

MINUTES

April 24, 2023

A Hybrid Meeting of the Commissioners of the Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project (CCMCP) was held on April 24, 2023. In participation was: Superintendent Gabrielle Sakolsky-Hoopes, Assistant Superintendent Barton Morris, Entomologist Aubrey Paolino, Chairman J. Gregory Milne, Vice-Chairman Rodney Collins, Secretary Arthur Neill, and Commissioner Emily Beebe. Also in attendance was DEP Environmental Analyst and SRB Board Member Nancy Lin.

The following remote meeting declaration was read into the minutes:

'We are meeting remotely in accordance with An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations ("Act"), which was signed by previous Governor Baker on July 16, 2022. This Act extends the expiration of certain provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2023, allowing a public body to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum physically present at a meeting location as long as it provides "adequate, alternative" access to remote meeting.'

On March 29, 2023, Governor Healey signed into law a supplemental budget bill which, among other things, extends the temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025. Specifically, this further extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings. The language does not make any substantive changes to the Open Meeting Law other than extending the expiration date of the temporary provisions regarding remote meetings from March 31, 2023 to March 31, 2025.

Vice-Chairman Collins moved to approve the minutes of March 27, 2023. The Board discussed amendments to the minutes. Commissioner Beebe 2nd the motion including amendments and minutes were approved unanimously by way of roll call.

The Project is still awaiting follow-up from OVM regarding the vehicle we have to turn in as part of their rightsizing initiative.

Superintendent Sakolsky informed that a meeting with the Department of Agriculture and the other MA mosquito control districts will be held this week to discuss Jamestown Canyon Virus testing.

Superintendent Sakolsky discussed a Coastal Resilience Project Partnership with Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Reserve. They intend to do a runnels project to prevent marsh degradation. The Project is working through the permitting process.

Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project staff are to complete annual online mandatory training by June 2, 2023.

The Board was updated on conditions in the Duck Harbor area of Wellfleet. There is still a significant amount of organic matter left behind in ditches, making for continued uncertainty of what to expect. Mosquito larvae is present, meeting and surpassing treating thresholds. The rest of the Cape is also experiencing breeding as swamps slowly dry from leafing trees.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 22nd, 2023 at 2PM. There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Collins moved to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Beebe and approved unanimously by way of roll call.


Arthur Neill, Secretary

Assistant Secretary