

MINUTES

September 18, 2023

A Hybrid Meeting of the Commissioners of the Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project (CCMCP) was held on September 18, 2023. In participation was: Supt. Gabrielle Sakolsky-Hoopes, Assistant Supt. Barton Morris, Entomologist Aubrey Paolino, Chairman J. Gregory Milne, Vice-Chairman Rodney Collins, Secretary Arthur Neill, and Commissioners Jim Quirk and Emily Beebe.

The following remote meeting declaration was read into the minutes:

*'Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project Board of Commissioners is meeting remotely in accordance with G.L. Chapter 30A, §§ 18-25, and pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, signed into law on June 16, 2021, as extended by Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023.'*

Commissioner Quirk moved to approve the minutes of August 28, 2023. Vice-Chairman Collins 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and minutes were approved unanimously by way of roll call, with Secretary Neill abstaining due to his absence from that meeting.

Supt. Sakolsky told the commission that the Leading by Example electric vehicle charging station grant application had been submitted and confirmation receipt was received on 8/31. Representatives from the granting agency, Department of Energy Resources, checked the grant application to make sure it was complete before the grant was submitted.

Entomologist Paolino informed the commission that there have been two mosquito samples collected on Cape Cod that tested positive for West Nile Virus. These samples were collected on 8/24 from Fort Hill, Eastham and West Barnstable. She also updated the commission on the increased risk level for West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis in several towns in Massachusetts. Due to the positive findings, Superintendent Sakolsky said that employees will continue to focus on surveillance and control only switching to water management when the state lab stops testing for arboviruses for the season. Until they switch over, crews will be focusing on catch basin treatments to control potential West Nile Virus vectors and treating Atlantic White Cedar/Red Maple swamps to control the potential vectors of Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

The State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board held their meeting directly before this meeting. Two topics were on the agenda. The first item was the Office of Vehicle Management's EV First policy. The operations manager explained that at present OVM is requiring the mosquito control projects to purchase electric vehicles. He explained that they are in conversations with OVM due to the limited availability of these vehicles and the lack of charging stations. Assistant Supt. Morris will be

attending a meeting on Tuesday to discuss this issue with representatives of MDAR and the other MCPs. The second item on the agenda was two requests by NEWVEC in connection with the JCV testing. NEWVEC asked to be permitted to send samples to Yale for further genomic characterization of the positive samples. In addition, they asked to be allowed to release the results of the testing to the CDC as CDC was the funding agency. The SRMCB voted to approve both requests.

Northeastern Mosquito Control Association will be holding their next meeting in Mystic CT December 4-6, 2023. Supt. Sakolsky explained that since the meeting is being held outside Massachusetts only limited staff would be able to attend.

Commissioner Quirk made a motion to authorize funding of specific staff to attend the NMCA meeting. Commissioner Collins 2nd the motion and it was approved unanimously by way of roll call.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 16, 2023 at 1:30 PM.

There being no further business, Commissioner Quirk moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice-Chairman Collins and approved unanimously by way of roll call.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur Neill".

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Arthur Neill, Secretary