

RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 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 5:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

o June 20, 2023

The following correction was noted:

- Page 1, under 'New Business', 1st paragraph should read: **The saltmarshes were treated with the bacteria to kill the mosquito larvae.**
- It should also be noted that Commissioner Troy and Commissioner Farrelly have spoken since the last meeting about the posters. They have a commitment to get the posters out within the next couple of weeks.

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve the minutes of June 20, 2023 as amended. Seconded by Mark Troy. All in favor.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dragon Update – Sarah MacGregor, Dragon field work

Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control, reported that every state in New England is overrun with mosquitos right now, due to the weather. This sets the stage for possible disease activity this fall or next year. A lot of water heading into the winter means there will be a lot of disease next year. In the meantime, Dragon is treating the saltmarshes every day with the bacteria to kill the mosquito larvae. Parsons Field was sprayed prior to the Fourth of July Celebration on June 30th. The Recreation Director made a request for the recreation area to also be sprayed before the kids' summer camp, which was done on July 5th.

She also reported that full trapping and testing for the summer is underway. There has been a shortage of dried ice because of the flooding in Vermont, which disrupted the rail line that brings in the materials to make the dried ice. Dragon started treating the catch basins in June, but had to get back to treating the saltmarshes because of the amount of rain. Jamestown Canyon Virus has been found in mosquitos trapped in Fremont, Kingston, and Keene. The State is testing for Triple E and West Nile Virus this month. Rye has not had any reported disease.

2. Dragon invoice approval

The Commission reviewed the invoice submitted from Dragon Mosquito Control.

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve Dragon Invoice #32093 in the amount of \$13,625. Seconded by Mark Troy. All in favor.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Resident Education – “Pest Unwanted” Posters

Commissioner Troy confirmed the posters will be out by August 1st. Chair Sanborn suggested putting up posters at the Town Hall, town hall annex, and public safety building. Ms. MacGregor presented the “Prevent Mosquito Bites” flyer, which can be posted on the Town’s website. The Commission agreed the flyer should be sent to Janice Ireland in the Selectmen’s office for posting.

Motion by Tim Sanborn to kindly ask Janice Ireland to post the “Prevent Mosquito Bites” flyer on the Town’s website. Seconded by Mark Troy. All in favor.

2. Rye Civic League

Commissioner Farrelly continues to keep the Rye Civic League updated and informed on a monthly basis.

- **Next Meeting:** August 15th, 5:00 p.m., Rye Town Hall

Adjournment

Motion by Tim Sanborn to adjourn at 5:32 p.m. Seconded by Mark Troy. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger