



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 Senior Center

67 Conz Street. Northampton, MA 01060  
4/9/2019

**Attendance:**

Jeanne Galloway, Greg Lewis, Aimee M. Petrosky, Carolyn S. Ness, Merridith A. O'Leary, Jessica Burgess, Matthew Osborne, Juan Carlos Gutierrez.

**1. Call to Order:**

Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District Chair, Jeanne Galloway, calls the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Jeanne Galloway noted the Board has a quorum physically present.

**2. Public Comment/Output:**

A Northampton Senior Center member joined the meeting and requested general information on PVMCD.

The commission considered approval for the meeting minutes from the September 27<sup>th</sup> 2018, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2018, and December 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 commission meeting. **Action Taken:** Aimee Petrosky made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Merridith A. O'Leary and the minutes are voted for approval.

**3. DPH Updates:**

Carolyn S. Ness requested information regarding the location of mosquito traps, she informed DPH it is difficult to go back to her community and explain why traps are not being placed in their town. Matt Osborne explained how locations were chosen, it is hard to place numerous

traps with limited resources. DPH cannot place mosquito traps where cities and towns tell them to.

Aimee Petrosky explained her concerns with the slow response from DPH and their inability to provide the maps they were promised. She informed DPH that PVMCD has not been able to recruit new cities and towns, partially because they do not have any type of documentation and maps to use.

Matt Osborne informs the commissioners that if they need a specific map, they can request them at any point. He has not heard from any requests from the commissioners with the exception of Greg Lewis.

The commission would requests to receive all the maps for all cities and towns DPH served in 2018. Matt informs the commission he can provide these in a week.

**4. PVMCD Updates:**

There are no PVMCD updates to report at this time.

**5. HR Updates:**

Carolyn and Jeanne inform the commission that they have received interest from different people who are interested in working for the PVMCD. Jeanne asks the SRB if any other district can provide workers while they look for a PVMCD employee. Jessica Burgess tells the commissioners about the legal implications and how they would be difficult to maneuver to get an employee to work at 2 districts, it would be considered 'Double Dipping'. Aimee thinks perhaps this can be different it's done through an ISA. Jessica believes that would not be any different, and other districts already work at full capacity.

Greg Lewis believes the commission should freeze any hiring process at this moment. It would be wasteful to bring somebody in at this moment, the employee would not have much to do. Jeanne Galloway disagrees, she thinks having somebody on board as soon as possible would be beneficial to the commission.

The commission talk about who will be attending the SRB meeting on 5/15/2019. Jeanne Galloway volunteers.

The commission would like to assign a commissioner to take over meeting minutes duties.

**Action Taken:** Carolyn made a motion to appoint Aimee Petrosky. The motion was seconded by Merridith A. O'Leary and the motion was approved.

**8. Date, time and location of next Commission meeting:** 4/17/19, 9:00AM, Northampton City Hall, Hearing Room. 210 Main St. Northampton, MA 01060

**9. Adjournment:** Action Taken: Aimee Petrosky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 11:15AM.