

RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION
TUESDAY, March 21, 2017
5:00 p.m.
Rye Town Hall

Members Present: Chairman Tom Aspinwall, Timothy Sanborn and Denis Lipman.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Aspinwall called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **September 20, 2016**
- **November 1, 2016**

The following correction was noted for the September 20th minutes:

- It should be noted that Tom Sanborn should be listed as: **Tim Sanborn**

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve the minute of September 20th and November 1st as amended. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- **Standing Water Ordinance**

Chairman Aspinwall noted that the Selectmen sent the commission's Standing Water Ordinance to Town Counsel Michael Donovan for review. The Selectmen also reviewed the ordinance and were not in favor. The Selectmen felt that the ordinance was not necessary and declined proposing a warrant article for town meeting.

- **Commission Name**

Chairman Aspinwall explained that back in 2006, he initiated a request for a name change to 'Mosquito Control and Marsh Management Commission'. However, there is a specific ordinance that limits the name and the number of people to three (3) on the board. He wonders if there should be more commissioners to help expand the amount of work the commission does

and establish a marsh management policy for the town. He was told that the Mosquito Control Commission is not in charge of marsh management and that should be done by someone else.

Vice-Chair Sanborn stated that he had spoken with Mike Morrison, from Swamp, Inc., who had a list of other towns who had changed their name in order to qualify for grants. He continued that the sensitivity to changing the name in 2006 came from marsh management being under the Conservation Commission. He was proposing a broader name because the commission controls not just mosquitos but any flying insects. The word “environmental” would cover a broader scale without bringing marsh into the name and leaving it with the Conservation Commission. He pointed out that if the name was to change, Mike Morrison stated that they could potentially qualify for grants. Some of the grants would involve marsh management, which would come back to the source for mosquitos. That would be the marshes which is where they breed. He stated they are at a time to see if the Selectmen would be more receptive to changing the name and what the benefit would be in doing so.

Chairman Aspinwall noted there is no grant money available for doing mosquito control. Mosquito control is a tertiary benefit from marsh management because it also includes phragmities control, uplands and improvement for migratory birds. There are a lot of federal programs and resources to cover these improvements; however, there is nothing for mosquitos.

Vice-Chair Sanborn reiterated that this might be the time to reconsider a name change. He will bring this to the Selectmen to see if this is something they would be receptive to or not.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- **Transcription of Minutes**

Chairman Aspinwall noted that the minutes of the meeting will now be transcribed by Dyana Ledger, who transcribes most of the meeting minutes for the town. He thanked her for agreeing to fit the commission into her schedule.

- **Mosquito Activity Complaint Form**

Chairman Aspinwall stated that he is working on a form, that will be posted on the town’s website, for residents to use for complaints. The form can be downloaded and used as a guide in helping the contractors to resolve the issues. The form depicts the location, type of mosquito and how the issue was resolved. The form can also be picked up at the town hall for residents who has no access to a computer. He noted that the contact information for the mosquito control contractor is on the website if a resident has an issue on their property. The form is a mechanism that can be used to document the complaint and be used as follow up information.

The commission reviewed the form. They agreed to proceed with the form and “tweak” it in the future if needed.

Note: *The Mosquito Activity Complaint Form may be found on the town website or picked up at the Rye Town Hall.*

- **GIS Maps**

There was some discussion on adding the 173 sites to the GIS Maps, which is listed in Sarah MacGregor's proposal.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

- **April 18, 2017, 5:00 p.m., Town Hall**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tim Sanborn to adjourn at 5:43 p.m. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger