



Commissioners  
 Jennifer Brown  
 Jeanne Galloway – Chair  
 Gregory Lewis  
 Dr. Andrew Lover  
 Carolyn Shores Ness

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State Reclamation & Mosquito Control Board

## Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District

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District Director  
 John Briggs

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday, April 14, 2025

1. Call to Order and Attendance
  - a. **The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.**
  - b. Commissioners present: Carolyn Ness, Gregory Lewis, Andrew Lover, Jennifer Brown, and Jeanne Galloway.
  - c. Others present: John Briggs, Director of Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD).
2. Public Comment/Output
  - a. None.
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. March 13, 2025 minutes
    - i. **Greg made a motion to approve the minutes and Carolyn seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**
4. Budgets for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026
  - a. The budgets for FY25 and FY26 were reviewed. Additional revenue from larval control services and a shared space agreement with the Rich Lab at UMass has helped to offset the District's operating losses.
  - b. Cost of living adjustment (COLA) for FY26
    - i. **Carolyn moved to implement a five percent cost-of-living adjustment for the Director for FY26, and Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**
  - c. Approval of proposed FY26 budget
    - i. **Carolyn made a motion to approve the budget as presented, and Jennifer seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**
5. Off-site Work
  - a. Larval treatments have been completed in Deerfield and Northampton, covering a total of 6 acres. East Longmeadow will be completed within the next week, and Chicopee is awaiting approval for funding.
  - b. The first round of catch basin treatments will begin in mid-May.
6. Membership and Outreach
  - a. The Town Administrator for Buckland confirmed that the town intends to remain in the District for FY26 and beyond, provided they can accommodate it within their budget.
  - b. John mentioned that he would be assisting with instruction at The New England Center of Excellence in Vector-borne Diseases' Summer Academy in late May.
7. Staffing/Hiring Update
  - a. Both seasonal candidates have reached the offer stage and plan to obtain their catch basin applicator permits.
8. Other Business
  - a. It was proposed that a future meeting include a discussion on messaging to communities regarding historical policies.
9. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting
  - a. Virtually, May 12, at 2 p.m.

10. Adjournment

- a. **Carlyn motioned to adjourn the meeting and Andrew seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**
- b. **The meeting concluded at 3:06 p.m.**