

RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, July 19, 2022
4:30 PM – Town Hall

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

Others Present: Sarah MacGregor from Dragon Mosquito Control

I. Call to Order

Chair Sanborn called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – 6/21/22

**Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022 as presented.
Seconded by James Farrelly. All in favor.**

III. Old Business

1. Dragon Update – Sarah MacGregor; Dragon field work

Ms. MacGregor noted that the Dragon crew has been working on the saltmarshes. Spraying was done on June 29th for the town fireworks on July 1st. Town Forest trails have been sprayed for ticks. Mosquito trapping has begun for disease testing. The State is going to test all mosquitos for Jamestown Virus. Last year, they only tested certain towns, but will be doing all towns this year. The State will be testing for Jamestown, Triple E and West Nile, all at the same time. There have been no positive tests for this year yet.

Ms. MacGregor reported they are already over 3,000 pounds of BTI for Rye, which seems higher than this same time last year. In total, 5,500 pounds may be the highest ever done in Rye for a season. It was at 4,100 pounds in September of last year. The higher usage this year is due to the flooding of the marshes, which requires more treatment.

2. Greenhead trap status/ Harbor Road – Bruce Valley email

Resident Bruce Valley sent an email in regard to concerns about the lack of greenhead traps in the Harbor Road area. A trap has since been moved to the that area by Dragon. It was noted by Ms. MacGregor that there haven't been many greenheads in the boxes this year. The boxes are picked up for the season some time in August. Greenheads die

out pretty quickly and are usually done by the middle of August. All 199 traps have been put out for the season. Locations include; Foss Beach, Pollock Drive, Parsons Road, recreation field and along Seavey Creek.

After some discussion, Commissioner Troy noted that the professionals (Dragon) evaluate the data and place the traps in the most appropriate spot based on their incredible expertise. At the end of the season, the traps are reviewed to see if they did a good job of catching greenheads. If not, they will be moved to another area the next season.

3. Dragon invoice approval

The Commission reviewed Dragon Invoice #31078 for the amount of \$13,810 dated July 15, 2022.

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve July's invoice from Dragon in the amount of \$13,810. Seconded by James Farrelly. All in favor.

IV. Old Business

1. Resident Education – “Pest Unwanted” Posters

Commissioner Troy to coordinate.

2. Rye Civic League

Commissioner Farrelly will get a writeup to the Civic League before the end of the week.

V. Next meeting date: August 15th at 5:00 p.m. (conditioned upon the courtroom being available)

Adjournment

Motion by Tim Sanborn to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Mark Troy. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Dyana F. Ledger