

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board



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PRISCILLA MATTON, M.S.

Date: 9/13/2022

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

Mr. Barile called the meeting to order at 7:00am with Roll Call: Joe Barile, present: Greg Dorrance, present: Dr. Henry Vaillancourt, present.

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Greg Dorrance to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting. Seconded: Henry Vaillancourt. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously via roll call, 3-0.

MOTION made by Henry Vaillancourt to take the agenda out of order to accommodate Entomologist Duval's schedule. Seconded: Greg Dorrance. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously via roll call, 3-0.

MOSQUITO UPDATE:

BCMCP suspended adulticide applications on 9/9/2022 due to low morning temperatures and mosquito populations. BCMCP recorded the lowest residential request in a season at 7,334. Surveillance and testing will continue into October. Discussion ensued about the extension of the season due to climate change. Entomologist Duval provided data on the 10-year average of EEE and WNV activity from Labor Day until end of season. End of season is difficult to detect because it is contingent on when MA DPH suspends testing for the season.

Cq. perturbans aerial larvicide application is scheduled for the last week of September for Easton. The goal is to reduce early instars before they have the ability to overwinter. Mr. Duval reported a single detection of *Ae. albopictus* in Somerset. Additional larviciding and dumping of standing water at the site was employed.

Commissioner Christine Fagan enters meeting during discussion.

MOTION made by Christine Fagan to return to posted agenda. Seconded: Greg Dorrance. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously via roll call, 4-0.

VEHICLE PROCUREMENT:

The state has implemented an "electric vehicle first" policy. Superintendent Matton and Foreman John Moniz had multiple meetings with Office of Vehicle Management (OVM), Mr. Alex Giannantonio, SRB Coordinator and other MCPs. Multiple issues and concerns have been discussed including feasibility of electric trucks for operational requirements, charging stations, funding/cost and availability of supplies. Further OVM meetings are scheduled to review fleet optimization

and vehicle usage. Discussion ensued about cost and infrastructure upgrades to a rental building. Also the seasonality of our mandate and how vehicles are used differently over the year. The Commissioners requested further updates as needed.

CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT:

Under state policy, excess equipment can be listed for auction. BCMCP's Dresser bulldozer and utility trailer are listed for sale. These assets have not been used in many years. Superintendent Matton informed the Commission that the heavy equipment trailer ordered in September 2021 should be delivered shortly. The old trailer will be returned to the Westboro surplus lot.

MOSQUITO CONTROL TASK-FORCE UPDATE:

Superintendent Matton updated the Commission on multiple state meetings discussing task-force recommendations put forth to the legislators. Recommendations from different groups have focused on both regulation and operational changes. Some include electronic record keeping, residential exclusions and PFAS testing. There is no update on movement within the legislature.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday October 25, 2022 at Project Headquarters at 7:00am

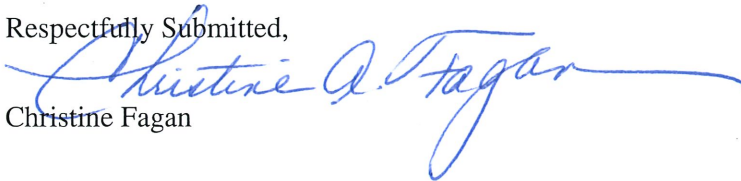
NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SRB meeting scheduled for 9/15/2023 at 1pm.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, Greg Dorrance made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:03am. Seconded: Christine Fagan. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously via roll call, 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christine Fagan