

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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### **MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECTS & DISTRICTS**

Berkshire County Mosquito  
Control Project

Bristol County Mosquito  
Control Project

Cape Cod Mosquito  
Control Project

Central Massachusetts  
Mosquito Control Project

East Middlesex Mosquito  
Control Project

Norfolk County Mosquito  
Control District

Northeast Massachusetts  
Mosquito & Wetland  
Management District

Pioneer Valley Mosquito  
Control District

Plymouth County Mosquito  
Control Project

Suffolk County Mosquito  
Control Project

### **Meeting Minutes of the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB)**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 13 2020

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Location:** Zoom meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7991372664?pwd=N2k4d0JTSWsyMzZDelFlemZ0cXhIZz09>

Phone info: +1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 799 137 2664

Password: 292099

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Commissioner John Lebeaux, Chair, Nancy Lin, Jim Straub.

- 1. Call to Order:** Commissioner Lebeaux called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Vote required):** The Board considered approval for the meeting minutes from the January 22, 2020 Board meetings. **Action Taken:** Jim Straub made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Nancy Lin. Roll Call Vote – Commissioner Lebeaux – Aye, Jim Straub- Aye, and Nancy Lin- Aye. Motion Passed 3-0.
- 3. Commissioner appointment: Commissioner appointment for Plymouth County Mosquito Control District (Vote required):** After reviewing application from Ann Motyka and Tom Reynolds, Commissioner Lebeaux favors Ann Motyka for the position. Commissioner Lebeaux favors the mosquito control experience Ann brings to the position. Nancy Lin agrees that Ann fits the role best due to her experience working in the community and in the District. Jim agrees with the other 2 board members but thinks tom has more experience in the fiscal department and with state budgeting. Jim agrees

that having a person who understands mosquito control also holds a lot of importance.

**Action Taken:** Nancy Lin makes a motion to appoint Ann Motyka as commissioner of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control District. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub. Roll Call Vote – Commissioner Lebeaux – Aye, Jim Straub- Aye, and Nancy Lin- Aye. Motion Passed 3-0.

#### **4. FY21 Budget review and certification (Vote required)**

The board reviews all budget numbers and justifications:

Berkshire: the District requests an FY21 budget of \$295,582.00. Berkshire's superintendent is not available during the call to provide a justification but the board has the narrative he provided to the board.

Bristol: the District requests an FY21 budget of \$1,639,934.00. 3 percent is for increase in operating costs. There were increases in retirement costs and rent as well.

Cape Cod: the District requests an FY21 budget of \$2,587,259.00. The District is in process of restructuring the staff and will be adding new positions including an entomologist and an assistant superintendent. A new machine will also need to be purchased.

Central MA: the District requests an FY21 budget of \$2,648,745.00. The town of Grafton recently joined the district and all preparations to conduct mosquito control are taking place.

Norfolk: the District requests an FY21 budget of \$2,001,629.00. The District is expecting an increase in rent for their facility, as well as covering the costs of vehicle fleet expansion, salary increases/COLA.

Northeast: the District requests an FY21 budget of \$1,884,100.18. The District is purchasing 2 new trucks, and they expect an increase in facility rent.

Pioneer Valley: the District requests an FY21 budget of \$55,000.00. The District is still working the complexities of being a new District and is only charging communities \$5,000.00/year.

Plymouth: the District requests an FY21 budget of \$1,991,602.00. The District is expecting an increase in their facility rent, as well as increases in salary and retirement.

Suffolk: the District requests an FY21 budget of \$289,860.16. The District is not requesting an increase.

SRB Admin: the SRB admin account is requesting a FY21 budget of \$606,947.18. The account is expecting increases in payroll, chargebacks, and fringe benefits.

East Middlesex: the District requests an FY21 budget of \$802,448.00. The increase will go towards payroll and operational costs.

