

**Rye Mosquito Control Commission**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2020**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**Rye Town Hall**

*Commissioners Present: Chairman Tom Aspinwall and Denis Lipman*

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Approval of Minutes - None**

**III. New Business:**

1. Per request from the BOS a submission outlining the RMCC's scope of work and objectives for 2020. See Attached. Tom Aspinwall prepared a response to the BOS request and submitted it for consideration to Commissioners Lipman and Sanborn. The consensus was that the RMCC should meet for discussion and approval of the outline. After a vote the Commission will forward the outline to the BOS for guidance and possible acceptance.

Chair Aspinwall explained that the request from the Board of Selectmen was dated January 14, 2020. This is the main purpose of the meeting this evening. Chair Aspinwall has prepared the outline and has also added to it a list of the scope of work. In his tenure on the Rye Mosquito Control Commission (15 years), he has never seen a directive outlining the responsibilities of the Commission. Chair Aspinwall stated that Vice Chair Sanborn would not be at the meeting, but has reviewed the outline and has sent his approval to move forward with it.

Chair Aspinwall read the scope of work as follows:

- 1.) **Confirm that the special permit application to the New Hampshire Division of Pest Control has been submitted by the successful bidder.**

Chair Aspinwall explained that this needs to be submitted quite early because there is a lengthy process to the permit application.

- 2.) **Sign the annual contract with the contractor for Mosquito Control Service for the Town of Rye.**
- 3.) **Prepare agendas for, and convene monthly, posted meetings from March through December.**
- 4.) **Review services provided by the contractor as described and outlined by the RFP.**
- 5.) **Approved monthly invoices submitted by contractor.**
- 6.) **Review monthly activity reports, which include larval surveys and treatments, post treatment surveys and adult mosquito population surveys.**

Chair Aspinwall explained that samples are sent to the State lab for testing for Triple E, West Nile virus. Storm drains and sewer surveys are also submitted as activity reports.

- 7.) Scheduling adulticide spraying of the schools, Rye Recreation and Parsons Field.**
- 8.) Supervise tick control treatment on the walking trail from the Awcomin Marsh to Parsons Field.**
- 9.) Maintain communication with town officials, School Board, Rye Recreation, Rye Conservation Commission and the Town's health officer.**
- 10.) Maintain communication with Center of Disease Control.**
- 11.) Maintain a list of "No Spray" residences where they keep bees or are adverse to pesticide treatments near their property.**
- 12.) Responding to residents' complaints concerning elevated mosquito population.**
- 13.) Maintain Green Head Trapping program on all Salt Marshes.**

Commissioner Lipman agreed with the scope of work as presented.

Chair Aspinwall stated that he will forward this to the Board of Selectmen as requested.

- 2.** Terms for the present RMCC Commissioners. Tom Aspinwall (Chairman) term ends 2020; Tim Sanborn (Vice Chairman) term ends 2022; Denis Lipman (Member) term ends 2021. Tom Aspinwall will step down as Chairman in April and will stay on for a term of one year or until a new member is selected.
- 3.** The Rye Civic League has requested that the RMCC post monthly activity reports with them that outline mosquito control measures. It is a new task and the RMCC together with the mosquito control contractor will implement a plan with the goals of better communication and education of Rye residents.

Chair Aspinwall stated that this is a new task for the Commission but he believes it will help implement the goals of better communication and education for Rye residents.

- 4.** Meeting attendance requirements for the RMCC.

Chair Aspinwall reported that he has contacted the town office and they have sent a copy of the town policy on meeting attendance. He suggested that it also becomes an official policy of the Rye Mosquito Commission.

There was discussion regarding how to recruit new members to the Commission. Chair Aspinwall stated that he would check with town hall as to what the protocol is.

**IV. New Business**

Chair Aspinwall stated that Lee Arthur from Rye Recreation is also a member of the Rye Day Committee. Ms. Arthur has contacted Chair Aspinwall and asked if the Commission would be interested in participating in the event. He suggested that they have a table and Ms. MacGregor could display samples of different mosquito specimens and they could put up posters and hand out flyers.

Commissioner Lipman commended Chair Aspinwall for being a champion of the Town of Rye for the last twenty years and thanked him for his service.

**V. Old Business - None**

**VI. Next meeting Date: March 17, 2020**

**VII. Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion by Denis Lipman to Adjourn at 5:08 p.m. Seconded by Tom Aspinwall. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Dyana F. Ledger*