

RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Rye Town Hall

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

Others Present: Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sanborn called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

o December 2022

Motion by James Farrelly to defer the approval of the December meeting minutes to the May meeting. Seconded by Tim Sanborn. All in favor.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and discuss the accepted bid from Dragon Re: additional 14% cost increase

Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control, reported that sixteen new greenhead traps have been built and are already in storage at the Goss Barn. The new traps were approved by the Commission at the end of last season for the budget. The traps were built with new improvements and material that will ensure they last for a long time.

She also reported that permits for spraying have been received from the State for the upcoming season. Dragon started larviciding on April 10th. Currently, the conditions are dry. The marshes are flooding but all fresh water is drying up. Beekeepers, who are on the state registry, have been contacted. The no spray registry is active and a few people have already reaffirmed from last year.

The State is going to begin accepting mosquitos in June because they are looking for Jamestown Canyon Virus. This is not something that towns have budgeted for, as the State just put this out to municipalities and vendors. There is an expense to submitting mosquitos a month earlier than planned, as more supplies and staffing hours are needed. The State did a survey of deer

throughout NH and found that 72% had been exposed to Jamestown Canyon Virus. In terms of Triple E, about 10% of deer have been exposed.

After some discussion, the Commission agreed to do some testing in June, but to still be mindful of the budget.

- Submitted invoice #301949: \$2,720.00 for 16 greenhead traps

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve Invoice #301949 in the amount of \$2,720 from Dragon Mosquito Control. Seconded by Mark Troy. All in favor.

2. 2023 Timeline for this season's activities

Dragon will be looking at the weather for the next couple of weeks to schedule a tick spray for the town trails. Ms. MacGregor drafted a timeline for the season for the Commission. She will get the draft to the Commission for review at the next meeting.

3. Mosquito and tick educational awareness program

The Commission will review the list of places for posting at the May meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 16th, 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