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Commissioners

DAVID A. LAWSON
Director

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Field Operations Manager

June 18th, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes of The Norfolk County
Mosquito Control District Commission
Held by Zoom Conference

Commissioners present: Robin Chapell, Linda Shea, Richard Pollack, Norman Jacques, Maureen MacEachern

Commissioners absent:

Quorum: A quorum was established.

Others in attendance: David Lawson, Director, Lee Jarm, resident of Needham

Note taker: David Lawson

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

1) **Agenda Item: Approval of the minutes of the May 28th, 2020 Commission Meeting**

Action: The minutes of the May 28th, 2020 Commission meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. MacEachern, with a roll call vote of all 5 Commissioners.

2) **Agenda Item: Budget Overview**

a. **Budget review for FY 2020**

The Director had, previous to the meeting, sent a budget overview document to the Commissioners. This sheet showed a summary of current projected expenditures for FY 2020. The Director stated that he is having a hard time projecting accurately at the moment with a reimbursement and an unpaid pesticide purchase not resolved. The minimum projected rollover into FY 2021 stands at \$35,149 but the Director expects it to be higher. This is the lowest in many years and a bit concerning for the Director in regards to having a good buffer for emergency aerial larvicide funds.

The Director also let the Commission know about an upcoming dump truck purchase to replace one of the aging UD utility trucks.

The Director informed the Commission that Alisha Bouchard had let the Districts know that DOR was processing cherry sheet assessments as normal, despite earlier concern that this might have been impacted by economic slowdown due to Covid-19.

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

3) Agenda Item: Fieldwork Overview

- a. **Year to date review:** The Director presented a spreadsheet highlighting field work accomplished for the calendar year. The Director noted the typical seasonal work of treating catch basins and conducting ULV applications.

Commissioner Pollack brought up the issue of water filled jersey barriers and that many he has seen in Cambridge have had their lids off and many have larvae, pupae and emerging adults. The Director noted the concern and will talk to the field crew about keeping an eye out for them.

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

4) Agenda Item: Overview of EEE Planning for upcoming season 2020

- a. **Field Trials with products for Cs. melanura.**

The Director updated the Commission on work done in a 14 acre cedar swamp wetland that was treated with MetaLarv SP-t during the normal April aerial larvicide application. The entomologist finished sampling this wetland after 6 weeks and sent samples to the UMass Amherst Lab for testing to see if methoprene was present in crypts. The sampling data has not been received back from the lab yet.

Action: No action taken.

New/Old Business: The Director reviewed the recent history that has led to the creation of Legislative Bill that has passed the Senate and is now currently in the House Ways and Means Committee. This legislation deals with aerial adulting in the Commonwealth and also creates a task force to review all mosquito control in the Commonwealth. Some extended discussion ensued and questions were asked. The Commission took no action on this item but asked that it be on the agenda for upcoming Commission meetings for the foreseeable future.

The Commission scheduled the next meeting to be held through Zoom meeting Thursday July 16 at 1:30 p.m.

At 2:20 p.m. the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Pollack

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Shea, Chairman