

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board

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State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board Meeting Agenda

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MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECTS & DISTRICTS

Berkshire County Mosquito
Control Project

Bristol County Mosquito
Control Project

Central Massachusetts
Mosquito Control Project

Cape Cod Mosquito
Control Project

East Middlesex Mosquito
Control Project

Norfolk County Mosquito
Control District

Northeast Massachusetts
Mosquito & Wetland
Management District

Plymouth County Mosquito
Control Project

Suffolk County Mosquito
Control Project

DATE: **Wednesday, March 20, 2013**

TIME: 10:00 AM-NOON

LOCATION: DCR Watershed Division, **John Augustus Hall**,
180 Beaman Street, West Boylston, MA 01583

- A. **Start:** Call to Order by Chairman Corte-Real, and Attendance.
- B. **Minutes/Summary:** The Board will consider for approval the meeting minutes of the January 23, 2013 meeting. **(Vote Required)**
- C. **Meeting Date Change:** The Board will consider changing the May 29th meeting date to June 5th **(Vote Required)**
- D. **FY 14 Budgets/Public Meetings/SRB Forms**
The Board will review any revisions in proposed FY 14 budget information from the projects and Board administration and obtain feedback from mosquito control programs regarding public meetings and local member communities (*if any*) concerning the Board's Budget Notification and Compliance Certification Policy.
- E. **Draft ISA with DPH-Mosquito Pools/Testing Fees:** The Board will discuss and review a draft ISA for the 2013 mosquito season
- F. **Commissioner Re-appointment(s):** The Board will discuss a letter sent to the Executive Director concerning Commissioner Re-appointments.
- G. **Public comment/input period:** The Board will provide an opportunity for the general public to speak and listen to their concerns.
- H. **Next Board Meeting Date:** The next meeting of the Board will be @ the Walpole Town Hall, 135 School Street, Walpole, MA 02081 **in the main meeting room** on the 1st floor. **Note:** School Street is located one block away from the intersection of Route 1A and Route 27.
- I. **Adjournment:** The Board will officially adjourn the meeting.

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Follow Route 495 North approximately 7 miles to Route 290 West.
Follow Route 290 West approximately 7 miles to Route 140 North.
Follow Route 140 North approximately 6 miles, you will be riding along the shore of the Wachusett Reservoir, then through the center of West Boylston and across a causeway over the Wachusett Reservoir. After the causeway you will pass an old stone church on the shore of the reservoir to your left. The DCR office is set back from Route 140 (Beaman St.) to the right and is the next building on the right after the Old Stone Church.
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Follow Mass. Pike East to Route 290 East
Follow Route 290 East to Route 190 North
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Subject: Meeting Minutes

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Place: DCR Watershed Division, John Augustus Hall,
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Present for the:

Board and Administration:

Lee Corte-Real, Department of Agricultural Resources, Chairman
Bruce Hansen, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Member
Gary Gonyea, Department of Environmental Protection, Member
Mark Buffone, Executive Director
Alisha Bouchard, Projects Administrator

Mosquito Control Project Commissioners:

Michael E. Valenti, Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project
Commission

Mosquito Control Project Directors/ Superintendents /Assistants:

Jennifer Dacey, Bristol County Mosquito Control Project
Tim Deschamps, Central MA Mosquito Control Project
John Doane, Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project
David Henley, East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project
Chris Horton, Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project
Barbara Johnson, Bristol County Mosquito Control Project
David Lawson, Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project
Timothy McGlinchy, Central MA Mosquito Control Project
Gabrielle Sakolsky, Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project
Tony Texeira, Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project

Others:

Michael Lennon Aquatic Control Technology/ Vector Disease Control
International ACT/VCDI
Jason Pananos, Vector Disease Control International (VCDI)

A. Start: Call to Order by Chairman Corte-Real, and Attendance.

Chairman Lee Corte-Real called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Those present were Gary Gonyea representing Commissioner Kenneth L. Kimmel of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bruce Hansen representing Commissioner Edward M. Lambert Jr. Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Chairman Lee Corte-Real recognized himself representing Commissioner Gregory C. Watson, of the MA Department of Agricultural Resources. The Chairman stated that there was a quorum. Chairman Corte-Real proceeded to the next order of business being the minutes.

