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District Director
John Briggs

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 12, 2025

1. Call to Order and Attendance
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.
 - b. Commissioners present: Jeanne Galloway, Andrew Lover, Gregory Lewis, and Jennifer Brown. Carolyn Ness joined the meeting at 2:13 p.m.
 - c. Others present: Susan Gruen from the Heath Board of Health and John Briggs, Director of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD).
2. Public Comment/Output
 - a. None.
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. April 14, 2025 minutes
 - i. **Greg made a motion to approve the minutes and Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**
4. Finance Report
 - a. A total of \$16,659.72 in mitigation services and membership fees remains to be collected for FY25.
 - b. Fees for mitigation services during FY26 Q1 and Q2 are estimated to be \$26,236.92.
5. Membership Update
 - a. Funding for the City of Agawam to join the district in FY26 was not approved. Membership will be revisited for FY27.
 - b. The Town of Leverett is considering membership for FY27.
6. Staffing/Hiring Update
 - a. The seasonal entomologist began part-time on May 5 and will transition to full-time on May 19.
7. Wetland Surveys and Treatments
 - a. It was reported that all scheduled spring larval treatments have been completed. Additional larval treatments have been requested in Deerfield.
 - b. Larval sampling has been completed across Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden Counties.
8. Adult Surveillance
 - a. Adult surveillance started the previous week.
9. Outreach
 - a. An article written by John for the Massachusetts Beekeeper Association was published on May 11.
 - b. The PVMCD newsletter was reviewed by the Commissioners and will be sent out next week.
10. Other Business
 - a. Susan suggested that John reach out to Ty Howard from the Heath Department of Public Works.
 - b. John noted that parking permits at UMass for seasonal staff may exceed the original \$250.00 estimate.
 - i. **Carolyn motioned to give John the authority to add up to \$500.00 for parking if needed and Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**
11. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting
 - a. Virtually, June 9, at 2 p.m.
12. Adjournment
 - a. **Carolyn motioned to adjourn the meeting and Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**
 - b. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.