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PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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COMMISSIONER’S MEETING MINUTES APRIL 28, 2022

On Thursday, April 28, 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, Matt McPhee, Assistant Superintendent, Entomologist Ellen Bidlack, and Administrative Assistant Denise DeLuca.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharland at 11:01am.

Public Comment/Input- There was no public comment.

Vote to approve March 17, 2022 Minutes- By roll call vote, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Administrative Assistant Update- Denise continues to receive larviciding requests for the crew from residents and town departments. Denise and Ellen were looking forward to today’s visit from a Girl Scout troop from Middleborough. Their presentation was to include posters showing the life cycle of the mosquito, larva, videos, and discussions on safe practices including repellents.

Commissioner’s Report- Commissioner Sharland noted a large collection of tires at a Wall Street business in Bridgewater. It may be of interest for the Project’s tire collection efforts. Assistant Superintendent McPhee stated that the crew could treat these tires, as needed now, and will revisit the possibility of collecting them during the off-season. Commissioner Reynolds observed General foreman Mazzilli and the crew working on a site in Marshfield on Plymouth Avenue. Further observation found additional work to be completed on Johnson Terrace. He was pleased at what he observed.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report- The field techs collected 126 tires to finish out the collection efforts for the season. The emphasis has switched to larviciding whereas the crew completed 1,902 inspections resulting in 483 treatments. Service requests from residents of the county increased as 144 check waters were recorded. The field techs completed 7,544 feet of hand cleaning and brushing. Machine digging completed 1,375 total feet: 1,100 feet on Johnson Terrace in Marshfield and 275 feet at the Mattapoisett Housing Authority.

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Superintendent's Report/Monthly Review- Ross reports that all information on the COLA will be formally presented and voted at next month's Commissioners meeting. The Project is submitting a 'level funded' budget to the State Reclamation Board for its May 16 submission deadline.

Aerial spraying continues as weather conditions warrant. Pre and post efficacy results have been reliable. Ross noted that as the aerial spraying continues, the applications will change from a liquid to granular larvicide. The Mosquito Control for the 21st Century had its final voting on March 29 and presented their final recommendations on April 11. This report will be sent to the Legislature for further action. Municipal opt-out criteria was contingent according to risk level. The final report and all of the Task Force recommendations can be located on the "mass.gov/srb" web page. Commissioner Sharland inquired about when the public would be informed when the legislature passes down their decisions.

On April 12, Bristol County MCP Superintendent Priscilla Matton and Ross met with the Halifax Conservation Commission. Ross gave an overview of Project's services. Priscilla, as the liaison representative for the Projects to the Task Force, gave an update on the Task Force recommendations.

The Project will begin taking spray requests on May 23 with spraying commencing May 31.

Entomologist Report- Ellen continued to work closely with field techs Dugan and Souza in the collection of pre and post-dip data from the aerial larviciding treatments. Ellen selected the Nikon microscope noting that the camera best suited the Project's needs. Ellen plans to use some of the camera's slides and videos in their presentation to the Middleborough Girl Scouts.

Ellen is working on the permit needed for use at OVI cup sites. She is looking to place these at the Mattapoisett Park and Ride, the Wareham DOT, and the Hanover DOT.

Community Liaison Report- According to HR, the Community Liaison position is in line to be posted in the near future.

Other Business/Comment- There was no new business.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting- Thursday, May 26, 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 12:16pm.

Respectively submitted,

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

Documents that accompanied this agenda:

- * Balance forward; 2022 budget
- * April 2022 minutes