B. Minutes/Summary: The Board will consider for approval the meeting minutes of the January 23, 2013 meeting. (Vote Required)

B.1: Background: The Chairman asked members if there were any comments, corrections, changes, or amendments regarding the minutes. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2013.

B.2: Questions and Discussions: G. Gonyea noted that the minutes indicated 2012 instead of 2013.

B.3: Action Taken: Bruce Hansen moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 23, 2013. The motion was seconded by Gary Gonyea and the minutes were voted unanimously 3-0 after the minor change noted to be corrected.

C. Meeting Date Change: The Board will consider changing the May 29th meeting date to June 5th (Vote Required)

C. 1: Background: Executive Director, Mark Buffone explained to the Chairman that the other members were sent an e-mail concerning this change and the facility was approved for the new date to accommodate the scheduling conflict with the May 29th quarterly meeting date previously approved by the Board. The Board needed to re-vote the new date of June 5th per the direction of the Chairman to reconcile the conflict.

C.2: Questions and Discussions: M. Buffone told members that the new date would have no impact on the Board's budget certification responsibilities and would coincide with notification to the Department of Revenue Division of Local Services. Finally, with the later meeting date the Board would be able to insert any late municipal votes to become members of regional programs that would be reflected in final FY 14 budgets.

C.3: Action Taken: Gary Gonyea moved to approve the date of June 5th from May 29th as the next Board meeting date. The motion was seconded by Bruce Hansen and voted unanimously 3-0.

D. FY 14 Budgets/Public Meetings/SRB Forms: The Board will review any revisions in proposed FY 14 budget information from the projects and Board administration and obtain feedback from mosquito control programs regarding public meetings and local member communities (if any) concerning the Board's Budget Notification and Compliance Certification Policy

- D.1: Background:** M. Buffone told the Board that he provided the members with the most revised summary sheet outlining the FY 14 preliminary budgets. He noted that there were two specific changes that were colored in red on the summary sheet pertaining to the Northeast and Plymouth mosquito control programs. **The revised budget numbers reflected two changes found on page 4 below in red.** Alisha Bouchard, the projects administrator then highlighted the Northeast and Plymouth FY 14 budget requests that were amended since the last meeting. She noted that on January 29th, 2013, the Northeast district revised its original FY 14 budget request from \$1,732,595 / or a 9% increase to a level funded request of \$1,589,537 / 0% increase. In addition, she told Board members that the Plymouth district's current budget request still remains at \$1,791,092 / or a 15% increase. She has been working with the Superintendent Teixeira to a TELP loan or Tax Exempt Lease Purchase (TELP) loan to proceed with capital purchases and spread out the capital costs for trucks, sprayers, and IT equipment over 3 years instead of asking for a 15% increase. The TELP loan would need to be approved by ANF and would lower the district's budget request. If the TELP request is approved the costs of these capital purchases would be spread over 3 years. Approvals of TELP purchases have been temporarily delayed as ANF / OSD are rewriting the process for TELPs. SRB Fiscal has advised ANF that there is an immediate need for these purchases given the upcoming mosquito season. Currently, the request is still pending. The financing is through state wide financing
- D.2: Questions and Discussion:** G. Gonyea remarked that if it is approved or work, this would be a good model for the other districts for capital expenditures. T. Teixeira commented that the TELP was essentially a "rent to own" process. It spreads the cost over time so that member communities would not have to absorb a significant increase all at once. G. Gonyea stated he looked forward to a positive report for the next meeting. The loan can be done for as something as small as copiers. Other comments were made about budget issues. For example, Central representative expressed his concerns about 2 municipalities opting to become members subject to Prop 2 and 21/2 override. His question was if a town joins at town meeting but fails at the ballot box, is the town a member or not? A. Bouchard remarked that this question is still with DOR and she will follow-up to try to get an answer. T. Teixeira requested a clarification about local aid and cherry sheet. He asked "Is the money coming from local aid and the town opted out, would they get less local aid? Mosquito control shows up a charge, it gets deducted and held in trust. Volunteer Trust such as East Middlesex is billed directly." The answer is no! Chairman Corte-Real and A. Bouchard remarked that if a town opted out they would not get less money for local aid; in fact they would receive more money. Chairman Corte-Real stated that if a community drops out, what they would have been charged for mosquito control is not charged to them and is included in the Communities total local aid. T. Teixeira stated that many communities do not understand this and asked for the formula to calculate the number that equates to the local aid amount that goes to a city and town. He said he can't explain it when the town requests. A. Bouchard suggested that T. Teixeira send an e-mail asking the specific question and copy the Board. The money for local aid varies from one year to another and comparisons cannot be made. It was suggested that T. Teixeira defer this question to DOR experts or resources. Finally, M. Buffone explained to the Board that some districts have not properly completed the SRB-1 form. M. Buffone reminded the districts to insure that these forms be completed as found in the policy. He noted that Bristol and Plymouth have received a number of SRB-3 forms that support their preliminary FY 14 budgets. Cape Cod handed the Executive Director their budget information along with the SRB-3 forms.
- D.3: Actions Taken:** None.

