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Bristol County Mosquito  
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Cape Cod Mosquito  
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Central Massachusetts  
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East Middlesex Mosquito  
Control Project

Nantucket Mosquito Control  
Project

Norfolk County Mosquito  
Control District

Northeast Massachusetts  
Mosquito & Wetland  
Management District

Plymouth County Mosquito  
Control Project

Suffolk County Mosquito  
Control Project

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## Meeting Minutes of the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB)

**Richard Cronin Building**  
1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581  
4/10/2017

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Taryn LaScola, Chairwoman, Gary Gonyea, Jim Straub

- 1. Call to Order:** Taryn LaScola, representing Commissioner Lebeaux called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.
- 2. New Board Member Designation and Election of New Chair (Vote required):**  
  
Gary Gonyea motioned to nominate Taryn LaScola as chair of the Board which was 2nd by Jim Straub, unanimous decision to elect Ms. LaScola as chair.
- 3. Attendance:** Chairwoman LaScola noted the Board has a quorum.
- 5. Public Comment/Input Period:** No comments heard.
- 6. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The Board considered approval for the meeting minutes from the January 18th, 2017 Board meeting. **Action Taken:** Gary Gonyea made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with minor adjustments. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub and the minutes voted for approval.

## 5. **FY18 Budget Requests: Updates since the Board's January Meeting:**

Since the Board's January meeting, Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project and Cape Cod Mosquito Control have amended their proposed budgets. Central Mass has increased their proposed budget to 4.4%, Cape Cod increased their proposed budget to 7.15%. Final budget submissions will be in May and will be approved in the Board's May meeting.

## 6. **SRB Budget Policy update:**

Since the SRB January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, Alisha Bouchard has made comments and redrafted the Massachusetts Mosquito Control Budget Notification & Compliance Certification Policy. As discussed, there was a low turnout and lack of participation from the public concerning budget public meetings. The changes include the way the projects notify their member communities about upcoming budget meetings.

**Discussion:** As a result, the policy has been in the process of a redraft to incorporating new public record law requirements. Alisha Bouchard has made comments and redrafted the policy. The Board members will review the changes and updates before Attorney Jessica Burgess takes a final look and finalizes it. The draft will then go out to the districts for any additional comments. **Action Taken:** Once the policy is completed and approved by Jessica Burgess, it will be distributed to the Districts for their comments

## 7. **Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (Vote may be required):**

Taryn LaScola provided an update on progress and information from Pioneer Valley meetings. **Discussion:** Greg Lewis representing Pioneer Valley (PV) spoke to the board regarding the application and got approval of the Community Compact Grant, of an amount of \$35,310.00, the town of Deerfield being the "Grantee". As many as 15 towns have shown interest in being member communities of the project. Pioneer Valley will now start working with 2 consultants who will help create the new Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District. Pioneer Valley has an inclination to have the district perform voluntary contribution from their towns, similar to what Dave Henley from East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project performs. PV is targeting to go in front of the SRMCB Board's October meeting and get approval to form the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control Project. **Action Taken:** Gary Gonyea would like the SRMCB board to create a letter of support, which could be beneficial to gain member communities. Jim Straub made a motion to write the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control efforts a letter of support. The motion was seconded by Gary Gonyea and a drafting a letter of support was unanimously voted for approval.

- 8. Legal updates:** Chairwoman LaScola and Attorney Jessica Burgess provided the Board an update on matters regarding the exclusion rights website and submission status.
- a. Exclusion requests are being submitted by the public by mail at this time, they range from 20 to 25 letters a day.
  - b. Online submission should be up and running once the final test is completed.
  - c. Juan Carlos Gutierrez will be sending out an email notification to districts when the online submission is live.
  - d. The final markings have been approved and finalized; these include white plastic or aluminum pie plates, a minimum of 9 inches in diameter, with the words "No Spray" clearly written in permanent marker. Plates must be placed on trees, stakes, or poles easily visible from the street, at least every 50 feet along the property boundary adjacent to the road and no more than 5 feet from the road.
  - e. Mosquito Control districts are able to use the notice of Amendment to 333 CMR 13.03, Requests for Exclusion from Wide-Area Pesticide Applications to remind their member communities of changes. Districts are also able to alter it in any form in order to communicate more efficiently.

**9. Regional updates:**

- a. Cape Cod Project - The District informed the board that it received around 5 inches of rain; the crews are changing over to begin larviciding work. Gabrielle Sakolsky-Hoopes asked the board to provide an SRB contact sheet in order for communication efficiency. Gabrielle Sakolsky-Hoopes also asked for further clarification regarding SRMCB admin cost increase and HR GIC coordinator change.
- b. Central Mass Project – The District communicated that water management program is ending, larviciding work began today and tire collection program in under way. The District finished the paperwork for 5 vehicle leases and 5 sprayer purchases.
- c. East Middlesex/Suffolk County – The Districts dealing with flowing conditions due to the heavy rains. Larviciding work is starting to progress. Both commissions are in the process to find 1 larger new headquarters. They are also setting up interviews for Dave Henley’s position.
- d. Berkshire County Project– the District is dealing with wet conditions due to rivers flooding. Larviciding work began last week and the district obtained one seasonal worker

- e. Northeast Mass Project – The District’s new website is up and running. The district is looking for a new field technician at this moment. Crew is gearing up to start larviciding work; they are finishing up mechanized wetlands operations at this time. The District is working with SRB finance to replace a 2005 truck.
- f. Bristol County Project – The District is dealing with a lot of rainfall, flooding rivers. They started larviciding work this week and recently obtained a new full time employee. The District asked about OVM chargebacks and Alex Gill from SRB finance informed the districts that chargebacks will be credited for those vehicles for FY17.
- g. Plymouth County - The District has not experienced any major issues in regards of the rain. Their plane was in operations in order to begin aerial larviciding.

**10. Next Board Meeting:** The next SRB meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 @ Walpole Town Hall  
143 School Street, Walpole, MA 02081

**11. Adjournment: Action Taken:** Mr. Gonyea made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:09pm.