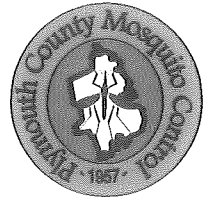


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Ellen Bidlack – Entomologist  
Ross Rosetti – General Foreman

### COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

On Wednesday, June 21, 2017, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at Project Headquarters in Kingston at 10:00 am. Commissioners Valenti, Drinan and Sharland were present, along with Supt. Steve Gillett, General Foreman Ross Rosetti and Administrative Assistant Denise DeLuca. Chairman Kenney was absent. Entomologist Bidlack was in the field. There were no members of the public present.

Vice Chairman Valenti called the meeting to order at 10:27 am.

#### Project Administration

The minutes of the May 24, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Expenses for the last period were reviewed and approved.

Commissioner's Reports – Commissioner Sharland has been active on social media with three large membership Facebook groups – Bridgewater Residents, West Bridgewater Hub and Raynham Residents. Whenever someone asks about mosquito spraying, he promotes our service and cautions (without specific reference to any company) against using private companies. Commissioner Drinan was recently on a WATD talk show and made reference to the AMCA's Journal and in particular an article about ticks.

#### Superintendent's Report

Project Review/ Update –

4000 calls to date for nuisance spraying. The new tablets and software are really paying off in efficiency gains for aggregating the addresses to be sprayed and finding the addresses and streets. At least a 25% or higher gain in time efficiency. The saved time is being put to good use for water checks, etc.

The two new field techs are both performing very well and have integrated well with the rest of the team.

## PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Unifirst uniform service is going to be dropped for an annual savings of \$5000. Employees will be given shirts, jeans and outerwear with our logo. Employees will be responsible for laundering. This will be noted as a condition of employment – wearing and laundering the logoed clothing.

Steve received a letter from the Middleboro ConCom, noting their satisfaction with our services.

A trailer was shown for a one hour program on The Discovery Channel entitled “Mosquito.” It will be aired on July 6 at 9:00 pm. Commissioners were urged to spread the word.

Water Management – hand cleanings and brushings were done in Lakeville and Hingham for a total of 250 linear feet. Machine digging was carried out in Hingham on Cherry St., 22 Powers Lane, 172 South Pleasant St., and 79 Tower Road; Mattapoisett on Black Duck Way; Marion on Holly Lane and in Rochester at 105 Pierce St. for a total of 1755 linear feet. Larvicide checks were done at 1428 locations during the period and 19,191 storm drainage basins were treated from May 15 to date.

Steve presented a “3% + Step” pay increase proposal for FY 2018. After some discussion, Commissioner Drinan moved that the two documents (Appendix A and Employee Pay Rates) be approved by the Commissioners. Commissioner Sharland seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The vote was unanimous.

### Community Liaison

Mr. Daly reported that all scheduled presentations at Councils on Aging have been completed.

He will be reaching out to other service groups etc. to make presentations.

He has three different Powerpoint presentations (What We Do, For the Homeowner and Repellents) and he noted that he has recently pulled repellents for ticks into the Repellents talk.

Dan also noted that he recently saw a tweet from Central about research being done to determine what makes one person more or less likely to attract mosquitoes and that this could possibly lead to new repellents.

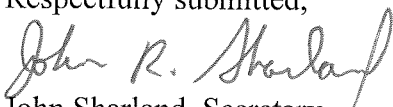
Other Business/Comment - None

Public Comment/Input - None

Our next meeting will be at 10:00 am on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Sharland, Secretary