

RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017
5:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

Members Present: Chairman Tom Aspinwall and Denis Lipman

Others Present: Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control

I. Call to Order

Chairman Aspinwall called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2017

Motion by Denis Lipman to approve the minutes of April 18, 2017 as presented. Seconded by Tom Aspinwall. All in favor.

III. Old Business

1. Assessment of green head traps

Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control, stated that she spoke with Sally King, Conservation Commission Chair, who gave her the lock combination to get into the barn at the Goss Farm where the traps are stored. She noted that Trevor did a quick assessment of the number and condition of the traps. Due to the way the traps were stored, (upside down), he was unable to assess all the traps. He counted 137 traps and one smashed trap. He found some stakes but not many. Trevor will have to pull all traps out of the barn to adequately assess each trap.

There was discussion how many traps the town should have on the marshes. Ms. MacGregor told the commission that 150 traps would be sufficient. There was also discussion on the feasibility of building more traps this summer.

Chairman Aspinwall stated that it isn't practical since the contractor will be busy controlling mosquitoes. The offseason is the best time to build new traps.

Ms. MacGregor stated that she'd have a better idea of the trap number and condition at the next meeting. Dragon will have the traps fixed and on the salt marshes by the end of June.

2. Updates on No Spray List

Ms. MacGregor told the Commission that Janice emailed SWAMP for the 2016 No-spray list. Janice never heard back from Mike or Justin. The no-spray list from 2014 will be used as a starting point.

IV. New Business

1. Activity reports – Sarah MacGregor

Ms. MacGregor gave an update on the April activity report and a portion of May. The State Special Permit arrived in early April. The State gave Dragon permission to start larviciding on April 12th. Trevor began larviciding that same day. On April 26, Ms. MacGregor received permission from DRED, the Department of Resource and Economic Development, to treat the State owned property which includes many salt marshes and a cedar swamp. The State doesn't allow the use of oil on their marshes, only *Bacillus* products. Ms. MacGregor showed the Commission two types of activity reports she can generate. The Commission preferred one report over the other as it was easier to read.

2. Submission of April Invoice/Motion for approval

Chairman Aspinwall reminded Ms. MacGregor to use the account numbers on the invoices. Ms. MacGregor said she'd reprint the invoice with the account numbers added.

3. Other New Business

Ms. MacGregor briefed the Commission on a new study from the University of North Dakota on ZIKA mosquito vectors. One local mosquito commonly found in NH has been found competent to pick up and transmit the ZIKA virus in the lab. Whether this species is competent at transmitting ZIKA in the field remains to be seen.

Next Meeting Date:

- **June 20, 2017**

Adjournment

Motion by Denis Lipman to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Seconded by Tom Aspinwall. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Dyana F. Ledger