

RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, July 24, 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

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

II. Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2018

- **Tabled to the August meeting**

III. Old Business

1. Green head activity/status. Capture rate of traps green vs. blue. Are there any traps with low or no activity that should be relocated?

Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control, noted that she has not had complaints about the greenheads, as compared to Seabrook and Hampton. Rye does not seem to have as many greenheads as Seabrook. She does not have data on the rate of capture for green traps versus blue. Observations indicate the location has a lot to do with whether the trap catches well or not. She pointed out that it would be nice to have more traps at the end of Pollack because it is such a big marsh system.

Chair Aspinwall commented that this is the first year that there has not been any insect biting complaints.

Ms. MacGregor stated that they spent the last week concentrating on the saltmarshes. The crews sprayed from the 13th through the 21st. She noted that all greenhead traps have been put out; 136.

2. Tick monitoring in the treated area. Sarah, will you please check the areas you treated to monitor effectiveness of treatment? There are no complaints to my knowledge.

Ms. MacGregor noted that she has not seen any deer ticks this season. She has not had any complaints on ticks. Ticks will become more active in the fall, as they do not like the heat or dry weather.

IV. New Business

1. Monthly activity reports for June

Ms. MacGregor stated that they are already up to almost what was sprayed last year. Last year they sprayed a little over 4,000 pounds of BTI. It is about 3,700 pounds right now for this season.

2. Catch basin activity

The first round of catch basin treatments have been completed; 531 treatments. There are approximately 600 total catch basins in Rye. Basins on the boulevard or close to public wells are not treated.

3. Receipt of invoices for June services

The commission reviewed Invoice #29-959 for the amount of \$16,420.

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve Invoice #29-959 for the amount of \$16,420. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

4. Other new business

Ms. MacGregor commented that she thinks they will see more disease (West Nile) in New Hampshire this year. Manchester has already seen it. It is being reported early this year around the country. She noted that they are trapping in five locations and sending those mosquitos to the State lab in Concord.

- **Next Meeting to be held August 21st**

Adjournment

Motion by Tim Sanborn to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger