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Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 9, 2026

1. Call to Order and Attendance

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM.
- b. Commissioners present: Jeanne Galloway, Carolyn Ness, Gregory Lewis, and Andrew Lover.
- c. Others present: John Briggs, Director of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD); Susan Gruen, Heath Board of Health; Hayley Bolton, Town Administrator for Shutesbury; and Theresa Dzierwinski, Intern for State Representative Natalie Higgins.

2. Public Comment/Output

- a. Susan Gruen stated that the smaller towns were dealing with constrained budgets.
- b. It was requested by the Commissioners that the Director reach out to member towns and offer to attend local Board of Health and Selectboard meetings.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from 1/12/26

- a. **Carolyn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 1/12/26, and Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

4. Operational Growth and 2026-2027 Plan

- a. **Andrew made a motion to approve the posting of up to 2.5 seasonal positions, contingent on membership capacity, and Carolyn seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**
- b. The Commissioners requested that the Director provide the member communities with information regarding operational limitations and capacities.
- c. The Commissioners reached the consensus that Greg and John work together to continue brainstorming operational growth.

5. Budget/Finance

- a. The Commissioners discussed the planned fee increases for FY27 and FY28, and reached a consensus to withhold the FY27 fee increase.
 - i. **Carolyn made a motion to impose a 5% fee increase for FY28, and Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**
- b. The Director requested FY26 Q4 budget adjustments for vehicle repair, safety equipment, and seasonal staff.
 - i. **Andrew made a motion to approve \$5,000 in spending in FY26 for vehicle repair, safety equipment, and seasonal staff pay, and Greg seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**

6. Other Business

- a. The Director informed the Commissioners that Chris Horton, Superintendent of Berkshire County, had offered to attend the next PVMCD Commission meeting.
- b. Susan requested that the Director send her the job descriptions for the seasonal positions.

7. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting

- a. March 9, 2026 at 2 PM. This meeting will be held virtually and may be subject to change.

8. Adjournment

- a. Carolyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Greg seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
- b. The meeting concluded at 3:57 PM.