



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**  
210 Main Street. Northampton, MA 01060  
9/9/2019

### **Attendance:**

Jeanne Galloway, Aimee M. Petrosky, Carolyn S. Ness (Phone), Greg Lewis

**DATE:** Monday, September 9, 2019

**TIME:** 2:00 PM

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

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 2:15 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 draft min from 9/4/19 as presented, seconded by Carolyn. Roll call vote Aimee- Yes, Greg- Yes, Jeanne- Yes, Carolyn- Yes.
4. **PVMCD Updates:**
  - A. Greg provided the commissioners a sample Public health notice.
    - a. Group discussed the difference between a template notification for the Health Department and a template for public notification, as well as the pro's and con's around crafted risk communications.
    - i. **Greg made a motion to adopt as final the public health notice draft with the addition of PVMCD letterhead, and the correction of any formatting and**

**typographical errors. Motion seconded by Jeanne. Roll Call vote Carolyn- Yes, Greg- Yes, Jeanne- Yes, Aimee- Yes.**

- ii. **Jeanne made a motion to approve the messaging template provided by Aimee, seconded by Greg. Roll Call vote Jeanne- Yes, Greg- Yes, Aimee- Yes, Carolyn- Yes.**

- B. Each Commissioner will work with different communities as a point of contact:
  - a. Carolyn will take Bernardston, Greenfield, Montague, Colrain, shutesbury, Leverett, Wendell
  - b. Greg will take Health, Rowe, Hadley, Southampton
  - c. Merridith will take South Hadley
  - d. Aimee will take Palmer
  - e. Jeanne will take Holyoke
  
- C. Greg received an email from Dr. Katie Brown that discussed recent discussions to spray the state for EEE.
  - a. Concerns about reduced efficacy this time of year.
  - b. Effects to the environment may outweigh any benefits.
  - c. Truck based spraying might be more effective.
  - d. Usually aerial spraying is used to prevent virus amplification, but the infection rates are already high.
  
- D. At the next meeting, Greg would like to take a look at our projected finances.

**5. HR updates:**

A. HR is working to complete the hiring process. Jeanne did contact Chris's references and all of them were glowing and positive.

- 6. **Date, time and location of next Commission meeting:** October 7, 2019 2 PM-4:00 PM location **Northampton Town Hall.**
  
- 7. **Adjournment: Action Taken: Aimee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Greg Seconded ROLE CALL VOTE Aimee- Yes, Greg- Yes, Jeanne- Yes, Carolyn- Yes. Motion passed 4-0 Meeting adjourned at 3:51PM.**