



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD



# PIONEER VALLEY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

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## Agenda of a Public Meeting of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District Commission

**Date:** Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Location:** Virtual (due to the COVID-19 Pandemic) – Public welcome to join by phone at 1-929-277-9779 PIN: 296 027 373# or through Google Meet at [meet.google.com/jdf-wzqf-viv](https://meet.google.com/jdf-wzqf-viv)

1. Call to Order and Attendance
  - a Meeting called to order at 2:03pm by Jeanne.
  - b Aimee, Carolyn, Greg and Jeanne in attendance. Merridith joined the meeting shortly after roll call.
  - c PVMCD Coordinator Chris in attendance.
2. Public Comment/Output
  - a No public comment.
3. Approval of meeting minutes (vote required)
  - a Minutes of 6/8/2020 meeting were presented.
  - b Motion to approve by Carolyn, seconded by Greg. Passed 4-0.
4. 2020 Surveillance Updates – Emerging EEE in Franklin County
  - a Chris discussed the increasing risk of EEE transmission based off the catch of mosquito samples in Orange and Wendell in Franklin County. Robust surveillance in nearby Shutesbury would continue in response as well as normal surveillance loads in all other member towns.
5. Review of June 2020 Surveillance Data
  - a Chris presented the commission with the data from the first month of surveillance. All members received their regular trapping with minimal disruptions.
6. MGL Ch. 252 Legislation Concerns

- a Growing concerns were discussed regarding the possible incoming mosquito control law. Mainly, the issue of the disincentivizing membership with the PVMCD remains paramount.
- 7. PVMCD Roles in an Emerging EEE Situation
  - a The commission discussed concerns of EEE action being taken in the Pioneer Valley without consultation with the district. Limitations in PVMCD infrastructure were acknowledged but commissioners and coordinator agreed having a voice in control actions would be welcome.
- 8. Interested Member Communities Updates
  - a Chris updated commissioners regarding towns interest in joining the district, mainly Granby working on the process of joining.
  - b Interest has also been expressed by Chicopee and Southwick.
- 9. Communicating EEE Risk to the Pioneer Valley
  - a Participants discussed possibilities for getting information out to the public as EEE becomes more readily transmissible. The possibility of placards in state parks was a specific idea.
- 10. Other Business
  - a NA
- 11. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting
  - a The next PVMCD Commission Meeting will be 8/10/2020 at 2pm.
  - b *Meeting later rescheduled to 8/17/2020*
- 12. Adjournment
  - a Motion to adjourn by Aimee, seconded by Greg. Passed 4-0.