

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT



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COMMISSIONERS CHRISTINE A. FAGAN GREGORY D. DORRANCE HENRY R. VAILLANCOURT, MD MPH, FAAFP JOSEPH CARVALHO SUPERINTENDENT PRISCILLA MATTON, MS

Date: 5/27/2025

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

Chair Barile called the meeting to order at 7:00am with Roll Call: Joe Barile, present: Christine Fagan, present: Greg Dorrance, present: Dr. Henry Vaillancourt, present: Joseph Carvalho, present.

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Christine Fagan to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2025 meeting. Seconded: Greg Dorrance. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously via roll call, 5-0.

SRMCB MEETING REVIEW:

Commissioners Henry Vaillancourt, Christine Fagan, Joseph Carvalho and Greg Dorrance reviewed the events of the meeting including certification of FY26 budgets and addition of a town to the East Middlesex Project. The SRMCB also approved the extension of the agreement for testing of Jamestown Canyon virus.

SPRING AERIAL LARVICIDE UPDATE:

Entomologist Duval provided data on the results from the spring aerial applications. Superintendent Matton reported the application was a success. Water temperatures at the beginning of April were lower than normal but a later application date allowed temperatures to increase. Overall larval populations were below normal.

FIELD UPDATE:

Superintendent Matton stated the ULV machines have been calibrated and droplet tested. Residential request will begin on June 2 and application will begin weather permitting on June 9. Hand larviciding will continue. Public relations events are scheduled for June including the Easton Board of Health meeting, New Bedford health agent training, and Swansea and Freetown outdoor events.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Fagan reported concerns about new developments with cattail retention/ detention ponds in close proximately to residents. Discussion ensued about how these new habitats could impact budgets and additional larviciding throughout the County.

NEW BUSINESS Continue:

Chair Barile updated the Commission on his application to join the Cape Cod MCP Commission since he no longer lives or works within Bristol County. He was informed he will not be considered unless he leaves his current position on the BCMCP Board. Effectively after this meeting, Mr. Barile resigns from the BCMCP Commission. The Commissioners thanked each other for their attention to the important work conducted by mosquito control projects in Massachusetts.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday June 23, 2025, at Project Headquarters at 7:00am

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, Joseph Carvalho made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 7:21am. Seconded: Christine Fagan. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously via roll call, 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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