



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

**Draft**

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

**Attendance:**

Jeanne Galloway, Greg Lewis, Aimee M. Petrosky, Merridith O'Leary, Dr. Katie Brown

Joined by phone: Carolyn S. Ness, Jessica Burgess, Juan Carlos Gutierrez, Matt Osborne

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019

**TIME:** 9:00 AM

**LOCATION:** Northampton City Hall, Hearing Room. 210 Main St. Northampton, MA 01060

**1. Call to Order and Attendance**

Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District Commission Chair, Jeanne Galloway, calls the meeting to order at 9:01 pm. Jeanne Galloway noted the Board has a quorum physically present, with 1 member participating remotely in accordance with the Open Meeting Law as previously adopted. Because of this all, votes will be taken by roll call.

Ms. Galloway read a roll call:

Commissioner Ness (Not here for roll call- participating Remotely, joined at 9:05)  
Commissioner Galloway "Here"  
Commissioner O'Leary (Not here for roll call, arrived at 9:30).  
Commissioner Petrosky "Here"  
Commissioner Lewis "Here"

**2. Approval of meeting minutes (vote required)**

- a. **Action Taken: Motion to approve min made by Aimee Petrosky seconded by Jeanne Galloway. Motion passes 3-0**

Ms. Galloway read a roll call:

Commissioner Galloway "Aye"

Commissioner Petrosky “Aye”  
Commissioner Lewis “Aye”

### 3. Public Comment/Output

- a. No public comment

### 4. DPH Updates

- a. Matt is looking at a budget to conduct the sampling of \$15,000 for mosquito season 2019. DPH is prepared to move forward with \$15,000 with 36 traps per town, and testing costs associated with this. If \$15,000 is approved, number of samples would be outlined before season.
- b. Reduction in price is not a result of decrease in services, but rather a sign of DPH’s continued support of our project.
- c. Dr. Brown warns district not to trap where politicians prefer, but rather use this as an opportunity to educate. Offers support to help us communicate why we trap where we do to convince politicians the service being provided is for a reason.
- d. Dr. Brown suggests greater involvement by her this season to help us communicate risk and findings from trap results.
- e. **Action Taken: Aimee Petrosky made a motion to allow Merridith O’Leary to communicate with Berkshire and Central MCD’s to see what information they are providing to each community to explain risk, Seconded by Greg Lewis. Passes 5-0**

Ms. Galloway read a roll call:

Commissioner Ness “Aye”  
Commissioner Galloway “Aye”  
Commissioner O’Leary “Aye”  
Commissioner Petrosky “Aye”  
Commissioner Lewis “Aye”

### 5. PVMCD updates

- a. SRB is still working on getting job descriptions for Superintendent’s.

### 6. Finance updates

- a. Group agrees that next step is hiring superintendent in September even if that leaves the future of the district in limbo beyond the 2020 mosquito season.

Timeline:

- i. Complete job description by June
- ii. Posting for superintendent position in July
- iii. Interview for position in August
- iv. Hire superintendent in September

### 7. HR updates

- a. Recruiting an intern was discussed. Jessica will talk to HR about internships.
- b. Goals of the internship will be to create toolbox for members to take to recruit to communities, track and communicate weekly DPH reports for member communities, press releases, complete tasks that commissioners are not able to do between meetings, be first point of contact for member communities.

- c. **Action Taken: Aimee Petrosky made a motion to allow Greg Lewis to talk to Dr. Rich from UMASS about potential students, motion seconded by Merridith O’Leary. Motion passes 5-0.**

Ms. Galloway read a roll call:

Commissioner Ness “Aye”  
Commissioner Galloway “Aye”  
Commissioner O’Leary “Aye”  
Commissioner Petrosky “Aye”  
Commissioner Lewis “Aye”

**8. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting:**

- a. May 6<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00 Northampton Senior Center. 67 Conz Street. Northampton, MA 01060

**9. Adjournment**

- a. **Action Taken: Aimee Petrosky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Merridith O’Leary seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 11:00.**

Ms. Galloway read a roll call:

Commissioner Ness “Aye”  
Commissioner Galloway “Aye”  
Commissioner O’Leary “Aye”  
Commissioner Petrosky “Aye”  
Commissioner Lewis “Aye”