State Reclamation & Mosquito Control Districts

FY 13 Certified & FY 14 Preliminary Budget Requests

Original: 10/24/2012

Updated: 3/18/2013

District	FY 2012 SRMCB Certified Budget	FY 2013 SRMCB Certified Budget	FY 2014 Budget Request	Difference vs. FY 13	% Change	Notes:
Berkshire	202,800	207,573	224,649	17,076	8.2%	Est new towns joining; DPH testing inc; ULV equip upgrade; pesticides.
Bristol	1,170,535	1,229,095	1,290,550	61,455	5.0%	OT Costs; 1 add'l field tech; 3% COLA, fuel, relocation, DPH testing, 2 trucks, w/ supp \$ aerial larvicide
Cape Cod	1,678,270	1,744,201	1,821,201	77,000	4.4%	Revised budget request; orig \$1,789,201/ 2.6%; minor increases across various cost categories; plus \$32k inc request
Central Mass	1,671,893	1,821,893	1,890,213	68,320	3.7%	Revised budget request; orig request \$2,054,498/ 12.8% re: new towns joining / inquires; updated justification pending
East Middlesex	587,837	626,534	676,517	49,983	8.0%	Voluntary Trust; step inc, 1.5% COLA, inc ests in fringe, retire, vehicle parts & maint, lease truck purchase pending supp \$, helicopter Bti w/ acreage inc 10%, DPH test inc
Norfolk	1,480,292	1,524,700	1,589,314	64,614	4.2%	Revised budget request; orig request \$1,592,001 / 4.4%. Step & 3% COLA, add'l seasonal, JBI 5% inc, replace 2 ULV trucks @ 40k
Northeast	1,513,848	1,589,540	1,589,537	(3)	0.0%	Revised budget request; orig request \$1,732,595/9% inc re: Hire 1 FTE, 1 Seasonal, inc'd costs for fuel & pesticide purchases; COLA pending budget approval.
Plymouth	1,358,742	1,557,472	1,791,092	233,620	15.0%	Hire add'l seasonal to asst entomologist; 3% COLA; inc pesticides, fringe, retire; replace 2 trucks & upgrade 6 truck mounted sprayers & datamaster, inc lease, gas & utilities, retire buy out est.
Suffolk	230,283	260,283	265,264	4,981	1.9%	District plans to be administered in late Jan 2013 by EMMCP; Suffolk Supt to retire pending transition; est efficiencies w/ 2 MCPs under single admin
SRMCB Admin	249,266	269,457	303,859	34,402	12.8%	Step & 3% COLA, inc'd costs ISA to include legal, dyna cash resv, fringe & retire, inc'd chgbk costs for SSTA, ITD and MMARS.
Total:	10,143,766	10,830,748	11,442,196	611,448	6.0%	

- E. **Draft ISA with DPH-Mosquito Pools/Testing Fees:** The Board will discuss and review a draft ISA for the 2013 mosquito season. The following information was given to the Board by M. Buffone.

Note: G. Gonyea asked mosquito control projects and districts to document the public meetings held for proposed preliminary budgets for the next fiscal year. He remarked that it could be a short paragraph in the next annual reports for 2013.

- E.1: **Background:** M. Buffone told the Board members that he requested a draft ISA from DPH for today's meeting but DPH has been unable to complete their budget review in time for this meeting. So it will be forthcoming but he stated that he cannot tell the Board when. Without this information the Board and the MCPs will not know what the negotiated testing fee will be for 2013 or how many pools will be accepted by the state labs. In lieu of the actual draft ISA, M. Buffone reviewed the summary information he provided to the Board pertaining to estimated pool submission numbers and the amount of funds that MCPs have budgeted for 2013. M. Buffone noted he canvassed the 9 MCPs from which he derived the information found on page 6. Also he provided the Board with information tracked by the projects administrators, Alisha Bouchard regarding the pool numbers and budget expenditures for 2012 for comparison and discussion.

