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Control Project

Cape Cod Mosquito  
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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

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

**Richard Cronin Building**  
**1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581**  
5/16/2018

### **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 10:04 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 March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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.

- 5. Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control District: City of Worcester membership approval (Vote Required)**

The Board considered approval of the City of Worcester's membership to the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control District. **Action Taken:** Jim Straub made a motion to approve Worcester's membership to the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control District. The motion was seconded by Gary Gonyea and the membership is voted for approval.

**6. Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District updates:**

***a. Membership updates (vote required)***

SRB General Counsel, Jessica Burgess, presented the board information regarding the status of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District.

**Discussion:** Attorney Burgess notified the board that two towns have signed up to be part of the district, pending board approval. The town of Deerfield was able to secure a community compact grant for the amount of \$150,000, which will be delivered to the district, pending board's approval. She also informed the board that interviews have been set up and they will be taking place in the MDAR office, in Amherst, on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Board chair, Taryn LaScola, asked how the money will be spent. Ms. Burgess and Greg Lewis explained that it will be going towards capital expenses, such as vehicles and mosquito control equipment, these will be kept in other mosquito control districts. Mr. Lewis also informed the board that the towns of Hadley and Deerfield officially joined the district. Jim Straub asked about the status of town recruitments, Greg Lewis informed the board that there are ongoing communications with all towns and are targeting certain towns due to budgetary approving cycles. **Action Taken:** Gary Gonyea made a motion to accept the \$150,000 from the town of Deerfield, into the Pioneer Valley trust account. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub. The Board voted unanimously.

***b. Department of Public Health Funding update (Vote required)***

Deputy State Epidemiologist and State Public Health Veterinarian, Dr. Brown, informed the board that DPH is willing to provide surveillance support in areas of the Pioneer Valley District while they continue their efforts to become a fully functioning district. She also informed the board that the Center of Disease Control (CDC) provided some funding toward initiatives in mosquito control, such as the Pioneer valley efforts, with an amount of \$100,000. This funding can be used for equipment and personnel. **Action Taken:** Gary Gonyea made a motion to accept the \$100,000 from the Department of Public Health, into the Pioneer Valley trust account. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub. The Board voted unanimously.

**7. FY19 budget review and certification (Vote required)**

**a. Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project-** Project requests funding for FY 2019 in the amount of \$267,914.00. Project did not receive any feedback regarding their FY19 budget. Gary Gonyea motioned to certify Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project for FY19, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$267,914.00.

- b. Bristol County Mosquito Control Project** – Project requests funding for FY 2019 in the amount of \$1,473,403.00. Funds will cover payroll increase, insurance/fringe changes, IT upgrades. Project did not receive any feedback regarding their FY19 budget. Gary Gonyea motioned to certify Bristol County Mosquito Control Project for FY19, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$1,473,403.00.
- c. Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project-** Project requests funding for FY 2019 in the amount of \$2,300,564.87. Funds will cover COLA and STEP increases, retirement cost, uniform cost, excavator and a worker comp settlement. Gary Gonyea motioned to certify Cape Cod County Mosquito Control Project for FY19, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$2,300,564.87.
- d. Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project:** Project requests funding for FY 2019 in the amount of \$ 2,492,984.00 Funds will cover new lease cost, capital expenditure, as well as additional equipment and personnel to help with the City of Worcester. Jim Straub motioned to certify Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project for FY19, motion to second put forth by Gary Gonyea. The Budget was certified at \$2,492,984.00.
- e. Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project:** Project requests funding for FY 2019 in the amount of \$ 1,824,473.00. Funds will cover new headquarters lease, administration and equipment expenditures. Gary Gonyea motioned to certify Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project for FY19, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$1,824,473.00.
- f. Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetland Management Project:** Project requests funding for FY 2019 in the amount of \$ 1,751,183.00. Funds will cover facility lease increase, pesticide cost increase and personnel changes. Jim Straub motioned to certify Northeast Mass Mosquito Control and Wetland management Project for FY19, motion to second put forth by Gary Gonyea. The Budget was certified at \$1,751,183.00
- g. Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project:** Project requests funding for FY 2019 in the amount of \$ 1,832,620.97. Funds will cover COLA increase, pesticide cost, new vehicles, and to pursue new headquarters building lease. The project is preparing to put in a request for a new building lease. Jim Straub motioned to certify Plymouth County Mosquito Control for FY19, motion to second put forth by Gary Gonyea. The Budget was certified at \$ 1,832,620.97

- h. Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project:** Project requests funding for FY 2019 in the amount of \$ 281,417.63. Project is also looking to move to a new headquarters lease. Gary Gonyea motioned to certify Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project for FY19, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$281,417.63.
- i. East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project:** Project requests funding for FY 2019 in the amount of \$ 730,120.38. Project is also looking to move to a new headquarters lease. Gary Gonyea motioned to certify East Middlesex County Mosquito Control Project for FY19, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$ 730,120.38.
- j. State Reclamation Board Administration:** Administration account requests funding for FY 2019 in the amount of \$ 536,665.47. 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 FY18, motion to second put forth by Jim Straub. The Budget was certified at \$ 536,665.47.

**8. Regional updates: Mosquito Control Districts will provide the Board with brief updates about regional activities, issues and concerns:**

Attorney Burgess reminded the SRB and all District staff present to make sure that all employee time was carefully entered, reviewed, and approved to ensure compliance with all applicable state policies and laws governing employee time and attendance.

Mr. Gonyea asked the Districts if they had any updates beyond what they provided at the DPH seasonal start up meeting on Monday. No additional updates were provided by MCDS. Chris Horton asked the board to provide a support letter that will highlight the importance of mosquito control management. The board assigned this work to Juan Carlos Gutierrez and Jennifer Forman Orth. **Action Taken:** Gary Gonyea made a motion to generate a support letter that outlines all the acceptable management techniques. The motion was seconded by Jim Straub. The Board voted unanimously.

- 9. Next Board Meetings:** The next SRB meetings are scheduled for May 31, 2018 in the MDAR Amherst office; and 2) 1010:00am. Wednesday, October 17th, 2018 @ Richard Cronin Building  
1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581

**10. 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 11:55am.