

RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Rye Town Hall

Present: Chairman Tom Aspinwall, Commissioner Denis Lipman, Commissioner Tim Sanborn and Sarah MacGregor, Dragonfly Mosquito Control

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Aspinwall called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 19, 2017

**Motion by Tom Aspinwall to accept the minutes of September 19, 2017 as presented.
Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.** Tick awareness posters are done and ready for distribution. There are posters that have been put out in Rye and more will be going out within the week. Pick them up at Denis's house on Brackett Road. Special thanks to Denis for his creativity and extra effort.
- 2.** Greenhead traps have been removed from the marshes and placed in storage at Goss Farm. There are 114 useable traps to start the 2018 season.
- 3.** An adulticiding treatment was completed at the schools and recreation areas prior to the first day of classes.
- 4.** Other Old business

Sarah MacGregor noted they have never had to larvicide the marshes this late in the year. There is usually a cutoff around the third week in September because there is no activity on the marshes; however, her crews have still been out through October. The temperatures have been optimal for hatching and breeding. Any containers found are being checked for breeding and the marshes are breeding. It is a remarkable mosquito population this late in the season. It was noted that the budget for larviciding does not change from what was proposed; however, they continue the larviciding as needed.

Ms. MacGregor noted the State is done testing mosquitos for the season. Testing will continue for humans and animals. In Rye, there were 278 larvicide treatments and 588 surveys. This is average even though the mosquito population overall was a little bit low compared to some years. There have not been too many complaints received from residents this season.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Activity reports for the month of September. Year end summary and final invoice.

The year-end summary will be available at next month's meeting. The RFP will also be reviewed for approval for 2018 in order to get the permitting submitted by the end of January.

2. Submission of Dragon invoice for September services / motion for approval

Chairman Aspinwall noted that he reviewed the September invoice and compared it to the town's records. It seems there are ample funds that have been allotted for the 2017 budget.

Motion by Tom Aspinwall to accept the invoice from Dragon Mosquito Control for September services, invoice #29764, in the amount of \$13,600. Seconded by Tim Sanborn. All in favor.

3. Proposal of 16 new greenhead traps for the 2018 season at a cost of \$120 each. Motion required.

The goal is to keep about 150 traps for Rye. There are currently 114 traps available for 2018. The additional 16 traps will bring the inventory up to 130. There were about a dozen traps that had to be discarded this year. Ms. MacGregor will follow up with her crew on the room for storage of 150 traps at Goss Farm.

Chairman Aspinwall recommended that the Commission include the funds for 16 new greenhead traps in 2018 and to continue that for 2019. The traps will be ready by mid-June of 2018 to be put up in the marshes before July.

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve \$1,920 for the new construction of 16 greenhead traps. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

**This will be included in the 2018 budget.*

4. Rye resident diagnosed with Babesiosis – a tick borne disease.

Babesiosis is carried by the Deer Tick and the Blacklegged Tick. There are not a lot of cases that have been reported. There has also been a report of a second case of Jamestown Canyon Virus in New Hampshire, which is also a very rare mosquito born pathogen. Awareness is a resident's best defense.

Ms. MacGregor suggested adding the trail between Parson's Field and the recreation area. Dragon does not spray all the way through when spraying the fields in those two areas.

The Commission agreed this should be added to the proposal for 2018. There was discussion about the location at the entrance to the Harbor near Awcomin' Marsh. Ms. MacGregor will present some numbers to the Commission at the next meeting.

Note: Sarah MacGregor left the meeting before the discussion on the 2018 RFP.

5. Proposed budget for 2018 RFP for mosquito control in Rye. See attached. Motion required.

The Commission reviewed the proposed 2018 Mosquito Control Budget. It was noted that the Commission has not gone over any of the line items. In 2016, the budget was \$86,000 and \$68,842 was spent. In 2017, the budget was \$84,200 and the total year-to-date expenditures have been \$62,873. The budget for 2018 is essentially the same; however, there has been an addition to the greenhead trap repair and new construction for 16 new traps for \$1,920.

The Commission discussed speaking to the Selectmen in regards to spraying for both ticks and mosquitos with the emphasis being on the trails in the town. There was also discussion about adding a line item in the budget for educational awareness/public service.

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve the proposed 2018 Budget, pending feedback from the vendor for the trail between Parson's and the recreation area and the addition of an educational/public service line item. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

6. Other new business

- Allegra Printing – Invoice

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve the invoice for Allegra in the amount of \$405.96 for the posters. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

- **Next meeting date November 21, 2017**

ADJOURMENT

Motion by Tim Sanborn to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger