

Rye Mosquito Control Commission
Tuesday, May 21, 2019
5:00 p.m. - Rye Town Hall

Commissioner Present: Chairman Tom Aspinwall

Others Present: Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control

I. Call to Order

Chairman Aspinwall called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes from April 16, 2019 - Tabled

III. New Business

1. Review timeline – Note correction for the last invoice to be in November.

Chair Aspinwall presented the timeline for 2019; to be included with the minutes of this meeting. He noted that the final invoice of the year will be November, due to the late activity season.

2. Discussion about the new Town event called Rye Day

Chair Aspinwall stated that he has not heard any future information on the Rye Day event. He will follow up on this.

3. New warning poster locations

Chair Aspinwall presented a new list of where the warning posters will be placed. He noted that Lang's garage is closed so they will not put any posters there. He also stated that he will be going to Seacoast Science Center to see if they want posters for the center and there are places where they can be posted on the walking trails. He pointed out that they have to get approval from the Department of Resource and Economic Development in order to post them. Chair Aspinwall said that he will also check; Atlantic Grill, Seaport Fish; the new restaurant on the round-a-bout; and Bethany Church.

4. Activity Reports

Chair Aspinwall reviewed the first activity report of the year. He noted that it seemed very busy, judging from all the site samples and larviciding. He asked about the Red Maple and White Cedar swamps.

Ms. MacGregor reported that the cold rainy spring has delayed the hatch, which has been in their favor. It has allowed them to focus on the fresh water sites. They have gotten into quite a few of the Red Maple and White Cedar swamps around town. Currently, they are working in the salt marshes because they have been flooding during the last two weeks. There is a lot of activity in the wetlands. She reported that the crews have been out around Parsons Road, Shoals View, Port Way, Pollack Drive, and Grove Road. She reported that it is only four lines on that day but it represents large areas. The crews are putting down 59, 80 pounds on these lines. Ms. MacGregor stated that the greenhead traps will be ready to go out mid-June. They are building 15-16 new traps and will be putting out approximately 150.

5. Submission of invoice for April

Chair Aspinwall reported that he has received invoice number #851 from Dragon Mosquito in the amount of \$8,000. He will approve it and send it into finance to be paid. He also approved the 4/25/19 invoice for Dyana Ledger for \$50.00 for the April Meeting minutes.

IV. Other Business

- None

V. Old Business

Ms. MacGregor stated that she is planning to continue to do the tick drags on the town trails. She recommended that spraying should start as soon as they start seeing ticks. She reported that the tick drags are not as effective with all the rain; however, if the dry weather holds she feels it will be a lot better. She will send out emails about the spraying as soon as they get findings. It should be within the next two weeks.

Ms. MacGregor reported that two of the beekeepers have dropped of the list, as the bees have died off.

VI. Next Meeting Date: June 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Town Hall

VII. Adjournment

Chair Aspinwall adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger