



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD



# PIONEER VALLEY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

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## **Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District Meeting Minutes August 14, 2023**

1. Call to Order and Attendance
  - a. The meeting was called to order at by Jeanne at 2:16 PM
  - b. Commissioners in attendance: Jeanne Galloway, Carolyn Ness, Greg Lewis. John Briggs, the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District Director, was in attendance, along with Susan Gruen from the Heath Board of Health.
2. Public Comment/Output
  - a. None
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Vote Required)
  - a. Carolyn made a motion to approve the minutes from July 10<sup>th</sup> and Greg seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Surveillance Update
  - a. Collections have been predominantly made up of non-vector floodwater species. Culex species, the primary vector for West Nile Virus (WNV), have recently gone up in collection numbers. To date, WNV positive mosquito pools have been confirmed in Holyoke, Hadley, South Hadley, and West Springfield.
5. Finance Report
  - a. 21 out of 22 members have provided payment for FY23 membership.
6. Agreement with Shutesbury (Vote Required)
  - a. Carolyn made a motion to approve the written agreement between PVMCD and the Town of Shutesbury and Greg seconded the motion. Vote passed 3-0.
7. Outreach and Waiting List Update
  - a. John has spoken with representatives from Agawam, Erving, Longmeadow, Montague, and Ware. John reported that most communities have an interest in joining and that he would continue communication and offer a presentation in the fall/winter.
8. Additional Funding
  - a. The possibility of utilizing all or a portion of funding for an EV or Hybrid would be looked into by John.
9. Grant proposal for research regarding Aedes albopictus and its northward expansion into Massachusetts
  - a. John mentioned that a grant would first need to be identified. If the grant approach does not work, then another option could be a fee for service, or a pilot program offered to communities susceptible to the importation of Aedes albopictus. For public education, Greg suggested working with school science departments in utilizing relatively inexpensive albopictus egg cups.
10. Upcoming State Reclamation Board (SRB) Meeting
  - a. No meetings scheduled.
11. Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance Process (DCAMM) Update
  - a. The process is continuing to move forward.

12. Commissioner Search Update

- a. No update. The Commissioners and John would continue to look for potential candidates.

13. Other Business

- a. None

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

- a. September 11, 2023 at 2 PM

15. Adjournment

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