

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Suffolk County Mosquito  
Control Project

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

**Date:** Monday, June 15 2020

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Location:** Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7991372664?pwd=N2k4d0JTSWsyMzZDelFlemZ0cXhlZz09>

Phone info: +1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 799 137 2664

Password: 292099

### **Board members in attendance:**

John Lebeaux, Chair, Nancy Lin, Jim Straub

### **1. Start: Call to Order and Attendance:**

Commissioner Lebeaux called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

### **2. Aerial Spray product choice (Vote Required)**

Commissioner Lebeaux asked Director of Crop and Pest Services, 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. After reviewing all products, each agency was asked to provide their opinion and recommendation to the SRB for approval. Based on this information, the SRB will need to make a decision on which product to use based on the recommendations that all 5 agencies provided. Taryn LaScola Miner indicated that each department wrote their conclusion based on their agencies point of view. The general consensus was to stick with Anvil 10+10.

Commissioner Lebeaux, Jim Straub and Nancy Lin indicated that they received the documentation and had no questions. Commissioner Lebeaux provides an opportunity for public comments but there were no comments heard. The board is ready to take a vote at this time.

**Action taken:** Nancy Lin makes a motion to approve Anvil 10+10 as the product of choice to be used for emergency aerial spraying. Jim Straub seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote – Commissioner Lebeaux – Aye, Jim Straub- Aye, Nancy Lin- Aye. Motion Passed 3-0.

**3. Other Business - No other discussion**

**4. Public Comment/Input Period**

Gabrielle Sakolsky-Hoopers from the Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project asked the board if they have received her letter requesting support from MDAR and SRMCB to amend H. 4751 section 3. John and Nancy have received it, but Jim has not. The board will review the letter and move forward accordingly.

Jim Straub asked Taryn LaScola Miner what the criteria was to review the pesticide products and what started this process. Taryn informed the board that the MDAR team looked at the products that have been used in other states, and districts. The last time this was done was 2006 and the active ingredients were different and older.

Heidi Ricci from Mass Audubon asks the board if information of the review is available to the public. Heidi thinks is important for the public to make comments on the review

Commissioner Lebeaux informs Heidi that the process was not necessary but the Department did this a volunteer action, they are not required to open it up for public participation. He informs that a public comment option was made available to all participants during this meeting and there were no comments. John Thanks Heidi for her comment.

There are no additional comments at this time.

**5. Date, time and location of next Board meeting.**

Next SRB meeting will be on October 21<sup>st</sup> 2020, location is to be determined.

**6. Adjournment: Action taken:** Nancy Lin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Jim Straub. Roll Call Vote – Commissioner Lebeaux – Aye, Jim Straub- Aye, Nancy Lin- Aye.

Motion Passed 3-0. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:20am.