

# **MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING**

**April 19, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

*Commissioners Present: Chair Tim Sanborn, James Farrelly, and Mark Troy*

*Also Present: Sarah MacGregor from Dragon Mosquito Control*

## **I. Call to Order**

Chair Sanborn called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

## **II. Approval of Minutes – March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Motion by James Farrelly to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022 as presented.  
Seconded by Mark Troy. All in favor.**

## **III. Old Business**

### **1. Rye Civic League Submission**

Chair Sanborn noted that Commissioner Farrelly had prepared the submission for the March Rye Civic League Newsletter. He also noted that the newsletters are published by Steve Borne the last Saturday of the month.

Commissioner Farrelly will continue to take the lead on submitting articles to the Civic League.

### **2. Rye Education Poster Placement**

Chair Sanborn stated that he would like to get a jump on the poster placements for this season. The Commission has tick posters, as well as mosquito posters.

Sarah MacGregor pointed out that the spring is the time people will start seeing ticks. She has been receiving calls about ticks already.

Commissioner Farrelly pointed out that he has posters left over from last year. He likes the idea of getting a jump on this because by the time he was able to do it last year, it seemed that businesses had limited wall space for the poster.

Commissioner Troy noted that he has the list of places from last year. He will take ownership of creating a list that can be circulated for discussion at the next meeting.

### **3. Other**

*None*

## **IV. New Business**

### **1. Dragon Activity**

Ms. MacGregor reported that Dragon has received the permit from the State giving permission for treatment in the wetlands. The special permit for treating the water expires December 31<sup>st</sup>. She noted that spraying started the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> with the first application being April 13<sup>th</sup>. A public notice addressing the date of the start of spraying season, with Dragon's contact information, has been posted at the Town Hall, library and schools. A copy of the notice has been emailed to the Commissioners. It is also posted on the town's website and Dragon's website.

Ms. MacGregor noted that the greenhead traps are finished with sixteen new traps being built. She submitted an invoice for the new greenhead traps. The traps are usually put out in June. She noted that they are seeing a fair amount of water and a lot of mosquito larvae in the water. It is anticipated that the first mosquitos will be seen in early May. She pointed out that since it was a fairly mild winter, the survival of the mosquitos that spend their winter in the water will be greater.

Dragon will be doing some sweeps to look for ticks to gauge when the trails should be treated. Since people are starting to see ticks, this will probably be done within a month.

Ms. MacGregor noted that the State is only going to test mosquitos for the Jamestown Canyon Virus from a few towns in N.H. that have had human cases. They are not going to expand testing into other towns. However, they are curious about the Seacoast and what's happening with Jamestown. There are mosquitos that come off the marshes that transmit Jamestown. She thinks that at some point the State will allow mosquitos from the Seacoast to be sent for testing. The State tests for West Nile, Triple E and the Jamestown Canyon Virus. The testing at the State starts July 1<sup>st</sup> for Triple E and West Nile. Jamestown Canyon Virus usually starts earlier, as it is typically an earlier disease. She also noted there was a human case of West Nile in North Hampton. It wasn't announced but it was listed in the bulletin. The date of the onset of symptoms was October. Sometimes it doesn't connect to New Hampshire if the person contracted the virus and tested positive in another state. The person's state of residency is the state that claims the case. Sometimes it can be difficult to know where the person contracted the disease. It's three to ten days from the time of contract to the onset of symptoms. She will keep the Commission updated if there is any more information about the West Nile case in North Hampton.

### **2. Monthly Invoice Submission/Dragon**

The Commission reviewed the budget for the sixteen (16) greenhead traps.

**Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve payment for Invoice #31540 in the amount of \$1,920 for the sixteen new greenhead fly traps, which was included in the 2022 Mosquito Control Budget. Seconded by James Farrelly. All in favor.**

- **Next Meeting Date: May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m., Rye Town Hall**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Tim Sanborn to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Seconded by Mark Troy. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger