

**RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 18, 2019
5:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

Commissioners Present: Chair Tom Aspinwall, Tim Sanborn and 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

- **April 16th**

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve the minutes of April 16, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

- **May**

Motion by Tim Sanborn to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019 with discussion.

Commissioner Lipman asked about tick activity and tick dragging, which was discussed at the May meeting.

Ms. MacGregor noted that the town trails have been sprayed because ticks were found through tick dragging. The process of finding the ticks is done by attaching a piece of material, much like cotton, to a stick which ticks attach themselves to when dragged along the trail. This was done at the recreation fields and at Parsons. Both deer and dog ticks have been found recently, as earlier in the season was too wet for any activity. The treatment can last at least a month in treated areas, sometimes longer.

Chair Aspinwall explained that ticks do not recolonize an area once it has been treated. Once it is cleaned out, it takes a while for eggs and larvae to be shed from host animals. Treatment is normally done once in the spring and then once again in the fall, which is usually enough to keep an area clear of ticks.

Dennis Lipman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 21st. All in favor.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion about Rye Day

The Rye Day Committee decided to not hold a Rye Day for 2019, as there was not enough time for planning the event. The committee will be working on an event for 2020.

2. Treating Parsons Field before 4th of July

Chair Aspinwall noted an adulticide is done at Parsons Field prior to the Fourth of July fireworks.

Ms. MacGregor confirmed that they will treat the area on Tuesday or Wednesday of that week, depending on the weather.

3. How are Rye Recreations fields doing during the summer?

Chair Aspinwall asked if the recreation fields are ever treated.

Ms. MacGregor stated that she received an email from the Recreation Department last summer asking if they could spray because the mosquito activity was high.

Chair Aspinwall noted that there are enough funds in the budget to treat again this year.

Ms. MacGregor agreed to follow up with Recreation Director Lee Arthur. She also noted that they sprayed the rec area July 24th last year.

Chair Aspinwall pointed out that the usual standard is a spraying just before school starts for the rec area and the school playgrounds.

4. Activity reports from Dragon

Ms. MacGregor reported that they finished treating the salt marshes last week. Almost all the greenhead traps have been put out for the season. They will probably need one more day to have all of them out, which will be done by the end of the month. The ones that are left need some work before being distributed. The traps are painted blue because the color attracts more flies. Rye will have about 150 traps up for the season.

There was some discussion about the importance of inside storage during the winter for the traps for longevity.

5. Submission of invoice for May services

- **Invoice #308 - \$12,300.**

Motion by Tom Aspinwall to approve the invoice for May in the amount of \$12,300. Seconded by Denis Lipman.

The commissioners reviewed the details of the invoice.

All in favor to approve the invoice for May.

6. Other new business

- None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Referring to the tick posters, Commissioner Lipman noted that he spoke with the usual businesses and they are fine with the posters. He found three new places to post; the new general store (Ocean Blvd), The Lazy Bird Café and Christine's Crossing. He agreed to contact Seaport Fish and We Care Dry Cleaning.

Other businesses to contact; Atlantic Grill and Bethany Church.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- **July 16, 2019 – 5:00 p.m., Rye Town Hall**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tim Sanborn to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by Denis Lipman. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger