

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board

Bristol County Mosquito Control Project

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Date: 5/29/2024

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

Public- Mr. Joseph Carvalho- New Bedford's Program Director of Environmental Health

Chair Barile called the meeting to order at 7:09am with Roll Call: Joe Barile, present Christine Fagan, present: Greg Dorrance, present: Dr. Henry Vaillancourt, present.

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Greg Dorrance to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2024 meeting. Seconded: Christine Fagan. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously via roll call, 4-0.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE UPDATE:

Before the start of the meeting Commissioners Barile, Dorrance and Fagan checked out the Ford Lightning electric pickup truck at the office. Field technician Anthony Souza reviewed his experience with the vehicle so far and it has been positive.

SPRING AERIAL LARVICIDE UPDATE:

Entomologist Todd Duval provided the data for the three aerial larvicide locations. Overall, there was a reduction in the larvae present at all locations. The methoprene application was completed by Plymouth County on May 13 under ideal environmental conditions. Water samples will be collected and tested for pesticide concentration over the next 5-weeks.

FIELD UPDATE:

Seasonal surveillance assistant Chris Beale started Monday and full trapping has begun. Hand larvicide applications continue and plenty of larvae and water are present. All ULV machines are calibrated, and droplet testing completed. Spray requests began on May 28th and adulticide applications will begin weather permitting June 3.

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Matton provided the date of the next SRB meeting on June 12, 2024, at noon.

Mr. Carvalho expressed an interest in becoming a Commissioner of the Board and attended the meeting to learn more about the Project. Discussion ensued about the responsibilities and duties of the Commission. The Board agreed unanimously to support Mr. Carvalho in his application to the SRB to become a Commissioner.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday June 12, 2024, at Project Headquarters at 7:00am

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, Christine Fagan made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 7:50am. Seconded: Greg Dorrance. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously via roll call, 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Fagan

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