

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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#### MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECTS & DISTRICTS

Berkshire County Mosquito  
Control Project

Bristol County Mosquito  
Control Project

Cape Cod Mosquito  
Control Project

Central Massachusetts  
Mosquito Control Project

East Middlesex Mosquito  
Control Project

Nantucket Mosquito Control  
Project

Norfolk County Mosquito  
Control District

Northeast Massachusetts  
Mosquito & Wetland  
Management District

Plymouth County Mosquito  
Control Project

Suffolk County Mosquito  
Control Project

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### Meeting Minutes of the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB)

#### Richard Cronin Building

1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581

10/18/2017

#### Board Members in Attendance:

Taryn LaScola, Chairwoman, Gary Gonyea, Jim Straub

1. **Call to Order:** Taryn LaScola, representing Commissioner Lebeaux called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
2. **Attendance:** Chairwoman LaScola noted the Board has a quorum.
3. **Public Comment/Input Period:** No comments heard.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The Board considered approval for the meeting minutes from the June 14<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board meetings. **Action Taken:** Gary Gonyea made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub and the minutes are voted for approval.

#### 5. FY19 Budget requests:

- a. **Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project-** Project requested a 5% increase.
- b. **Bristol County Mosquito Control Project** – Project is requesting a 2% increase.

- c. **Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project-** Project is requesting a 4.2% increase.
- d. **Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project:** Project is requesting a 4.5% increase.
- e. **Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project:** Project is requesting a 3.5% increase.
- f. **Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetland Management Project:** Project is requesting a 7% increase.
- g. **Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project:** Project is requesting a 3.5% increase.
- h. **Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project:** Project is requesting a 3% increase.
- i. **East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project:** Project is requesting a 2% increase.

#### **6. Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (Vote Required):**

Consultants Gregory Lewis and Charlie Kaniecki presented the board information regarding the creation of a mosquito control district in the pioneer valley, based on these findings, they are seeking approval from the board to officially create the Pioneer Valley Mosquito control District. **Discussion:** PV consultants detailed their findings in regards of private contracting during the first three years, numbers of members in the commission, and possible start dates for operations **Action Taken:** Gary Gonyea made a motion to certify the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District pursuant to Chapter 252 with a 5 member commission to oversee the district, and only contract privately for 3 years. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub. The Board voted unanimously.

#### **7. Legal Updates:**

Attorney Jessica Burgess provided the Board and participants updates regarding changes to the open meeting law regulations, including notice posting requirements and reasons for remote participation.

#### **8. New Online Licensing process:**

Taryn LaScola informed the board and participants that every individual that already owned a license should've received billing letter which

informed the licensees to go in to the system to renew their new account. However, there was a system glitch and most people did not get notified. Going forward, everybody should be receiving notification email with the information they need.

**9. Regional updates:**

- a. Cape Cod Project – No updates to report at the time
- b. Central Mass Project – The District communicated that the city of Worcester is contemplating to join the district.
- c. East Middlesex/Suffolk County – No updates to report at the time.
- d. Norfolk Project – new building is up and running, new headquarters is located in Walpole.
- e. Berkshire County Project– No updates to report at the time.
- f. Northeast Mass Project – No updates to report at the time.
- g. Bristol County Project – The District informed the board that source and tire reduction is working well.
- h. Plymouth County - The District is experiencing positive effects in their attempt to digitize their program.

**10. Date, time and location of next board meeting and the 2018 quarterly meeting dates:**

- a) Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ Richard Cronin Building  
1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581
- b) Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 @ Richard Cronin Building  
1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581
- c) Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ Richard Cronin Building  
1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581
- d) Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ Richard Cronin Building  
1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581

**11. Adjournment: Action Taken:** Mr. Gonyea made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:40am.