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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

# State Reclamation & Mosquito Control Board Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District

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# 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. Carloyn motioned to adjourn the meeting and Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.