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DATE: Tuesday, June 12, 2012

TIME: 10:00 A.M. to Noon

LOCATION: Amherst office
101 University Drive, Suite C4
Amherst, MA 01002

ADMINISTRATION

Mark S. Buffone
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Meeting Agenda

- A. **Start: Call to Order** by Chairman Corte-Real, and Attendance.
- B. **New Commissioner Candidate Interviews for the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project:** The Board will interview 2 candidates who applied for Commissioners.
- C. **Other Business: (If any)**
- D. **Adjournment:** The Board will officially adjourn the meeting.

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Subject: Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Place: **MDAR-Amherst Office**
101 University Drive, Suite C4
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Time: **10 AM**

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

Mosquito Control Project Commissioners: None

Mosquito Control Project Directors/ Superintendents /Assistants: None

Others in Attendance: None

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

Chairman Lee Corte-Real called the meeting to order promptly at 10:07 AM. The Chairman stated that the first order of business was attendance and began by conducting the roll call of members present. Those present were Bruce Hansen representing Commissioner Edward M. Lambert Jr. of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Gary Gonyea representing Commissioner Kenneth L. Kimmel of the Department of Environmental Protection, and Chairman Lee Corte-Real recognized himself representing Commissioner Gregory C. Watson, of the Department of Agricultural Resources. The Chairman stated that three members were present and there was a quorum. Chairman Corte-Real proceeded to the next order of business being the interviewing of candidates to fill vacancies to the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project Commission.

B. New Commissioner Candidate Interviews for the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project: The Board interviewed 2 candidates who applied for position of Commissioner. (Vote Required)

B.1: Background: The Board interviewed 2 individuals who applied to be Commissioners of the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project.

B.2: Questions and Discussions: The Board asked a number of questions of each candidate.

B.3: Actions Taken: 2 separate motions were taken by the Board.

Motion 1-Bruce Hansen made a motion to appoint Mr. James Robert McGrath to the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project to fill the existing vacancy effective June 12, 2012 until November 30, 2015. The motion was seconded by Gary Gonyea and unanimously voted 3-0.

Motion 2-Bruce Hansen made a motion to appoint Mr. Ryan W. Grennan to the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project to fill the existing vacancy effective June 12, 2012 until November 30, 2014. The motion was seconded by Gary Gonyea and unanimously voted 3-0.

C: Other Business:

-Mosquito Control and Beaver Mitigation Issues; and

-Vote to appoint 2nd new Commissioner to Northeast MA Mosquito & Wetland Management District

C.1: Background: The Board was recently informed of an issue that pertained to one mosquito control project involvement with beaver mitigation situation.

M. Buffone informed the Board that beaver related issues appear to be common in a number of the mosquito control project areas of service. Residents and municipal officials have sought assistance from the mosquito control projects for beaver dam and related flooding problems due to beaver behavior which could create conditions to increase permanent water mosquito species.

The Board discussed the matter at length. G. Gonyea apprized the board of statutory law *Chapter 131 section 80 A* that list the reasons allowed for these situations and he noted that it does not list mosquito control. Mr. Gonyea remarked that while beaver control issues can relate to mosquito control, the mosquito control projects must work with local boards of health and conservation commissions to implement any habitat modification or source reduction methods.

Regarding the Commissioner appointment for the *Northeast MA Mosquito & Wetland Management District*, the Executive Director, M. Buffone informed the Board that a Commissioner has declined to seek re-appointment and stepped down. As a result, a vacancy existed for the Northeast Ma Mosquito and Wetland Management District. The Board acknowledged that the 3 candidates that were interviewed on June 7th were excellent candidates and voted to fill the vacancy by appointing Mr. Joseph T. Giarrusso.

C.2: Questions and Discussion: Both items were discussed by the Board

C.3: Actions Taken: 2 actions were taken.

Motion 1-Gary Gonyea made a motion to appoint Mr. Joseph T. Giarrusso to the Northeast Ma Mosquito and Wetland Management District to fill the existing vacancy effective June 12, 2012 until November 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Bruce Hansen and unanimously voted 3-0.

Motion 2-The Board asked the Executive Director to send all mosquito control projects an e-mail to inform them that the Board discussed the issue of beaver control because of a recent issue that was brought to their attention. The e-mail should highlight the importance of working with local boards of health and conservation commissions as they may already be doing and to review the guidance set forth in *Chapter 131 section 80 A of the MGL*.

D: Adjournment: The Board officially adjourned the meeting.

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

D.2: Questions and Discussion: None

D.3: Action Taken: Gary Gonyea made motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 AM, seconded by Bruce Hansen and unanimously voted 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark S. Buffone
Executive Director