He highlighted that while the state labs testing capacity was stretched during the 2012 season, the lab is reviewing how it can ramp up additional testing capacity for 2013 which has been requested by the mosquito control projects and supported by the Board. Items under review by DPH include; looking at how many additional seasonal staff would be required at the state lab to maintain the same turnaround time for test results; prioritizing testing for EEE trap collections and; for 2013 consider a tiered approach to testing and/or increase the current lab fees paid by the mosquito control districts via the ISA for testing. Mosquito control districts have expressed concerns relative to increased testing fees going from \$25 per pool to possibly \$30-\$35 per pool to help defray the labs costs. In addition, DPH is seeking supplemental funds at this time to support expanded EEEv surveillance in the Pioneer Valley where there is no established mosquito control districts.

- E.2: **Questions and Discussion:** Chairman Corte-Real remarked that he had expectations that the Board would have a draft ISA for this meeting but as soon as information becomes available the Board will pass it along to the mosquito control districts. He noted that he believed that the testing fees would be 28 dollars if not 30 dollars. Some districts representatives requested that the Board be aware of DPH direct requests to the districts to select one of their mosquito traps as a long-term site and that DPH should be the ones who pay for this effort. East Middlesex and Central MA expressed concerns about DPH requesting designation of long term traps in his district and the costs of this request. He stated that it was necessary to rotate traps to accommodate member communities to obtain information in real time. He noted that they were control programs not research. Berkshire commented DPH has their focus on EEE and they want their surveillance where EEEv has been found. He commented that other towns not in EEEv areas have as their priority WNV. Chairman Corte-Real stated that he did not feel DPH focus was EEEv. Some comments revealed the fact that DPH spoke about not having WNV at all. It was conceded that once you are positive for WNV you are positive for WNV and why continue to conduct surveillance for detection if it is already detection. Chairman Corte-Real stated the entire issue is all about capacity and resources. As it concerned the ISA, the Chairman can negotiate on behalf of the Board; ISA reviewed and signed by MDAR Chief Fiscal Officer, and the Board will take a final vote.

- E.3: **Actions Taken:** Chairman Corte-Real stated that any information the Board receives will be sent to the mosquito programs so that they can start planning for the upcoming season.

2013 MCP POOL SUBMISSION ESTIMATES AND BUDGET FOR DPH ISA

Date: 03/20/13

NOTE: The information may be subject to change as it depends on the type of season.

MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT/PROJECT	2013 ESTIMATED POOLS	FUNDS BUDGETED	COMMENTS
BERKSHIRE	300 (226)	\$5,000 (FY 13) and \$5,000 (FY 14)	Berkshire believes DPH will not charge for sorting of gravid trap collections
BRISTOL	500 (108)	\$15,000	(500 @ \$30/pool).
CAPE COD	220 (281)	5,500	The Cape will budget whatever is needed to cover the testing costs for these pools. Does not include Martha Vineyard
CENTRAL MA	1,500 (930)	\$45,000	None
EAST MIDDLESEX	120 (167)	\$3,000	Subject to change depends on FY 14 funds and last season EM submitted 294
NORTHEAST	1,250 (1,040)	\$20,000	Northeast has 20k in FY14 budget and still have \$ available in the FY13 budget till July 1. Also, they may want to send extra pools to CT
NORFOLK COUNTY	500 (528)	\$12,000	If testing fee increases they will be several thousand short but not a budget buster. This is less than 2012 due to possibly skipping WNv trap locations
PLYMOUTH	400 (197)	\$10,000	
SUFFOLK COUNTY	160 (163)	\$4,000	Should the testing fee have to increase, take the 160 pools times that new number
TOTAL	4,950 pools (3,640)	\$124,500 dollars (\$96,650 total charges to MCP 2012)	

- F. **Commissioner Re-appointment(s):** The Board will discuss a letter sent to the Executive Director concerning Commissioner Re-appointments from John Kenney, Chairman (see below).



