

Rye Mosquito Control Commission
Tuesday, March 27, 2018
5:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairman Tom Aspinwall, Tim Sanborn and Denis Lipman

Others Present: Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control and Diana Eddins-Wiggin

I. Call to Order

Chairman Aspinwall called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. Old Business

Chairman Aspinwall submitted a copy of an article he wrote to the commission explaining the threat of the Zika Virus. This was in response to a letter that was written to the town by a resident concerning the virus. The threat of Zika in N.H. is pretty close to zero, unless they are traveling or interacting with someone that comes from a place that has a Zika outbreak. Rye does have quite a few marshes and along with that comes mosquitoes; however, there is more to it than just that. He sent a copy of his article to the resident.

Ms. MacGregor noted that she does not think there is any cause for concern for this disease. Her company is going to continue to use the traps that are designed to catch the Zika carrying mosquitoes but they do not expect to catch any. The feeling in the northeast is that the climate has to warm considerably before these mosquitoes will take hold in N.H. There is no evidence they are even here. Plymouth County Mass. is the closest area where the mosquitoes have been found. The likelihood that there will be a breeding population in N.H. is probably decades away.

- **Re-appointment of Denis Lipman**

Chairman Aspinwall noted that the Board of Selectmen have reappointed Commissioner Lipman to another term on the Commission. His term will expire in 2021.

- **Acceptance of Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc. services**

Notification was received for formal acceptance by the Selectmen for the services of Dragon Mosquito Control for the year 2018.

III. New Business

Chairman Aspinwall welcomed Sarah MacGregor back for another year. He also welcomed Diana Eddins-Wiggin, also from Dragon Mosquito Control. He looks forward to working with the team and new members of the team.

- **Tick Control**

This is the first year that the Town will be getting into working on tick control on a very limited basis. The treatment will begin once the snow has completely melted. The Commission will coordinate with Dragon on pretreatment notifications.

There was some discussion on the insecticides that are used for ticks.

- **Greenhead Traps**

It was noted that 114 traps were brought back from the marsh that are useable again for 2018. Funds have been budgeted for 16 new traps for the season with 16 more for the following season. The goal is to build up the supply of traps to about 150. The new traps will be started in about a week in order to be ready for the season.

Ms. MacGregor noted that the no-spray registry is active on Dragon's website for residents who want to register for 2018. The no-spray registry is maintained for property owners who do not want larviciding done on their property. Residents can also email Dragon if they were on the list for last year to reaffirm.

- **Tick Posters & Dragon's Public Notices for Spraying (as per State requirement)**

There was discussion on the distribution of posters and the public notices for this season.

IV. Next Meeting Date

- **Tuesday, April 17th, 5:00 p.m. – Town Hall Courtroom**

Adjournment

Motion by Tim Sanborn to adjourn at 5:32 p.m. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger