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PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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Denise DeLuca – Administrative Assistant

COMMISSIONER’S MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2022

On Thursday, January 13, 2022, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting via ZOOM. In attendance were Commissioners Sharland, Motyka, Valenti, Kenney, and Reynolds. Also 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 9:37am.

Public Comment/Input- There was no public comment.

Vote to approve November 18, 2021 Minutes- The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Administrative Assistant Update- Denise noted that there were no significant changes to the most recent expense report. She has been in the process of sending each town in the Project their yearly reports via email. Additionally, Ross will be signing the paper copies and they will be mailed out to each town.

Commissioner’s Report- The Commissioner Reorganization Vote took place as warranted by the onset of this new year. After discussions amongst the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project Commissioners, motions were made to keep the current structure in place as John Sharland would remain the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Ann Motyka remaining the Vice Chairman/Secretary of the Board of the Commissioners. A roll call of all 5 Commissioners resulted with ‘yay’ votes. The motions passed unanimously. There was no other news to report.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report- Matt reported that the activity report was from November 18, 2021-January 12, 2022. He praised General Foreman Russ Mazzilli and 4 field techs for their work performance under some adverse weather conditions. In West Bridgewater, the crew hand-cleaned both sides of West Elm Street and an area on Francis Street to maintain flow of water. 245 tires were collected. Over the 2 month period, hand cleaning and brushing totaled 23,111 feet. Machine digging totals for this time period were 250 ft at 8 Spring Street in Hanson and 725 ft from 160 So. Pleasant Street in Hingham. Adding cumulative totals from 2021, there were 94,518 total feet completed from various environments. They included upland, saltmarsh, hand brushing, and machine work; nearly 18 miles of cleaning/improvements.

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Superintendent's Report/Monthly Review- Ross attended the National Agricultural Aviation Association convention in Savannah, GA in early December. He received 3.5 continuing ed credits towards his category 34 (aerial) pesticide license. The Project received their new 5 year general permit from the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System(NPDES), an organization of the EPA.

The Project submitted its annual report and it was sent to the SRB to be posted on their website. As noted in Administrative Assistant DeLuca's report, Ross was in the process of signing all of the towns individual yearly summaries to be mailed out.

The airplane is in need of 1 new cylinder that will be replaced during its annual inspection this month. The Project has requested monies from MDAR for the pesticide Vectolex so 600 acres of designated swamp may be aerial larvacided this spring. The new John Deere 50G excavator is at the dealership, where it is being fitted with upgrades. They include wider tracks and an attached brush cutter.

Due to staffing changes, FMLA, and state mandates , there have been 3 Field Technician jobs posted on the Mass.gov MassCareers website.

Ross brought up the vacancy created by the sudden and difficult loss of Cathleen Drinan, the Project's community liaison. Further discussion will take place regarding the requirements expected of the job and when it will be posted. Commissioner Motyka inquired if previous community Liaison Dan Daly would be willing to fill in, in a temporary capacity, until a hiring takes place.

The Mosquito Control for the 21st Century Task Force was scheduled to meet on January 13 with the 4 sub-committees presenting their findings. Of most interest to the Projects in the Commonwealth are the effects of revisions, repeals, and replacements of current policies. The Task Force plans to present new pesticide protocols. On February 10, there will be a public listening session, via Zoom, to be held at 4-6pm. Information can be found on the Task Force website that clearly explains its goals, is equally transparent, and offers ongoing updates.

Entomologist Report- Ellen, along with Project's employees, attended the NMCA held in early December via Zoom. Ellen continued to make appropriate changes to the website. She updated pictures, including staff, improved diagrams, and simplified the text of the website for easier navigation.

Community Liaison Report- There was no report.

Other Business/Comment- As a reminder from SRB, the monthly agenda, all correspondence, reports, and documents presented at monthly meetings must be documented on the monthly minutes report.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting- Thursday, February 17, 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 10:10am

Respectively submitted,

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

Documents that accompanied this agenda:

* January Expense Report

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- * November 18, 2021 minutes
- * 2021 Annual Operations Report
- * Project Activity summary from November 18, 2021-January 12, 2022
- * Article from the Brockton Enterprise from December 14, 2021