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Stephen A. Gillett - General Foreman

February 26, 2013

Mr. Mark Buffone
Executive Director
State Reclamation Board
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Dear Mark,

We are sending the Board this letter of inquiry in regards to the Board's authority to re-appoint project commissioners. Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project currently has four of its five commissioners serving beyond their five year terms. While the Board has made it perfectly clear that commissioners may serve beyond the length of their appointed term while they await re-appointment, we ask you to help us understand why these re-appointments have not taken place. We would also like clarification on whether this situation is unique to Plymouth County or whether it is consistent with re-appointments throughout all mosquito control projects.

If there is a policy (official or unofficial) not to re-appoint, we would like to know if it is a Board policy or one that comes from higher up in the "chain of command". In either case what steps can we take to remedy this concern?

We would expect that the decision not to reappoint, any or all, commissioners was a matter discussed during an official Board meeting. Please furnish us with a written transcript of the discussion and the vote that agreed to not reappoint commissioners in order to assist us in understanding the reason for such a decision.

We think that this situation ought to be a troubling to the Board on several levels. For example, without re-appointments it seems that the Board's ability to hold commissioners accountable for how they perform their Duties and Responsibilities could be very complex. As the Board has updated the statement of Duties and Responsibilities over the years, it finds itself in a situation that they must research which version a sitting commissioner has signed. In Plymouth County alone not all commissioners have signed the same version of the statement of Duties and Responsibilities. This does not seem like an ideal way to evaluate performance. If this situation is resolved at some time in the future and the Board does decide to make re-appointments, would each re-appointment be for the remainder of that commissioner's term if they had initially been re-appointed? For example if a commissioner has served three years beyond the end of a five year term, would he/she be re-appointed for a two year term?

F.1: Background: M. Buffone distributed to Board members several documents regarding Commissioner standings for appointment or re-appointments including but not limited to MA Mosquito Control Commissioners Listing as of March 20, 2013, letter from Plymouth County Mosquito Control Chairman, Commissioner Appointments and Re-Appointments (2010, 2011, 2012)-3 years at a glance, and current policy pertaining to this matter. The Executive Director informed the Board that he received the above letter sent to him from Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project. He explained that in their particular case, 4 out of the 5 current commissioner slots have expired. They asked for clarification on this matter. They wanted to know if this situation of expired terms was unique to their mosquito control program. The Executive Director addressed some of the questions stating that this issue was not unique but consistent with all the other districts. He further noted this was not a policy or something that involved others above and beyond the Board chain of command.

M. Buffone review the documents he distributed to the Board and summarize that this has been an agenda item at several Board meetings including January 27, 2010, January 26, 2011, June 3, 2011, October 26, 2011, and January 25, 2012. He noted that a letter dated December 2, 2011 was sent out by Chairman Corte-Real sent a letter to all Commissioner and mosquito control programs stating the following:

To: Mosquito Control Commissioners and Mosquito Control Projects
From: Lee Corte-Real, Chairman, State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board
Date: December 2, 2011
RE: Clarification on Commissioner Terms

At the October 26, 2011 meeting, the Board received comments from some commissioners who claimed to be uncertain about their status as commissioners beyond the date of their last appointment. Although the Board reiterated its position that Commissioners remained in their current position until replaced, the Board noted that it would provide clarification with respect to the current commissioners' terms of office.

Following discussions with the Department's legal staff and as previously explained, in the absence of either re-appoint or the appointment of a successor to the office, a commissioner enjoys hold-over status, with the full slate of duties and responsibilities of office that will continue until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. This position follows the guidelines for service for the over 700 Boards and Commissions in the Commonwealth.

There is no legal basis for the position that on the expiration of a designated term and in the absence of a qualified successor the District is deprived of its authority to act. I trust that this re-statement of the Board's position is sufficiently unambiguous to provide clarification and confirmation of your status as active Mosquito Control District Commissioners as appointed by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board.

F. 1: Background (Continued)

M. Buffone explained that during 2012, the Board focused on appointment of new individuals to fill vacancies. The Executive Director remarked that a letter was sent out to all member communities dated March 30, 2012 seeking qualified persons to serve as mosquito control commissioners.

