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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

Norfolk County Mosquito  
Control District

Northeast Massachusetts  
Mosquito & Wetland  
Management District

Pioneer Valley Mosquito  
Control District

Plymouth County Mosquito  
Control Project

Suffolk County Mosquito  
Control Project

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

**Richard Cronin Building**  
**1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581**  
5/15/2019

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Commissioner Lebeaux, Gary Gonyea, Jim Straub

**1. Call to Order:** Commissioner Lebeaux called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

**2. Public Comment/Input Period:** No comments heard.

### **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The Board considered approval for the meeting minutes from the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board meeting. **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.

### **4. FY19 budget review and certification (Vote required)**

- a. Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project-** Project requests funding for FY 2020 in the amount of \$275,325. Project did not receive any feedback regarding their FY19 budget. Gary Gonyea motioned to certify Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project for FY20, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$275,325.
- b. Bristol County Mosquito Control Project –** Project requests funding for FY 2020 in the amount of \$1,554,440.00 Funds will

cover payroll increase, retirement payment, pesticide cost and new equipment purchases. Project did not receive any feedback regarding their FY20 budget. Gary Gonyea motioned to certify Bristol County Mosquito Control Project for FY20, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$1,554,440.00

- c. **Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project-** Project requests funding for FY 2020 in the amount of \$2,390,251.39. Funds will cover payroll increases, retirement cost, rental of excavator, and supplies. Gary Gonyea motioned to certify Cape Cod County Mosquito Control Project for FY20, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$2,390,251.39.
- d. **Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project:** Project requests funding for FY 2020 in the amount of \$ 2,577,745.00 Funds will cover new lease cost, capital expenditure, as well as additional equipment and personnel to continue service in Worcester. Jim Straub motioned to certify Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project for FY20, motion to second put forth by Gary Gonyea. The Budget was certified at \$2,577,745.00
- e. **Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project:** Project requests funding for FY 2020 in the amount of \$1,933,941.00 Funds will cover new headquarters lease, administration and equipment expenditures. Gary Gonyea motioned to certify Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project for FY20, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$1,933,941.00.
- f. **Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetland Management Project:** Project requests funding for FY 2020 in the amount of \$1,777,453.00. Funds will cover pesticide cost increase and personnel changes. Jim Straub motioned to certify Northeast Mass Mosquito Control and Wetland management Project for FY20, motion to second put forth by Gary Gonyea. The Budget was certified at \$1,777,453.00.
- g. **Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project:** Project requests funding for FY 2020 in the amount of \$1,896,763.70 Funds will cover COLA increase, pesticide cost and new headquarters building lease. Jim Straub motioned to certify Plymouth County Mosquito Control for FY20, motion to second put forth by Gary Gonyea. The Budget was certified at \$1,896,763.70.

- h. Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project:** Project requests funding for FY 2020 in the amount of \$ 289,860.16 Project is looking to move to a new headquarters lease. Gary Gonyea motioned to certify Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project for FY20, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$289,860.16.
  - i. East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project:** Project requests funding for FY 2020 in the amount of \$776,669.13 Project is looking to move to a new headquarters lease. Gary Gonyea motioned to certify East Middlesex County Mosquito Control Project for FY20, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$776,669.13.
  - j. State Reclamation Board Administration:** Administration account requests funding for FY 2020 in the amount of \$ 575,305.38 Funds will mainly cover payroll, as well as indirect charges, chargebacks for SSTA and MAARS, payroll. Gary Gonyea motioned to certify the State Reclamation Board for FY20, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$ 575,305.38.
- 5. Regional updates: Mosquito Control Districts will provide the Board with brief updates about regional activities, issues and concerns:**
- Northeast – started trapping on May-13, few found so far, few larvae in wooded areas throughout the spring.
  - Suffolk/East Middlesex – helicopter application done in April, good control, catch basin work done, seasonal employees start next week; changing to CO2 tanks rather than dry ice.
  - Plymouth – Larviciding and aerial spraying done in April; 12 acres, good results, trapping started; this is their 3rd day in their new facility.
  - Bristol – aerial spraying done with Plymouth; good control, noted better control in open areas (less trees); had low numbers before treatment too, seasonal employees have started, trapping started, adulticiding to start after memorial day depending on weather.
  - Central – larval treatment in April, low numbers post large rain event, catch basins to be done (about 30K), all but 2 of their towns had positive WNV last year, earth day clean ups done (removed lots of tires), adulticide in June weather permitting.
  - Norfolk – Aerial done in April (over 40 acres); flooding occurred; low counts in normal areas now, ULV to be done post memorial day weather permitting, seasonal employees start today.

**6. Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control**

- a. Membership approval (vote required): The agenda item to vote in Southamptton as a member community was put off until the next SRB meeting because certification of the vote has not been received. Discussion about the commission who had agreed to remove the 3 year commitment in the voting for joining in. Response from counsel was that the SRB had agreed to the plan set forth previously about the minimum buy in requirements so that the wording in this vote is critical. It was noted that if a town votes to join for only one year, the next year they also have to vote twice (to join and to pay). If a municipality votes to join for multiple years or indefinitely, the annual vote needed is only for the appropriation. Jeanne Galloway provided an update on the district's surveillance to date.

**7. Next Board Meetings:** The next SRB meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th, 2019 @ Richard Cronin Building  
1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581

**8. 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 11:25am.