

MINUTES
Charlestown Mosquito Abatement Council (CMAC) Meeting
9:30 am, Friday, November 14, 2014
Charlestown Town Hall, Town Hall Annex
4540 South County Trail
Charlestown RI 02813

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by Mac Richardson

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: Irv Ziegler, Mac Richardson (chairman and recording secretary), Tom Gentz (Town Council President and CMAC liaison)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 26, 2014 meeting were approved with no additions or corrections. Motion to accept the minutes as read made by Irv Ziegler, seconded by Mac Richardson. VOTE: Irv Ziegler – aye, Mac Richardson – aye. All in favor – MOTION PASSED.

4. Old Business

- a. **Trap storage/repair for winter** –Mac reported that he collected the traps and tanks on 10-17-2014 and stored the trap bodies in the Horse Barn and the tanks behind the Senior Center garage. Winter repairs/maintenance will wait until March 2015.
- b. **Notes on individual trap operability during season** – The trap located at the south end of Little Ninny pond (LNP-S) did not work the entire season. Irv said he would check his notes to determine what that trap's number was and report to Mac.
- c. **Trapping results for 2014- numbers and graph** – Mac distributed tables and graphs of mosquitoes trapped this season. Compared to last year, the numbers are way down, probably due to a cooler and sometimes dry season. Tom asked that a copy of the results be sent to Mark Stankiewicz, Town Administrator. Mac said he would do so.
- d. **Budget balance for current year** – Mac did not have the exact numbers but indicated we probably had not used more than \$900 of our 2014-15 budget (mostly propane purchases).
- e. **Budget request for fiscal year 2014-15** – Given the uncertain status of the CMAC, it was agreed that a request for next year's budget should be the same as this year's, in case he CMAC is reconstituted or if Tom and Mac can maintain the traps in some other capacity.

- f. Retirement and resignation of current CMAC members** – Given that Jack Kells will not be able to continue on CMAC due to health reasons and Irv Ziegler will be moving to NJ, the CMAC will cease to exist until new members are found. Tom indicated that Irv and Jack should submit letters of resignation to Amy who would then pass them on to Town Council.
- g. Recommendations for effective use of CMAC funding** – Assuming there will be funding for CMAC, Irv and Mac recommended consideration be given to cutting back on some of the traps (such as the two on Little Ninny Pond and the playground). Mac then pointed out that the playground trap may be needed due to its proximity to kids playing, even though it did not catch many mosquitoes. And localized spraying might be considered for Town sponsored events, such as last year's Harvest Festival.

6. New Business - none

7. Public Comments - none

8. Schedule next meeting – No further meetings are scheduled until April/May of 2015 and when a new CMAC can be established.

9. Adjournment - Motion made by Irv Ziegler to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mac Richardson. VOTE: Mac Richardson – aye, Irv Ziegler – aye. All in favor – MOTION PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am.