**Action taken:** Nancy Lin makes a motion to approve and certify all FY21 budgets. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub. Roll Call Vote – Commissioner Lebeaux – Aye, Jim Straub- Aye, and Nancy Lin- Aye. Motion Passed 3-0.

**5. Regional updates:** Mosquito Control Districts will provide the Board with brief updates about regional activities, issues and concerns.

- a. Northeast: John Moak has been hired for an administrative role. District has experienced a lot of rain and wind. The district has hired 2 seasonal at this time.
- b. Berkshire: District is working on larval control and laying out the sites for the field trials. Seasonal staff started working and they expect one more in the coming weeks.
- c. Bristol: the District seasonal employees has started. Spring larviciding has started with help from the Plymouth district's plane/pilot. The district will begin their trial larviciding with Altosid pesticides. ULV machines are good to go for the season and will begin adulticiding the first week of June.
- d. Central: the District is bringing back 9 seasonal employees. Field crews have been treating wetlands since March, and enhanced trial treatments using 2 forms of spinosid pesticides. Tire collection has been going well but will start slowing down. Adulticide schedule has been sent out to the communities and will begin July 1<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting.
- e. East Middlesex/Suffolk: the Districts will have 10 seasonal employees this coming season. the districts is planning on looking into the possibility of some employees using their POV and get reimbursed for mileage. The districts have been larviciding by backpack for the past 3 weeks and helicopter applications were completed last week. ULV spraying will begin at the end of May.
- f. Norfolk: the District sees high water levels at this time, so they are set to begin ULV application after Memorial Day, weather permitting.
- g. Plymouth: the district is completing their trial larviciding this week, crews are doing residential checks. ULV will begin June 1<sup>st</sup>.

- h. Pioneer Valley: the District is working on surveillance in their member communities. They have been storing their traps in Suffolk District, but should be moving them this week.

#### **6. Aerial Adulticide review update:**

Taryn LaScola Miner to provide an overview of the product review process. Taryn informed the board that last year it was decided to perform a review Anvil 10+10, the pesticide product used during the 2019 emergency spray, along with reviewing additional products that included Duet HD, Merus 3.0 and Zenivex E20. The work group that participated in these reviews included member from DEP, MDAR, DPH, Mass Wildlife, and DMF.

The review has been completed and MDAR will start collecting documentation with recommendations from each agency. Once MDAR has gathered all documents, it will set up an SRB meeting to present the recommendation and have the board vote on the product that will be used for aerial spray emergency spray.

#### **7. CH. 252 amendment update:**

MDAR Deputy Director, Ashley Randle, informs the board and all participants that governor baker has filed H.4650. it currently sits with the joint committee of public health. The focus of this bill is prevention and mitigation of mosquito control.

#### **8. Public comment/input period:**

Brian Rosman, Legislature director for Senator Jo Comerford informs the board and participants that they have received over 250 messages, a vast majority is opposed to the bill. The comment period ended yesterday. Senior house members and senators are circulating the letters for opposition to the bill. They have also received a very helpful testimony from Commissioner Lebeaux. The intent of the bill was not to override any current law and they are currently spending a lot of time talking to experts in mosquito control.

Nancy Lin asks if comments that have been submitted are focused on the pesticides used or another issue. Brian states that the public is concern with the bill not having a process. Many concerns about how the spraying should be the last resort. Concerns with the option to exclude property. Concerns about mosquito control district structure.

Pioneer Valley districts commissioner, Jeanne Galloway states that this bill will not be beneficial to her district who is trying to gain members at this moment.

A comments by a participant, Dorothy McGlincy, states that she opposes the bill and has submitted comments.

- 9. Next Board Meetings:** The next SRB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 10:00AM @ Richard Cronin Building. 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581
- 10. Adjournment: Action Taken:** Nancy Lin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:37am. Roll Call Vote – Commissioner Lebeaux – Aye, Jim Straub- Aye, and Nancy Lin- Aye. Motion Passed 3-0.