

# **RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, June 20, 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**

### **o May 16, 2023**

*Tabled to the next monthly meeting.*

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Dragon Update – Sarah MacGregor, Dragon field work**

**Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control**, updated the Commission on Dragon's work over the past month. The marsh is flooded from the tide and the bacteria has been treated. When there is a lot of rain, as there has been lately, it keeps it wet so the mosquitos don't keep breeding. However, a lot of the freshwater sites and woodland pools will have another batch of mosquitos. The catch basins get flushed when there is really heavy rain, so the treatments for the basins have to be timed carefully. It's anticipated that the catch basins will be treated within the week.

During the month of May, the town trails were sprayed for ticks. All the greenhead traps have been put out for the season. Only five traps were retired this year, due to wear and tear. It's estimated that about twelve will be retired at the end of this season. There's a total of two hundred ten greenhead traps on the saltmarsh at this time. Dragon has been trapping mosquitos and sending them to the State lab for disease testing for Jamestown Canyon Virus. There has been no reported disease from the State. Starting July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dragon will start with full trapping and disease testing for Jamestown and Triple E. Dragon will also be back on the saltmarshes that week because of flooding.

Chair Sanborn noted that he received input from a citizen expressing concerns that there were no greenhead traps in the area off Route 1A near the new housing development off Harbor Road.

Ms. MacGregor confirmed that six traps were put in the area of the “Goss Marsh” as of June 16<sup>th</sup>. She also confirmed there are traps on the corner of Locke Road and Ocean Boulevard. She pointed out the July is greenhead month, as that is when they hatch.

Ms. MacGregor noted that fireworks are scheduled for Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> and Dragon usually sprays beforehand. The spraying has been included in the budget. The spraying has to be posted, so Dragon has to commit to those dates. The dates that have been scheduled for spraying are June 27<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **2. Dragon Invoice approval**

The Commission reviewed Dragon Invoice #32036, dated June 1, 2023, in the amount of \$12,010. There were no issues or concerns.

**Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve Invoice #32036 to Dragon in the amount of \$12,010. Seconded by Mark Troy. All in favor.**

## **3. Greenhead trap status**

*Addressed in Dragon update above.*

## **4. Communications with Rye Civic League**

Commissioner Farrelly noted that he missed last month’s deadline for the Rye Civic League. He will provide an update to Steven Borne this week for the month of June.

# **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

## **1. RMCC Education Poster Distribution**

The Commission reviewed the list of places that will most likely accept the posters, which was prepared by Commissioner Troy. The Commission agreed to get the posters put out by the end of June.

## **2. Other old business**

*None*

- Next meeting date: July 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m., Town Hall

## **Adjournment**

**Motion by Tim Sanborn to adjourn at 5:29 p.m. Seconded by James Farrelly. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted, Dyana F Ledger