

Norfolk County Mosquito Control District

Commission Meeting

March 28, 2013

The Meeting was called to order at 4:02 P.M. at The District Headquarters

Those present were:

Richard Pollack, Chairman	
Linda Shea, Vice-Chairman	Maureen MacEachern
Robin Chapell	David Lawson, Director

At the commencement of the meeting a motion was made by Mrs. Shea to rotate the chairman position from Mrs. Chapell to Mr. Pollack and the Vice-Chair from Mr. Pollack to Mrs. Shea. The motion carried unanimously on a second by Mrs. MacEachern.

The minutes of the February 20, 2013, Commission Meeting was unanimously accepted on a motion by Mrs. Shea, seconded by Mr. Pollack.

The Director presented a chart showing the 14 towns that have supported the Districts FY 2014 Budget Request by returning the SRB-3 Form. The Director took the Commissioners outside to show them one of the new trucks with a new sprayer mounted on it, as an example of the capital purchase made during the fiscal year with funds available from the cancelled spring aerial larvicide in 2012. The Director presented a brief summary of the overall budget situation. Having completed a detailed analysis of the District's financial position, the Director has concluded that the district will be left with an approximate \$209,000 at the end of the fiscal year if no summer type aerial application is conducted in May or June. If a summer type application is conducted in May or June, the District will still be left with \$186,000. In either case the figures are \$57,000 or \$34,000 more than the 10% rollover limit set by the SRMCB. The Director proposed the purchase of a Bombardier Muskeg Dump track vehicle for use in the water management program, as an extremely valuable use of the remaining funds. This is an idea that came close to fruition in 2007, but was not completed due to financial constraints. The District has found a particular used Muskeg for sale at \$35,000. The Commission asked the Director questions regarding the proposed use of the vehicle and costs associated with its use. The Director assured the Commission that maintenance on the vehicle will be reasonably within normal budgetary constraints. The Director noted that the vehicle will be used occasionally, and will also allow the district to conduct projects that it might not normally be able to, without this vehicle. Consideration of mutual sharing with other districts is a consideration as well. On a motion by Mrs. Chapell, seconded by Mrs. Shea, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the purchase of the Muskeg. The Director then presented information on the option of the District becoming an EPA Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Partner (PESP). The Commission asked the Director about the requirements of participation, and the costs involved. It was unclear what all the benefits of being a sustaining member of AMCA were, (a requirement of the PESP status). The Commission directed the Director to compile more complete information regarding the option for review at the next meeting.

The Director reviewed the field work accomplished report. The Director noted the current emphasis on water management work. The Director updated the Commission on responses from the towns regarding the upcoming shift in ULV from an early morning time to an evening application time. The Director informed the Commission of the plan to skip some gravid trap submissions after WNV is isolated in traps in a particular location. The Director noted that the District will still trap and keep track of population

numbers. The Director also noted that plans were under way to conduct an aerial larvicide application in mid-April. The Commission unanimously voted, on a motion by Mrs. Shea, seconded by Mrs. MacEachern to accept the field work accomplished report.

The Director gave the Commission a quick summary of discussion that occurred at the March 20th 2013 SRMCB meeting in West Boylston, regarding Commissioner re-appointments.

Mr. Pollack presented a draft summary of seven proposed State legislative bills that have been generated in regards to Mosquito Control in Massachusetts. Mr. Pollack reviewed each bill and discussed the proposed merits of each bill. The Commission discussed various items in particular bills and proposed changes to H. 682, a bill that is co-written by Mr. Pollack. With changes assumed, the Commission voted to either 'support', 'take no position', or 'not support' each of the respective bills. The entire package was accepted on a unanimous vote motioned by Mrs. Shea, seconded by Mrs. MacEachern.

Finally, the Commission enjoined a short discussion regarding the Vector Disease Control International (VDCI) groups' presence in the Commonwealth and any repercussions from this.

The next meeting was set for May 16th, at 4:00pm at District Headquarters.

At 5:13 P.M. the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Pollack

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Pollack, Chairman