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PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES August 18, 2022

On Thursday, August 18, 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. Commissioner Kenney was not present. Employees present: Ross Rossetti, Superintendent/Pilot and Matt McPhee, Assistant Superintendent, Ellen Bidlack, Entomologist, and Denise DeLuca, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharland at 9:41am.

Public Comment/Input- There was no public comment.

Comments from the Chair: - Commissioner Sharland received an update on Commissioner's John Kenney's status. We were saddened to learn that he is in a rehabilitative facility and will be unable to continue with his duties as a commissioner. Ross will be contacting the State Reclamation Board for the next steps towards hiring an additional commissioner.

Vote to approve July 21, 2022 Minutes- By roll call vote, the minutes were tabled as written and will be revisited at next month's meeting.

Administrative Assistant Expense Report- The most recent balance forward expense report was presented with no unexpected changes. Denise reports that spray request calls from residents are down significantly.

Assistant Superintendent's Report-Field Work Summary: Matt reports that there were 3,211 requests for adulticiding this month. There were 1,463 inspections of potential breeding sites with 81 of those treated with the site-specific larvicide. There were 20 standing water check requests from residents of the county. For machine digging, there was wetlands maintenance on Crescent Street in Carver, resulting in 250 feet dug. The crew also completed a project at 134 S. Main Street in Cohasset, totaling 75 feet. This month, 14,265 catch basins were treated. There have been 49,995 basins treated in Plymouth County this season.

Superintendent's Review of Project Operations: Ross reported that the Northeastern Mosquito Control Association meeting will be held at the Project on October 13, 2022. As many as 100 people are expected to attend. A second random drug test was completed in July. Two field techs were selected and results were **negative**. The Office of Vehicle Management has opened discussions on the future transition to electric vehicles for state agencies.

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Barring a change in virus status, the tentative date to end residential requests would be September 9th. Ross reported that email confirmation from SRB acknowledged that they had received the Commissioner's stipend increase request.

DPH Surveillance Report: West Nile Virus Surveillance Summary showed a comparison from last year's mosquito trapping numbers to this year's significantly reduced numbers. Ellen reported that the drought of 2016 matches this season in terms of mosquito collection numbers.

There have been no human WNV or Eastern Equine Encephalitis cases this season.

Community Liaison Position update: Start date for newly-hired Community Liaison, Erin Morrill, is September 12th. She will be requested to attend the next Commissioner's meeting on September 15th.

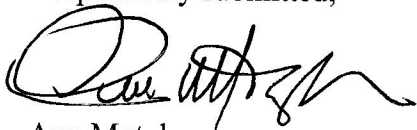
Entomologist Summary- Adult Surveillance Update: Ellen reports that West Nile Virus isolates were found in Project traps. *Cx. pipiens* and *Cx. restuans* were trapped in Abington, Rockland, and Whitman. *Cs. melanura* was collected in a Project trap in Middleboro as well as in a DPH trap located in Carver. Increased gravid trap numbers were due to the new rainfall during the previous few weeks. Ellen added 5 additional county highway departments to place gravid traps. The Project now has traps in a total of 9 highway departments.

Commissioner Comments, if any: Commissioner Sharland inquired on when the tire collections would begin. An exact date had not been set. Ross noted that we are waiting on confirmation that the tire collection facility is up and running after a recent fire.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting- Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 9:30am. Meeting will be held at the Project headquarters, 272 South Meadow Road, Plymouth. It will also have a ZOOM option.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:29am.

Respectively submitted,



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

Documents/Media that accompanied this agenda:

- * Meeting Agenda
- * July 2022 minutes
- * Monthly Expense Report
- * August 'Commissioner's Meeting' graph-Gravid traps
- * Entomologist Graph- Total trap averages from CDC with CO2