F.2: Questions and Discussion: Chairman Corte-Real interjected that the Board would make a further concerted effort to obtain nominations. He noted that he understood that there are qualified people on the Commissions but felt it was not a bad idea to see who else might be interested in being appointed. He mentioned the 2 new appointees to Berkshire program and noted that he believed that they would be good contributors not only to the program but they bring something to table. G. Gonyea asked the Chairman a question of clarification. The Chairman stated he would like open solicitations to all the communities for nominations of anyone who might be interested to serve on the Board. He further emphasized that the Board would be better served having more local representatives as part of these Commissions. The existing Commissioners whose terms have expired could be re-nominated by the local community too. M. Buffone commented that there has been a poor response to the Board's letter last year making it a challenge. Questions arose about staggered terms. The Executive Director remarked that if Commissioners were re-appointment the terms would maintain a staggered setup.

Discussion ensued regarding East Middlesex and Cape Cod commissioners nominated and in some cases elected by local citizens that the Board supported re-appointment for these positions.

Chairman Corte-Real felt even if the open solicitation was more work it was worthwhile and he did not want to be in the position of "rubber stamping" an individual just because they are still in the position. G. Gonyea asked the Chairman what he was proposing to address the current issue. What is the next step? Chairman Corte-Real stated he is proposing sending out another letter. The Chairman stated nothing has changed and those Commissioners in expired terms are still Commissioners.

M. Buffone re-read the current Board policy to answer other questions which gives the Board discretion on re-appointment. M. Buffone reiterated what the Chairman requested; to send out another letter seeking nominations and to see if there is any further interest.

One comment emphasized that the Board is not living up to the enabling act of legislation pertaining to it says the Commissioners will be re-appointment or replaced every year.

There was a request for a timeline but Chairman Corte-Real remarked that he could not provide a timeline when the Board would be re-appointing Commissioners. The Chairman agreed to exclude the municipalities from East Middlesex Mosquito Control since these nominations represented public offices or roles such as Board of Health personnel, Town Managers, and Town Councilors'.

F.3: Actions Taken: It was agreed that the Chairman would send out a letter shortly to all member communities with the exception of East Middlesex and inform the districts of this effort. The Chairman remarked that the terms will not all expire at the same time; the Board would re-appoint on a staggered basis based on the expiration date of any particular person.

G. Public comment/input period: The Board will provide an opportunity for the general public to speak and listen to their concerns.

G.1: Background: Chairman asked those individuals representing Vector Disease Control International (Mosquito Control Specialist) to address the Board and provide a summary of the mosquito control services available. Jason Pananos stated the company provides full service mosquito control and also maintain and fly their own aircraft. They operate in 15 states nationally. They also have an aerial division that permits emergency response to arbovirus emergencies. They conducted treated 400,000 acres last year and have conducted these operations to millions of acres. One of the most robust well funded programs Sarasota County in Florida give the ground treatment work to them. They can offer communities services where they do not have these capabilities. They have not been active in New England but have had a recent acquisition of an aquatic weed control company. As a result, they are reaching out to offer their services and expertise hoping to be helpful in anyway. He noted that this company is not a backyard mosquito control company and do not sell pesticides. Jason left some cards for the Board members.

G.2: Questions and Discuss: The Chairman asked Mr. Pananos if his company had credentialed individuals. They did not yet. G. Gonyea asked the Chairman if a non-member community wanted to hire this company would the community need to send their plan to the Board for approval. The Chairman said yes. The Chairman stated that the non-member community would have to come to the Board with a plan for mosquito control. The company could help the existing mosquito control programs if necessary. If the SRMCB or MCP used these services, an RFR would need to be developed. Individual communities could contract out separately. A. Bouchard commented the Board's current emergency contract expires June 2014. M. Buffone stated that the Board may have to develop an RFR for efficacy of any emergency aerial treatment if DPH insists that the Board should do it.

G.3: Actions Taken: None

H. Next Board Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Board will be @ the Walpole Town Hall, 135 School Street, Walpole, MA 02081 in the main meeting room on the 1st floor on June 5th.

H.1: Background: None

H.2: Questions and Discussion: None

H.3: Actions Taken: None

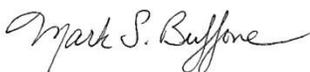
I. Adjournment: The Board will officially adjourn the meeting.

I.1: Background: Chairman Corte-Real asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

I.2: Questions and Discussion: None.

I.3: Actions Taken: Gary Gonyea made motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 AM and seconded by Bruce Hansen and unanimously voted 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Director