

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board

Bristol County Mosquito Control Project

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Date: 6/21/2022

Attendance: Commissioner Greg Dorrance, Henry Vaillancourt, Christine Fagan in person; Chair Joe Barile via conference call; Superintendent Priscilla Matton and Entomologist Todd Duval in person.

Mr. Barile called the meeting to order at 8:01am with Roll Call: Joe Barile, present: Greg Dorrance, present: Christine Fagan, present: Dr. Henry Vaillancourt, present.

Public attendance: Alex Giannantonio- SRB Operations Coordinator

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Greg Dorrance to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting. Seconded: Christine Fagan. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously via roll call, 4-0.

SEASON UPDATE:

Final report submitted for all three spring aerial larvicide events. Aerial larvicide using methoprene for the control of *Cs. melanura* was postponed due to drought. Normal population numbers but driven by 2 species: *Cs. melanura* and *Cq. perturbans*. Numbers of *Ae. albopictus* have been high, tire larviciding and barrier applications have begun in New Bedford. Viral activity for this season in neighboring states was discussed.

Discussion ensued about viral activity in the northeast specifically Jamestown Canyon virus (JCV) activity in New Jersey. Commission discussed sending a letter to MA DPH to suggest testing of mosquitoes for JCV in Massachusetts. Chair Barile stated he would draft a letter to MA DPH regarding their concern about JCV.

Superintendent Matton updated the Commission on the status of the CDC funded Northeast Center for Excellence located at Cornell. The Center was not funded during the renewal process and will suspend all activities in September. A new center was awarded called the New England Center located at UMass Amherst dedicated to ticks and tick-borne disease. The New England Center will continue with pesticide resistance monitoring and will work with local mosquito controls on issues or concerns.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday July 12, 2022 at Project Headquarters at 7:00am

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, Christine Fagan made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:51am. Seconded: Greg Dorrance. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously via roll call, 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Barile