



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 August 17th, 2020

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Virtual (due to the COVID-19 Pandemic) – Public welcome to join on Google Meet at: meet.google.com/hoy-hrqm-yvz or by phone at: +1 669-999-0530 (PIN: 839620734)

1. Call to Order and Attendance
 - a PVMCD Commission meeting called to order at 2:07pm. All commissioners in attendance. PVMCD Coordinator Chris Craig in attendance.
2. Public Comment/Output
 - a No public comment.
3. Approval of meeting minutes (vote required)
 - a Meeting minutes from 7/13/2020 meeting were approved. Motion to approve by Merridith, seconded by Greg. Vote passed 5-0.
4. 2020 Surveillance Updates – Emerging EEE throughout Massachusetts & Determining New Trap Sites
 - a PVMCD Coordinator Chris elaborated on the emerging EEE situation throughout Massachusetts. EEE has appeared in a significant amount throughout southeastern Mass as well as sporadically in Central Mass. No EEE or WNV was detected in the Pioneer Valley since the positives in July in Orange and Wendell.
5. Membership Updates
 - a Granby, Leyden, and Heath voted to join the PVMCD, bringing the total number of membership in the district to 16.
6. S.2757 Legislation Finalized Version

- a Chris provided the commission with the final version of the mosquito control law that was signed by Governor Baker. The legislation allows for DPH to make the call for mosquito control activities in nonmembers of MCDS if there is elevated virus risk. The law also created a task force to develop legislative recommendations to modernize mosquito control in Massachusetts.
- 7. 21st Century Mosquito Control Task Force Meeting Discussion
 - a Chris discussed the establishment of the 21st century Mosquito Control Task Force. Commissioners and coordinator discussed the importance of having issues pressing Western Mass mosquito control districts brought up to this task force.
- 8. Other Business
 - a Jeanne recommended the prioritization of acquiring a work space for the PVMCD. Requesting the attendance of a DCAMM representative was the decided next step.
- 9. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting
 - a The next PVMCD Commission meeting will be held virtually on September 14th 2020 at 2pm.
- 10. Adjournment
 - a Motion to adjourn by Greg, seconded by Carolyn. Meeting adjourned at 3:02pm.