

RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 16, 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 5:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **December 12, 2022**
- **April 18, 2023**

Motion by Mark Troy to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022 and April 18, 2023 as presented. Seconded by James Farrelly. All in favor.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dragon Update – Sarah MacGregor, Dragon field work

Ms. MacGregor reported that the mosquitos started hatching this week after the rain and warm weather. Dragon is still addressing freshwater swamps. The saltmarshes are drying up right now, but will be reflooding. She reviewed a prepared timeline that was submitted to the Commission. She noted that larviciding started on April 10th and continued through May. April started out dry but ended wet. May has been wet so far, which has overwhelmed a lot of sites with water runoff. Dragon has to wait until the water drains back down to be able to concentrate on those sites; however, Dragon has been larviciding every time they are in Rye. June will end up being a transition period, as the spring mosquitos are done. The attention will turn to saltmarshes, greenhead traps, and catch basins. By July, Dragon will be ready to start treating catch basins. In June, Dragon will start trapping mosquitos to test for Jamestown Canyon Virus. She noted it has been many years since the State has even tested mosquitos starting in June.

There was some discussion about tick control. Ms. MacGregor noted that each individual has to take preventive measures, which is the easiest and least expensive way to avoid ticks; such as, the use of repellent, wearing clothing imbedded with pesticide, yard spraying, checking for ticks

regularly, avoiding tall grass, and checking pets. Ms. MacGregor also noted that ticks can now be sent in to be tested for diseases. An article in the town's spring newsletter has more information for anyone who is interested. There is also information on tick prevention on the town's website under the Mosquito Control Commission page.

2. Dragon Invoice approval

The Commission reviewed Dragon Invoice #31962, dated May 1, 2023, in the amount of \$10,400. There were no issues or concerns.

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve Invoice #31962 to Dragon in the amount of \$10,400. Seconded by Mark Troy. All in favor.

3. Greenhead trap status

Ms. MacGregor reported that the greenhead traps are going to be put out in June. They may go out at the end of May, so the saltmarshes will get full attention in June. It's anticipated that the traps are in really good shape. There may be a loss of only three or four.

4. Communications with Rye Civic League

Commissioner Farrelly noted that he gives Steven Borne with the Rye Civic League an update after every meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. RMCC Education Poster Distribution

Commissioner Troy confirmed that he is working on the list of places and will have it ready for review by the end of next week. A meeting will then be set up to discuss distribution of posters.

2. Other old business

None

- Next meeting date: June 20th, 5:00 p.m., Town Hall

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F Ledger