

Rye Mosquito Control Commission
Tuesday, November 28, 2017
5:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall

Present: Chairman Tom Aspinwall and Denis Lipman

I. Call to Order

Chairman Aspinwall called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Chairman Aspinwall thanked Selectmen's Secretary Janice Ireland for her constant guidance with keeping the meetings legal. She has helped to post agendas in a timely fashion many times and the help is appreciated.

II. Approval of Minutes from October 17th

**Motion by Tom Aspinwall to approve the minutes of October 17, 2017 as presented.
Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.**

III. Old Business

- Commissioner Lipman stated that the people in town were very responsive and agreeable to putting up the tick posters. Hopefully, they will keep them posted for next year.
- Chairman Aspinwall noted that he presented the Mosquito Control Commission Budget to the Budget Committee. It went well. There were no issues with the budget. He made a pitch to the Committee about the posters and how important this was for the residents. The budget committee was very thankful and supportive. He continued that in 2016 the budget was \$86,000. Of that, only \$68,842 was spent. In 2017, the budget was \$84,200 and to date the expense have totaled \$62,000. He has added a line to the 2018 budget for the construction of 16 new traps for the coming year.
- RFP's have been sent out to the only two qualified bidders; Swamp, Inc. and Dragon Mosquito Control. The RFP's are due by December 15th. A meeting will be called to review the RFP's and make a recommendation for the Selectmen who make the final decision.

- Chairman Aspinwall noted that he prepared an article for the Rye Mosquito Control Newsletter. The article covered what causes fluctuations in mosquitos. He also noted that according to Dragon's activity report, they have still been larvaciding as of October 19th, which is very unusual.

Commissioner Lipman asked how the activity reports have been this year from Dragon, as compared to Swamp.

Chairman Aspinwall stated that Sarah MacGregor's reports from Dragon are very complete, timely and well prepared. She has also sent in the 2017 end of the year update. There is a large compilation of data, which is helpful to the town, but is required by law to the State. Ms. MacGregor is working on filing that information to the State on behalf of the town. He commented that he is very pleased and happy with Dragon's work.

- One West Nile Virus was reported in September in Rye. There were no reports of Triple E for 2017. There was one case of Babesiosis, which is a tick borne disease. Chairman Aspinwall stated that getting the information out about tick diseases is to the benefit of the Town of Rye. The infection rate from a tick is 50% for Lyme Disease. Babesiosis is an emerging disease.

IV. New Business

- Chairman Aspinwall wished the residents of Rye a happy and healthy holiday season.
- **Next Meeting date December 19, 2017**

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger