

RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION

**Monday, August 21, 2017
5:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

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

I. Call to Order

Chairman Aspinwall called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from July 25, 2017

The following correction was noted:

- Page 1, under old business it should read: **The ideal number is 150 so they are looking at 32 new traps.**
- Page 1, last paragraph should read: **Vice-Chair Sanborn asked if there are any green head traps at Goss Farm that are dilapidated and could be repaired. He asked Ms. MacGregor if she could provide the cost for repairing such traps versus the cost to buy new.**

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve the minutes of July 25, 2017 as amended. Seconded by Tom Aspinwall. All in favor.

III. Old Business

1. Distribution of awareness posters

Vice-Chair Sanborn noted that he distributed posters at Petey's Store and the Surf Club. He posted them where there is a lot of traffic so people will see them.

Other areas discussed for posters:

- Fire Station/Public Safety
- Transfer Station
- Post Office

2. Creation of a tick awareness poster

Commissioner Lipman reviewed his ideas and sketches for the tick awareness posters. He commented that if the Commission chose a couple that they like it can be brought to the Selectmen for their consent before printing and posting.

The Commission reviewed the sketches and agreed to sketch 1 and sketch 2 with a change in the clipart.

Commissioner Lipman will contact Allegra Printing for the printing of the posters.

3. Other Old Business

Chairman Aspinwall stated that he does not have the cost estimate for the traps from Ms. MacGregor; however, they are looking at 32 new greenhead traps. He is proposing that they do 16 over the winter and another 16 next year. He noted that soon he'll be going to the budget committee and starting the budgeting process. The traps can be incorporated into the budget for next year if the Commission thinks the costs are reasonable. This is something that will need to be acted on soon. He continued that a lot of people thought the royal blue, which is supposed to be the favored color to attract greenheads, stood out on the marsh and a lot of the traps were painted green. The information he received from Dragon was that the green was working just as good as the blue but they do not have any conative numbers. He is going to ask Ms. MacGregor if she can give the Commission a contrast between the blue and the green.

IV. New Business

1. Activity reports for the month of July

The Commissioners reviewed the activity reports for the month of July, which were sent by Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control.

Chairman Aspinwall noted that a total of 614 catch basins were treated in the month of July. There were 170 sites that were identified but only a portion of them are treated. He would like to see the number for the sites that were treated, the sites that were surveyed and the amount of pesticide that was used.

2. Submission of invoices for July services/motion for approval

- Invoice #29623 - \$13,950.

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve Invoice #29623 in the amount of \$13,950 which includes larvaciding of \$8,600 per the billing schedule. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

3. Other new business

Chairman Aspinwall stated that approval is needed for the adultciding that is going to take place in the next couple of weeks at the elementary school, junior high and the recreation area. This will take place before the start of school.

Motion by Tom Aspinwall to approve the spraying of the schools and rec area, consistent with prior years, in order to protect the children of Rye as they return to school. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

In regards to the possible name change of the Commission, Vice-Chair Sanborn stated that he has spoken to the Town Administrator about how the Commission would proceed with that process. Town Administrator, Michael Magnant, suggested that the Commission write a letter to the Selectmen. Vice-Chair Sanborn noted that he is working on a draft and will forward to the Commission for review before submitting to the Selectmen. He continued that the letter will explain that the Commission deals with more than just mosquitos. The concerns are broader in scope in terms of the overall environment. He is proposing 'Rye Environmental Safety Commission'.

4. Next meeting date September 19th

Adjournment

Motion by Tim Sanborn to adjourn at 5:38 p.m. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger