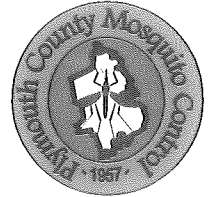


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COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

On Tuesday, July 25, 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 and Administrative Assistant Denise DeLuca. Entomologist Bidlack was in the field. General Foreman Rosetti was at COMMBUYS training in Boston. There were no members of the public present.

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

Project Administration

The minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Expenses for the last period were reviewed and approved.

Commissioner's Reports – Commissioner Drinan noted that she had read an article in the Boston Globe by Dr. Catherine Brown of the MA DPH which concluded (after reporting that West Nile Virus had been detected in the Berkshires) that what is needed is a really cold winter with no snow to reduce the populations of West Nile carrying vectors.

Superintendent's Report

Project Review/ Update –

With the first trapped mosquitoes of the season showing West Nile Virus in Abington and Marion, Steve reported that we are doing more work in those areas to try to keep ahead of more findings.

The RFP period for our new facility (at or near Plymouth Airport) closed on July 12 and two proposals were received. Steve is working with DCAMM to review the two proposals and most likely do some negotiating on cost per square foot (DCAMM).

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A "half season" staff meeting was held. Field techs report no significant issues with the new tablets and Steve continues to report new found efficiencies with the use of these devices (as compared to both the old paper based system and the Archer hand held units). He estimates a fourfold gain in efficiency over the Archer units.

About 500 more nuisance spraying requests have been received, season to date, than last year.

Water Management – Larvicide sites checked since last meeting – 1,585. Basins treated – 17,737. Hand cleaning in Marion – 80 ft. and in Whitman – 200 ft. Machine digging at 233 Washington St. in Duxbury, Cherry St. in Hingham and Stetson St. Extension in Whitman for a total of 875 linear feet.

Community Liaison

Mr. Daly reviewed the interview restrictions under which he operates and then noted that he had a successful interview on the noon news on WATD radio last week. He provided the dialogue. He also reviewed a situation where the interview restrictions would have applied and he did not engage in that interview with a newspaper reporter who had contacted him with leading questions.

He has two additional Rotary Club engagements coming up soon – Brockton and Hingham.

Visited the statehouse to meet new reps and also updated the Community Resource List, noting that there were several changes in contacts in the county towns – e.g. Suptintendents of Schools, Board of Health Agents.

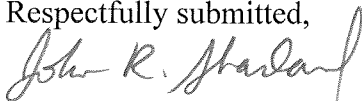
Other Business/Comment - Chairman Kenney noted that there is a new South Shore magazine called *On the Rocks* and that he has been in contact with the editor about the possibility of including an article about the Project. Commissioners agreed with this, given that the Project would provide the material and review the draft.

Public Comment/Input - Commissioner Drinan noted that she acted for the public (that being the residents of Halifax Mobile Home Estates) to request nuisance spraying, by FAXing a request to the Project. The residents were pleased with this on their behalf.

Our next meeting will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday, August 23, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,



John Sharland, Secretary