

MINUTES

June 24, 2024

A Hybrid Meeting of the Commissioners of the Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project (CCMCP) was held on June 13, 2024. In participation was: Supt.

Gabrielle Sakolsky-Hoopers, Assistant Supt. Bart Morris, Entomologist Aubrey Paolino, Chairman J. Gregory Milne, Vice-Chairman Rodney Collins, Secretary Arthur Neill, and Commissioners James Quirk and Emily Beebe.

The following remote meeting declaration was read into the minutes:

Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project Board of Commissioners is meeting remotely pursuant to legislative authorization extending the remote meeting provisions of the Open Meeting Law through 3/31/25, as signed into law by Governor Healey on March 29, 2023.

Commissioner Quirk made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2024. Commissioner Beebe 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously by way of roll call.

Commissioner Quirk made a motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2024. Commissioner Beebe 2nd the motion and it was approved by way of roll call with Secretary Neill abstaining due to being absent from that meeting.

Supt. Sakolsky informed the Board of the new office lease status. 2 responses were received with suitable space, however one had a significantly higher cost. It is expected to take several weeks to work through the required paperwork, therefore a vote for recommendation is timely considering our existing lease ending at the end of this month.

Commissioner Beebe made a motion to authorize Supt. Sakolsky to move forward with negotiations for the lesser cost office space, subject to legal review. Chairman Milne 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously by way of roll call.

Supt. Sakolsky also informed the Board that the Town of Wellfleet transferred \$20,000 to CCMCP for assistance with mosquito problems exacerbated by recent flooding. The money will go towards overtime work in Wellfleet. Entomologist Paolino stated that adult mosquito surveillance has begun and the trap counts in Wellfleet are promising so far.

The seasonal surveillance technician started employment at the beginning of June and has passed the pesticide applicator's exam. The Dept. of Public Health (DPH) has begun collecting samples for arbovirus testing.

Commissioner Quirk commented that he has been seeing a lot of advertisements for local commercial mosquito control companies, and

inquired if we have noticed any impacts? Supt. Sakolsky explained that our operations involve use of different types of products than they use, so an immediate impact is not noticeable, however there are concerns for resistance to pesticides from localized use. Cage trials for adulticide efficacy are occurring within DPH.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 29, 2024 at 2PM.

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Collins made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Commissioner Beebe and approved unanimously by way of roll call.

 Chairperson
for Secretary.
Arthur Neill, Secretary