

**Rye Mosquito Control Commission**  
**Tuesday, November 19, 2019**  
**5:00 p.m. - Rye Town Hall**

*Commissioners Present: Chairman Tom Aspinwall, Denis Lipman*

*Others Present: Sarah MacGregor, Dragon Mosquito Control*

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Aspinwall called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**II. Approval of minutes from October 15, 2019**

**Motion by Denis Lipman to approve the meeting minutes of October 15, 2019 as presented.  
Seconded by Tom Aspinwall. All in favor.**

**III. New Business:**

1. RFP for Mosquito control services for 2020 submitted to Budget Committee on 11/07/19

Chair Aspinwall reported that he presented the Mosquito Control budget for 2020 on November 7<sup>th</sup> and it was approved as presented. The budget was essentially the same as last year's budget. However, he made sure that there was a line item for street spraying. It had been omitted in prior budgets because it hadn't been done in a long time and there have also been variations in the way it was bid on in the RFP. One was by the hour and one was by number of applications.

The no spray list is still maintained and has to be checked every year.

Ms. MacGregor stated that they try to verify addresses against the tax lists every year, in order to keep the list up-to-date.

2. RFP's sent out

Chair Aspinwall reported that the 2020 RFPs have been sent out.

3. Arbovirus illness summary for 2019 – Sarah

Ms. MacGregor reported that this season was very active. The season ended with 16 batches of mosquitos testing positive for Triple E; 1 batch testing positive for West Nile; and there were 2 horses that died from Triple E, 1 hawk died from West Nile and there were 2 human cases of Jamestown Canyon Virus (one in Kingston and one in Laconia) and 1 case of Powassan Virus, which is a tick disease. There have been eight cases of Jamestown Canyon since 2013. Fish and Game is warning hunters that when they are dressing out a deer in the field; it is important to wear gloves. If a person has any cuts they are at high risk of infection from exposure of fluid from an effected deer.

4. Activity reports – Sarah

Ms. MacGregor reported that ticks will still be active until they have a good snow pack. There are no current plans on doing a tick drag. The recent drags have all been negative.

5. Receipt and approval of final invoice from Dragon

**Motion by Denis Lipman to approve the payment of Invoice #30685 in the amount of \$360.00 from Dragon Mosquito Control. Seconded by Tom Aspinwall. All in Favor.**

6. Other new business – None

**IV. Old Business:**

1. Reusable green head traps from 2019 = 162. New construction for 2020 = 25. Estimated 185 traps available for 2020 season. The target amount of green head traps has been 175 so, depending on survival rate over the 2020 season we may be OK without new construction for 2021.

This information was reviewed by the Commission. Chair Aspinwall stated that he is okay with there being slightly over the 175 mark, given the mortality rate of the traps.

Ms. MacGregor stated that storing them inside over the winter has been a huge life-extender for the traps. When they are stored outside, a poorly constructed trap will last maybe three years and a well-constructed trap will last maybe ten years, that's doing repairs every year.

2. ID numbers on GH traps for 2020 season. Suggest that the markings not be readily visible.

Ms. MacGregor suggested putting the numbers up inside the trap, not on the outside. She proposed keeping a log of the location of the traps.

Chair Aspinwall talked about getting RFD tags that can be activated with a reader.

3. Other Old Business - None

**V. Next Meeting Date TBA for voting on recommendation on RFP for BOS**

Chair Aspinwall suggested meeting on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 to review the proposals for next year's contract.

**VI. Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion by Denis Lipman to Adjourn at 5:28 p.m. Seconded by Tom Aspinwall. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Dyana F. Ledger*