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December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes of The Norfolk
County Mosquito Control District Commission
Held by Zoom Conference

Commissioners present: Robin Chapell, Linda Shea, Norman Jacques, Maureen MacEachern (joined the meeting late), Richard Pollack

Commissioners absent:

Quorum: A quorum was established.

Others in attendance: David Lawson, Director Caroline Haviland, Field Operations Manager Maria Constantini – Westwood environmental committee.

Note taker: David Lawson

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

1) Agenda Item: Approval of the minutes of the November 19th, 2020 Commission Meeting

Action: The minutes of the November 19th, 2020 Commission meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Chapell, with a roll call vote of 4 Commissioners (Mrs. MacEachern absent).

2) Agenda Item: Budget Overview

a. Overview of FY 2021

The Director, previous to the meeting, sent a budget overview document to the Commissioners. This sheet showed an overview of the FY 2021 appropriation of \$2,001,629, plus the FY 2020 rollover of \$102,194, for a total available funds for FY 2021 of \$2,103,823. Since it is still early in the year, it is difficult to make accurate projections, but the Director noted a very rough estimate of expenses of about \$2,030,000. The Director noted that the SRMCB had met the day before and reviewed FY 2022 Budget requests. No questions were asked of the Director at the SRMCB meeting regarding the budget request. The Commission will continue to approach FY 2022, having requested a 3% increase

over FY 2021. The Director will prepare the Budget Notification that will be sent to the towns in January.

Mr. Jacques requested an update on the telematics installations in the trucks. The Field Operations Manager informed the Commission of the planned date of Jan 22nd for installation.

Action: The Budget Overview report was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jacques, with a roll call vote of all 5 Commissioners.

3) Agenda Item: Fieldwork Overview

- a. **Year to date review:** The Director, previous to the meeting, sent a spreadsheet to Commissioners highlighting field work accomplished for the calendar year. The field crew is currently completing some great work as they focus on intense hand clean and regular hand clean work in the extensive array of ditches throughout the District.
- b. **Upcoming meeting on larvicide trials** – The Director informed the Commission of the upcoming zoom meeting regarding a review of the larvicide trials performed by multiple Districts in the spring of 2020. Members of MDAR, MAG (Mosquito Advisory Group) and the Districts will be present and review all the work. Mr. Pollack made a suggestion to the Director to ask the Districts that are presenting, to present their thoughts about how to move forward with a scenario where money was no object, and scenarios where our normal operational budget and other constraints were in play.

Action: The Fieldwork Overview report was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Pollack with a roll call vote of all 5 Commissioners.

4) Agenda Item: Mosquito Control for the 21st Century Task Force

Mr. Pollack shared that at this point the task force is waiting on the outcome of an RFR that has been put out to hire an outside consultant to conduct an overview of Massachusetts mosquito control.

Action: No action taken.

5) PFAS and Massachusetts Mosquito Control –

Prior to the meeting, the Commission read an article published in the Boston Globe December 1, 2020 entitled,

“Toxic ‘forever chemicals’ found in pesticide used on millions of Mass. acres when spraying for mosquitos”

The Director reviewed the recent history that led up to the article and the current state of research being conducted to get clarity on the subject. Some general discussion ensued regarding the subject. The Commission asked the Director to work on getting samples of our current stock of Zenivex sampled to determine if there is PFAS in it. The Commission expressed concern that we should not assume there is no PFAS in the product we have in storage, nor should we move forward in ignorance about whether there is or not.

Action: No action taken.

- 6) **NMCA virtual meeting** - The Director informed the Commission that the NMCA meeting will be held virtually – starting on January 6th from 1-3pm and running for the following 5 Wednesdays at this same time.

Action: No action taken.

Other Notes or Information

1. New/Old Business or items to be put on next meeting's agenda.

The Commission set the next Commission meeting for Thursday, January 21st, at 1:30 pm.

At 2:25 p.m. the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mrs. Chapell.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Shea, Chairman