

RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021
5:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

***Present:* Chair Tim Sanborn and Sarah MacGregor from Dragon Mosquito Control**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sanborn opened discussion at 5:15 p.m.

Note: No quorum was present for a formal meeting, as only one member of the Commission was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 2020

Tabled to the next meeting

III. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Dragon Activity for start of 2021 season; new trends, “Stink bug” status**

Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control, gave an update on the work started for the 2021 season, which began the beginning of April. The special permit was received from the State Department of Agriculture, so Dragon has begun checking BTI. The greenhead traps have been built and are ready to go. Water levels are low right now and is expected to continue. There is high chance of having a drought again. The rainfall in this part of the State is currently categorized as abnormally low.

Approval from the Department of Cultural and Natural Resources was received to larvicide the saltmarshes that they manage. In Rye, this includes the marsh located behind Pollock Drive, one on Marsh Road, one on Wallis Road and Brown’s Saltmarsh. There are only two products that can be used on the marshes, so these are treated first. There are nine salt marshes, two cedar swamps and one shrub swamp that are owned by the State. These marshes are in the same area from Pollock Drive over to Parsons Road.

Ms. MacGregor reviewed the new setup for the activity reports that will be submitted to the Commission. The intent is to make the reports easier to read for the commissioners.

Ms. MacGregor noted that this year, the State is going to be testing some mosquitoes for the Jamestown Canyon Virus, which seems to be more of an issue in N.H. than West Nile and more common than Triple E. She also noted that they will be trying a couple of new BTI products this season. The new products have a longer residual and last for 30 days, as opposed to 24 hours. The cost of the product is higher, but may reduce some labor, as it will not have to be done as often. She pointed out that with BTI, they have to go back in 48 hours if it rains or in two weeks if it floods again. The new product could also have some use in freshwater, as there are some sites that will breed again. Dragon has also received some calls about ticks, so they may want to plan to spray the trails, which is normally done in May or June.

- **Other administrative issues/New business**

No other business before the Commission.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sanborn closed discussion at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger