



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE STATE RECLAMATION & MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD



## PIONEER VALLEY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

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### **Commissioners:**

Jeanne Galloway - Chair  
Aimee M. Petrosky  
Carolyn S. Ness  
Gregory R. Lewis  
Merridith A. O'Leary

### **Meeting Minutes of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD)**

**Northampton Town Hall-** 2nd floor- Hearing Room  
210 Main Street. Northampton, MA 01060  
10/7/2019

### **Attendance:**

Jeanne Galloway, Aimee M. Petrosky, Greg Lewis, Merridith O'Leary, Carolyn Ness arrived at 2:27.  
Visitors: Dr. Andrew Lover  
On the Phone: Juan Arrived at 2:25

**DATE:** Monday, October 7, 2019

**TIME:** 2:00 PM

**LOCATION:** 210 Main Street. Northampton, MA 01060

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 2:10 by Jeanne Galloway
2. **Public Comment/Output:**
  - a. No public comment
3. **Approval of meeting minutes (vote required):** Greg made a motion to accept the min, motion seconded by Jeanne Galloway. 3-0-1 (Merridith O'Leary abstained due to absence)
4. **PVMCD Updates:**
  - a. Greg has been working with some Franklin County communities. He is using the time to serve as a resource as quality information. He is finding people are resistant to cost and spraying.

- b. Greg reports the Rowe, Charlemont are going to join. Greg is meeting with Colrain this week to talk about the district.
- c. Aimee has been talking with Granby Board of Health secretary. They report that they have added it to their warrant articles for the next Town Meeting.
- d. Group feels there is a big gap in accountability. Communities have joined and we are unaware of who is actually in the district so we are not advocating for them to receive services. Large gaps existed this year.
- e. Jeanne requested a listed of communities who are officially in the district. Juan referred her to the website. Communities that were not listed on the ISA with DPH were not serviced this year. Juan stated that he would gather the following info: -Towns that have officially voted to join. - Towns that have sent money in for FY2020. - A list of the town that have gotten services for the season.

**5. UMASS Amherst, Dr. Lover:**

Doctor Lover presented on his work at UMASS and beyond and his interest in being of service to the district.

- a. Dr. Lover is an epidemiologist, lives in Shutsbury, primarily his work is in SE Asia, but he has an interest of brining his talents to this area.
- b. Uses data to inform practical public health programs.
- c. He wants to understand what the districts challenges are with access to MCD services.
- d. Suggestions- Using GIS systems to work with towns to see what habitats, mosquito or disease data exists.

**6. HR updates:**

- a. Chris's official start date is October 14<sup>th</sup>. On October 16<sup>th</sup> Juan will meet with Chris to set him up with the logistics.
- b. Carolyn makes a motion to appoint Aimee as Chris's point of contact. Merridith O'Leary seconded the motion. All members voted 5-0.
- c. Immediate action items:
  - i. Shadow commission members at their community outreach events
  - ii. Schedule times with each commissioner at their offices to get to know us and learn communities
  - iii. Research Governor's money to for communities to join MCD's
  - iv. Plan to attend the SRB meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup>
  - v. Juan and Jessica will arrange a DPH meeting for Chris with Matt.
  - vi. Start with Towns on elevated risk that are not member towns and start outreach.
  - vii. Look at budget with current communities, come up with target number.
  - viii. (Longer term) Marketing Materials that define our services, what we do and what we can provide.
  - ix. Juan will provide him with information on our website so he knows who to contact for updates.

**7. Date, time and location of next Commission meeting:** October 28, 2019 9 AM-11:00 AM location Northampton Town Hall.

**8. Adjournment: Action Taken: Carolyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Carolyn seconded. Motion passed 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 3:45PM.**