

TOWN OF RYE
MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
5:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall

Members Present: Chairman Tom Aspinwall, Vice-Chair Tim Sanborn and Commissioner Denis Lipman.

Others Present: Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control

I. Call to Order

Chair Aspinwall called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Old Business

1. Tick control for the Town walking trail: material, gallons, application, method, date

Sarah MacGregor, Dragon, stated that they haven't sprayed for ticks on the Town trails yet. Dragon began monitoring ticks at the Recreation Area, Parsons Field and the Town Trail in between the two sites. The first tick drag found no tick activity. Ms. MacGregor explained what a tick drag entails: a piece of white flannel is attached to a dowel on one end. The flannel is dragged across the ground and over vegetation. Ticks will grab onto the flannel. The crew stops to count ticks and identify what type of ticks they collect.

Ms. MacGregor informed the Commission of a new tick in N.H. called the Lone Star Tick. It has a white splotch on its' back. The Lone Star Tick bite can spread an allergy to meat and dairy products.

2. Progress on green head traps

Ms. MacGregor reported that the construction of the 16 new greenhead fly traps has begun. That brings the total number of greenhead fly traps up to 134 to start the season. Traps are placed on the salt marshes in June before the greenhead flies hatch, which usually happens by July 1st.

III. New Business

1. Monthly Activity Reports from Dragon

Ms. MacGregor submitted the activity report for the month of April to the Commission for review, even though it won't be complete until the end of the month. Dragon began larviciding wetlands in Rye on April 11th. Ms. MacGregor also presented the Commission with a copy of the package of information given to the N.H. Division of Pesticide Control to gain final approval to start the control program in Rye. The package contained copies of public notices; certified mail receipts sent to beekeepers; a list of registered beekeepers; copies of the notices published in the newspapers; and a letter to the DPC asking for final approval to begin the control program.

2. Other New Business

- No other new business was addressed.

**Next Meeting Date:
May 15th, 5:00 p.m., Rye Town Hall**

Adjournment

Motion by Denis Lipman to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Seconded by Tim Sanborn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger