

RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

Monday, October 16, 2023

4:45 p.m.

Rye Town Hall

Commission Present: Chair Tim Sanborn, and James Farrelly

Others Present: Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control

I. Call to Order

Chair Sanborn called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – September 19th

**Motion by James Farrelly to approve the minutes of September 19, 2023 as written.
Seconded by Tim Sanborn. All in favor.**

III. New Business:

1. Dragon Activity Reports; Trends

Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control, reported that the town trails were sprayed for ticks in September. Dragon continued to trap mosquitos and have them tested at the State lab. There have been no positive test results from Rye mosquitos. The most recent activity has been West Nile found in mosquitos trapped in Stratham and Triple E found in mosquitos trapped in Fremont. The State reported that there two human cases of Powassan Virus, which is a tick born disease. One of the cases was in Rockingham County, but the State did not give information on which town. There was also a case of Jamestown Canyon Virus in Bedford.

Ms. MacGregor continued that the greenhead traps have been put away in storage at the Goss Farm. Dragon is putting out the last traps for the season, as mosquito testing by the State has been extended by another week. Normally, the mosquito testing stops October 15th. She pointed out that this is the time of year to still be vigilant about mosquitos and avoid getting bit. They like to find a place to spend the winter and wait for spring, so they will try to get into a house or barn to avoid freezing. She also pointed out that it's the time of year to avoid ticks.

2. Monthly Invoice Submission/Dragon

The Commission reviewed the invoice submitted from Dragon Mosquito Control. No issues or concerns were noted.

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve Invoice #32317 from Dragon Mosquito Control in the amount of \$13,035. Seconded by James Farrelly. All in favor.

3. 2024 Budget Prep – Budget Requests – RFP Edits

The Commission reviewed the RFP edits submitted by Dragon for the 2024 season. It was noted that none of the changes add extra costs for services, with the exception of the extra month of trapping. The budget for mosquito control for 2024 will be presented to the Budget Committee and Select Board in November.

4. Other Administrative Issues/New Business

None

IV. Old Business

None

- **Next Meeting Date:** November 21, 2023

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger