

RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 21, 2022
5:00 PM – Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chair Tim Sanborn and James Farrelly

Others Present: Sarah McGregor from Dragon Mosquito Control

I. Call to Order

Chair Sanborn called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – 5/17/22 *Tabled to the July meeting*

III. Old Business

1. Rye Civic League

Commissioner Farrelly noted that he will take notes at the meetings, in order to get a write-up to Steven Borne, for the Rye Civic League Newsletter, on a timelier basis. He will send Chair Sanborn a draft to review before sending to Mr. Borne.

2. Rye Poster Distribution

Chair Sanborn sent an email to the Commission regarding the perspective locations throughout the Town for the posters. He spoke with Commissioner Troy on June 10th. Commissioner Troy was going to schedule a meeting with the three commissioners, so they could come up with a plan for the distribution. Chair Sanborn commented that he would like to come up with a plan for the posters before it gets too far into the season.

3. Other Old Business

It was noted by Chair Sanborn that Steve Borne is running for state representative as an independent. In order to run as an independent, the candidate must collect 150 signatures from residents of the Town. He suspects that Mr. Borne will continue his work with the Rye Civic League.

IV. New Business

1. Dragon Update – Sarah McGregor, Dragon field work/green head trap status

Ms. McGregor reported that the marshes flooded last week, so they have treated the salt marshes. Dragon will continue with those treatments. Almost all the greenhead traps are out. There are around 200 traps and most of those were used for this season. There were a few that could not be reused this year. At the end of this year, the number of greenhead traps that have to be retired will be reported, so that can be taken into consideration for the next budget.

Disease testing mosquitos begins July 1st through the State. Dragon will be spraying for the fireworks at Parsons Field, which are being held on July 1st this year. The intent is for Dragon to spray on Wednesday of that week; however, that will depend on the weather. They will also be spraying the trails that run between Parsons and the recreation area. Other work by Dragon includes house calls and treatment of catch basins.

Ms. McGregor noted that the best time to get resident requests (checking wetlands) is in April, so they can treat in April or May. She also noted that most of the requests are from people who still think they are doing road spraying, but that has not been done in twelve years. The no spray requests should come earlier in the season so they can map them and get the books up to date. She pointed out that it would be best to get Dragon's contact information in the March Newsletter for 2023.

Chair Sanborn agreed to follow up with Janice Ireland.

2. Dragon Invoice approval

The Commission reviewed Dragon Invoice #31629 for the amount of \$10,750:

- Larvaciding \$8,000
- Larval survey 1,600
- Mortality of treatment 800
- Data management 350

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve Invoice #31629 in the amount of \$10,750 to Dragon Mosquito Control. Seconded by James Farrelly. All in favor.

V. Next Meeting Date: July 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Tim Sanborn to adjourn at 5:27 p.m. Seconded by James Farrelly. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F Ledger