

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE STATE RECLAMATION & MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD



PIONEER VALLEY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

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Commissioners:

Jeanne Galloway - Chair Aimee M. Petrosky Carolyn S. Ness Gregory R. Lewis Merridith A. O'Leary

Meeting Minutes of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD)

Northampton Senior Center

67 Conz Street. Northampton, MA 01060 5/6/2019

Attendance:

Jeanne Galloway, Greg Lewis, Aimee M. Petrosky, Merridith A. O'Leary, Carolyn S. Ness, Visitors: Sean –Director of Holyoke Health Department, Matt Osborne- DPH.

Joined by phone: Jessica Burgess, Juan Carlos Gutierrez,

DATE: Wednesday, May 6th, 2019

TIME: 2 PM LOCATION: Northampton Senior Center, 67 Conz Street St. Northampton, MA 01060

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 2:02 by Jeanne Galloway

2. Public Comment/Output:

- a. No public comment
- 3. Approval of meeting minutes (vote required): Action Taken, Motion to approve 4/9/19 and 4/17/19 min made by Greg Lewis seconded by Aimee Petrosky Motion passes 3-0

4. **PVMCD Updates:**

a. Greg Lewis update from Dr. Rich re: intern for summer through DPH. Dr. Rich is willing to begin the search once he has a job description for internship.

- i. Next steps Greg will have a conversation with Matt and Dr. Brown
- **ii.** Group agrees that allocating an additional \$1,500-\$2,000 in the ISA for the intern is acceptable.
- b. Greg Lewis was requested to be at the Southampton Town Meeting to address the Health Departments request to join the MCD. Merridith agrees to accompany Greg to the meeting.

5. Finance Updates:

- a. Board members discussed the possibility of having a reduced fee buy in for limited services. Questions were raised for what impact this might have on DPH ISA agreement. At 3:36 Matt Osbourn was called. Matt was asked two questions.
 - i. Will this impact you- Matt reports that it will have no impact in his ability to deliver services, and DPH will be able to offer full or reduced services without concern.
 - ii. What might happen to the samples for all other communities- Matt reported the amount of samples will be reduced due to the reduction in collection traps.
- b. Carolyn Ness made a Motion made to accept a reduced service buy in rate of \$4000.00 for communities who have appropriated only that amount. \$4,000 buy in will get limited samples tested and 1 to 2 traps weekly. The traps will not cover invasive species and will be limited to Gravid/Light traps. This reduced buy in option will be limited to one year and the commissioners will assess again for next year. Motion was seconded by Merridith O'Leary. Motion passed 5-0

6. HR updates:

- a. Aimee Petrosky will send superintendent job description to Juan and Jessica by the end of the week.
- 7. **Date, time and location of next Commission meeting:** June 10th 2-4 Northampton Senior Center
- 8. Adjournment: Action Taken: Carolyn Ness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Merridith O'Leary seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 4:00.