

Rye Mosquito Control Commission
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
5:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall

Present: Chairman Tom Aspinwall, Denis Lipman and Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control

I. Call to Order

Chairman Aspinwall called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2017

The following correction was noted:

- Page 2, under Old Business, the last sentence should read: **The information he received from Dragon was that the green was working just as good as the blue but they do not have any quantitative numbers.**

Motion by Tom Aspinwall to accept the minutes of August 21, 2017 as amended. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

III. Old Business

1. Tick awareness posters

Commissioner Lipman noted that the Tick Awareness Posters have been distributed around town.

2. Pricing for new green head traps – Sarah; color preference

Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control, noted that the price for the green head traps will be \$120.00 per trap. This is the price for a new trap. She stated that more green heads were seen in the blue traps versus the green traps.

Commissioner Lipman stated they should go with the blue.

Chairman Aspinwall commented that if they are going to spend the money for traps they should get the ones that do a better job. They can hang on to the old green traps and if someone prefers

green they will still have them. He continued that the commission could fit 32 traps into the budget.

Commissioner Lipman agreed.

3. Adulthood before opening of schools

Ms. MacGregor confirmed that adulthood was completed on August 28th before the start of the school season.

4. Other old business

An email was received from Department of Human Services, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control, which will be addressed under New Business.

IV. New Business

1. Activity reports for July & August

Ms. MacGregor submitted activity reports for the months of July and August. She also submitted a supplemental report, which covers work done on the catch basins, trapping, and adulthood at the schools, rec area and Parson's Field. She noted that there have been a fair number of mosquitos because of all the rain. The green head traps have been removed from the marsh. There are 114 traps that have been identified to be in good shape. Some of the traps may need some light maintenance but there are none that are completely demolished. She continued that the catch basins had to be treated a second time because of the amount of rain; 614 basins were treated in the first round and 559 in the second. She also noted that Dragon has not received any complaints from residents over the season.

Ms. MacGregor stated that the State called her in regards to mosquito testing that was done for an insect trapped on the 12th of September and was found to carry the West Nile Virus. Dr. Snow, Rye Health Officer, is recommending spraying for the schools, the recreation area and Parson's Field.

The Commission agreed.

Motion by Tom Aspinwall to approve the spraying as recommended by Dr. Snow. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

Chairman Aspinwall noted that the spraying will have to be coordinated with the Recreation Department and the schools, as there are a lot of activities taking place at those locations.

2. Submission of invoice for August/motion for approval

Motion by Tom Aspinwall to approve Invoice #29701 in the amount of \$15,350 for Dragon Services for the month of August. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

3. New mosquito control technique – Boston Sunday Globe 9-03-17

- **Next meeting date – October 17, 2017**

Adjournment

Motion by Tom Aspinwall to adjourn at 5:36 p.m. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger