



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

## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PIONEER VALLEY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

**DATE:** Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2020

**TIME:** 2:00pm

**LOCATION:** City of Northampton City Hall – Council Chambers  
212 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

### MEETING AGENDA:

1. Call to Order and Attendance
  - a Called to order at 2:07pm from Jeanne.
  - b All commissioners in attendance.
2. Public Comment/Output
  - a No Public Comment
3. Approval of meeting minutes (vote required)
  - a Greg motion to approve, second by Carolyn. Passed 4-0, 1 abstain from Aimee.
4. 2020 Surveillance Season Updates
  - a Truck acquisition
    - i Northeast has generously provided a truck to the PVMCD as they surplused the vehicle. Chris is working with Juan and OSD to prepare the proper paperwork.
  - b ISA comparisons

- i Chris presented the price differences between ISA proposals between DPH and PVMCD as we weighed the pros and cons of full and partial service from DPH.
  - c Cost comparison between DPH and in-house surveillance
    - i The commission discussed the benefits of being able to provide in-house surveillance as it relates to cost.
  - d Potential work spaces
    - i Motion from Aimee, seconded by Carolyn to have Jeanne reach out to Alysha to begin discussions regarding possible work spaces. Passed 5-0
- 5. Budget Updates
  - a Supplementary funding possibilities
    - i The supplementary funding request of \$40,000 was discussed.
  - b Securing funding for permanent operational space
    - i Chris expressed the need of acquiring funds to secure an operational space considering DCAM requires agencies to sign 10 year leases on properties.
- 6. Contingency Planning for Potential COVID-19 Disruptions
  - a In case of coronavirus quarantine, the commission voted to delegate the decision making power to Jeanne. Motion by Merridith, seconded by Carolyn to designate Jeanne as decision maker in case of COVID emergency. Passed 5-0.
- 7. Other Business
  - a Motion by Carolyn seconded by Merridith to have Greg contact Juan to discuss future permanent positions with the PVMCD. Passed 5-0.
  - b Motion by Jeanne, seconded by Greg to have Merridith speak to DPH contacts about laboratory constraints considering the pandemic. Passed 5-0
  - c Motion by Merridith, second by Carolyn to have Chris take necessary pesticide exams to acquire pesticide core license. Passed 5-0.
  - d Motion by Aimee, seconded by Carolyn to pay for pesticide licenses. Passed 5-0.
  - e The commission suggested weighing our options with purchasing Bti for a possible larvicide pilot program with Northampton and East Longmeadow. The possibility of purchasing through another district was considered if feasible.
  - f Motion by Carolyn, seconded by Merridith to grant Chris permission to purchase work shirts for the upcoming surveillance season. Passed 5-0.
- 8. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting
  - a April 6<sup>th</sup> 2pm
- 9. Adjournment
  - a Motion to adjourn by Jeanne, seconded by Aimee. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

Posted: March 3rd, 2020