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THE STATE RECLAMATION & MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD



Plymouth County MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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Commissioners:
Cathleen Drinan, Chairman
John Sharland, Vice Chairman/Secretary
Michael F. Valenti
John Kenney

Stephen A. Gillett - Superintendent
Ross Rossetti - Asst. Superintendent/Pilot
Ellen Bidlack - Entomologist
Denise DeLuca - Administrative Assistant

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

On Wednesday, February 20, 2019 the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at Project Headquarters in Kingston at 10:00 am. Commissioners Drinan, Kenney, Valenti, (Remotely) and Sharland were present, along with Asst. Supt. Ross Rossetti, Entomologist Ellen Bidlack, Community Liaison Dan Daly and Administrative Assistant Denise Deluca. Supt. Gillett was absent due to illness. There were no members of the public present.

Chairman Drinan called the meeting to order at 10:21 am with a roll call vote of commissioners present.

Public Comment/Input - None

Project Administration

The revised minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved and also the January 23, 2019 minutes.

Expenses for the last period were reviewed, with no issues noted.

Commissioner's Reports – none

Superintendent's Report/Monthly Review

Asst. Supt. Rossetti reported:

Steve and Ross will be attending the AMCA Annual Meeting next week.

The Center for Disease Control is sponsoring an EEE Conference on March 26th in New Hampshire. Ellen will be making a presentation.

Ellen also handed out an article that she co-authored with five other Massachusetts County Mosquito Project entomologists for the AMCA Journal that discusses the arrival and spread of *Aedes thibaulti* into Massachusetts. This species is a mammal biter, but not (yet) a disease vector.

Copies of the new facility floor plan and a Set Up Cost Chart were distributed. The floor plan and overall layout is very similar to Norfolk's new facility. Commissioners asked several questions about both and received satisfactory answers. It was agreed by the commissioners that having the seasonal employee work in the large conference room should be considered. This might involve using a laptop computer and that will also be considered as part of this overall suggestion. Ross will check to see if a sign at the street will be provided by the landlord, similar to what we have now, or will it be on the building. If on the building, it needs to be large enough so the public can easily see it. In addition to the Set Up Costs, new office furniture costs are still being developed. Ross assured that both cost totals are available in the budget. Permits for the build-out were issued almost a month ago and the office area partitions are going up now. The landlord now states that the building will have its Occupancy Permit by early April. This will allow our move in to occur before busy season.

Water Management – Tires collected since the last meeting totaled 605 with 1433 YTD. A total of 1321 came from an abandoned dump in Carver.

Hand cleanings totaled 4730 ft. for the period. Machine digging was performed in Brockton at 2071 Main St., in Halifax at 539 Plymouth St. and West Bridgewater on the Family Dollar store property and the Pump and Jump property for a total of 1460 ft.

Community Liaison

Dan has two presentations scheduled at Councils on Aging – Brockton and Hanson.

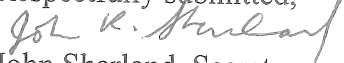
He has emailed health teachers seeking invites.

Other Business/Comment - None

Our next meeting was scheduled for 10:00 am on Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,


John Sharland, Secretary