

# **RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, June 19, 2018  
5:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

***Members Present:* Chairman Tom Aspinwall, Vice-Chair Tim Sanborn and Commissioner Denis Lipman.**

***Others Present:* Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control**

## **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Aspinwall called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

- **April 24, 2018**

**Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve the minutes of April 24, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.**

- **May 15, 2018**

The following correction was noted:

- Page 1, under #2, 4<sup>th</sup> sentence should read: **They survive on the organic material in the mud and pupate into greenheads, which are nasty biting insects.**
- Page 1, under #2, 5<sup>th</sup> sentence should read: **The intent is to have 134 traps in the marshes.**

**Motion by Tom Aspinwall to approve the minutes of May 15, 2018 as amended. Seconded by Tim Sanborn. All in favor.**

### **III. Old Business:**

#### **1. Status of green head traps**

**Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control**, noted that there are 113 traps that have been put out, at this time. There are 12 more traps that are ready and should be out by the end of June. This brings the number of traps up to 125. The traps that are remaining need more extensive structural repairs. There may be an additional 7 to 10 traps that will be able to be repaired for the season, which will bring the number close to 134 traps total. The traps have been put out in areas where they have been located in the past. Any expansion will embellish the coverage for the larger saltmarsh systems.

#### **2. Status of aduiciding treatments & tick activity**

The commissioners reviewed the report submitted by Ms. MacGregor. Tick activity and treatment was noted for May 10<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that the priority at this time is larvaciding the saltmarshes. The work in the marshes should be completed within a week.

#### **3. Thanks to Sarah for preparing an article for Rye Newsletter**

Chairman Aspinwall thanked Ms. MacGregor for her work on the newsletter article.

#### **4. Review of the no spray list**

There was review of the no spray list. Ms. MacGregor noted the residents who may have moved from Rye and will follow up on those listed properties. Dragon uses the most updated list available; however, properties remain on the list for some time in order to cover residents who may not have reaffirmed for the season. Ms. MacGregor pointed out that most residents want to avoid the street spraying near their homes but do not have a problem with larviciding.

### **IV. New Business:**

#### **1. Monthly activity reports for May**

Ms. MacGregor stated that they have been on the saltmarshes treating because of the flooding. There has not been any activity in catch basins. She thinks this is due to the fact that there was a cool start to the season and it has been fairly dry. She expects that they will be treating the catch basins by July.

#### **2. Treatment of Parson's Field prior to 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

Ms. MacGregor noted that Parson's Field will be sprayed prior to July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **3. Receipt of Dragon invoice for May services**

The commissioners reviewed May Invoice #29866 in the amount of \$12,100.

Commissioner Sanborn asked about the charge for the larvae survey.

Ms. MacGregor explained that a survey is done before they treat, with a mortality check done after treatment.

**Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve May Invoice #29866. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.**

### **4. Distribution of awareness posters**

Chairman Aspinwall noted that his son checked two mosquito and tick posters at Seaport Fish.

Commissioner Lipman stated that he has received very good response from people in regards to the posters. The awareness has been positive and people are happy they have been put up.

### **5. Other new business**

Commissioner Sanborn commented that the commission has gone beyond dealing with just mosquitos. They are addressing ticks, greenheads and other issues. There had been some discussion with the Selectmen in the past about changing the name of the commission. There is now a new select board and they may be more receptive to the idea of a name change for the commission. He will look into this more.

There was discussion on a possible name change.

- **Next Meeting Date – July 24, 2018, 5:00 p.m.**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Tim Sanborn to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger