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November 19th, 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, Richard Pollack

Commissioners absent:

Quorum: A quorum was established.

Others in attendance: David Lawson, Director Caroline Haviland, Field Operations Manager

Note taker: David Lawson

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

1) **Agenda Item: Approval of the minutes of the September 20th, 2020 Commission Meeting**

Action: The minutes of the September 17th, 2020 Commission meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Pollack, with a roll call vote of all 5 Commissioners.

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 has not heard of any significant issues regarding state and town budget issues. 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.

The Director informed the Commission of his gratitude to the state for covering the entire cost of the September aerial larvicide that the District completed in its attempt to figure out if controlling Cq. perturbans is a cost effective approach to nuisance and EEE disease control.

b. Telematics Installation.

The Field Operations Manager updated the Commission on the progress in the OVM telematics installation on all the Districts vehicles. Discussion ensued and questions were answered.

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.

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: Overview of EEE/WNV season 2020

- a. Virus Isolations and activities state-wide

The Director, previous to the meeting, sent a spreadsheet to Commissioners highlighting the final list of virus isolations from the District for the 2020 season.

At the September 17th meeting, the Director had noted that a preliminary human WNV case was called in from DPH. The person is a resident of Milton. At the time of the meeting, the Director had not received confirmation of this case. This human case was confirmed by CDC. This individual has recovered.

Action: No action taken.

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

Mr. Pollack shared about his participation on the task force. The Commission entered into a discussion regarding the idea of allowing District towns to apply a “menu” approach to various aspects of the program, as this idea is being widely discussed by members of the Task Force. The Director made clear to the Commission that he sees no current way for a town to get a ‘discount’ on their share of the District’s budget by excluding certain aspects of control. Specifically, the idea of restricting or excluding ULV spraying is at issue. The Director shared that it is his opinion that a District should not encourage the idea of allowing towns to choose to not allow ULV applications, but he also stated that if a town is willing to remain in the program without ULV spraying, and continue to pay their legislative share of the budget, that he sees this as a better option than having the town not participate at all. General discussion also ensued regarding the Task Force’s RFR that will be posted in an effort to find an independent contractor to review mosquito control in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Action: No action taken.

Other Notes or Information

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

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.

The Director informed the Commission of e-mail contact with Jessica Burgess, regarding the use of Drones (UAS or UAV). It appears that there is an agreement/protocol/regulation being created that will hopefully allow the District to utilize drones in its operations.

The Commission has already set the next Commission meeting for Thursday, December 17th, at 1:30 pm.

At 2:43 p.m. the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mrs. Chapell.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Shea, Chairman