



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD



# PIONEER VALLEY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

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## Notice of a Public Meeting of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District Commission

**Date:** Monday, June 12, 2023

**Time:** 2:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual (due to the COVID-19 Pandemic) – Public welcome to join at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87900808819> (Meeting ID: 879 0080 8819)

1. Call to Order and Attendance
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM by Jeanne.
  - b. Commissioners in attendance: Jeanne Galloway, Greg Lewis, and Carolyn Shores Ness. John Briggs, the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD) director was also in attendance.
2. Public Comment/Output
  - a. None
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Vote Required)
  - a. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup> with the amendment to strike one sentence regarding John picking up of supplies, as this had already taken place before the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carolyn seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Cornell University Focus Groups
  - a. Emily Mader from Cornell University would like to move forward with scheduling her focus groups in several PVMCD member communities.
5. Surveillance Update
  - a. John reported that mosquito collection numbers were low across all communities and were most likely due to the relatively dry winter and spring.
  - b. This would be the last week to collect mosquito specimens for the Jamestown Canyon Virus Pilot Program.

6. Addition of Northfield into the District

- a. Northfield has been voted into the District by the State Reclamation Board (SRB).
- b. John met with the Northfield Board of Health on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss surveillance strategies related to vector mosquito species being targeted and specific habitat conducive to vector species.

7. Finance Report

- a. Amherst, Chicopee, and Hadley are currently processing payment for previous FY balances owed.

8. Proposed Shutesbury Agreement

- a. A potential agreement with Shutesbury regarding back payments owed will be voted at a future date once a memorandum of agreement is drafted.

9. Additional Funding

- a. Additional funding for PVMCD has been cleared by the Senate and will be going to conference.

10. Budget Certification for FY24

- a. The PVMCD budget has been certified by the SRB for level funding.

11. Upcoming State Reclamation Board (SRB) Meeting

- a. Next SRB meeting has a place holder for June 14<sup>th</sup>.

12. Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance Process (DCAMM) Update

- a. The Town of Deerfield and John would work with Alex Giannantonio, the SRB Operations Coordinator, to submit the necessary forms for moving forward with DCAMM.

13. Commissioner Search Update

- a. The Commissioners and John would continue to look for additional candidates.

14. Other Business

- a. The commissioners would like to make comments about the proposed mosquito control related legislation. John would speak with Alex Giannantonio to determine the deadline for comments.

15. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting

- a. July 10, 2023 at 2 PM

16. Adjournment

- a. Greg made a motion to adjourn and Carolyn seconded. Vote passed 3-0.