

MINUTES
CHARLESTOWN MOSQUITO ABATEMENT COUNCIL (CMAC)
SITE VISIT MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 19, 2014 AT 9:00 AM
OPEN MEETING – NINIGRET PARK SENIOR CENTER

FINAL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 am by Mac Richardson.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: Irv Ziegler, Jack Kells, Mac Richardson (chairman and recording secretary)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the July 3, 2014 meeting were approved with no additions or corrections. Motion to accept the minutes as read made by Irv Ziegler, seconded by Jack Kells. VOTE: Irv Ziegler – aye, Jack Kells – aye. All in favor – MOTION PASSED.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Trapping results/trap functioning** – Mac reported that the numbers of mosquitoes trapped is down this year compared to other years (largest number in any trap maintenance period this year has been 14,000) and this is probably due to cooler temperatures this season. The trap at the south end of Little Ninny Pond is still not working. Irv reported finding only two traps not working in his mid-maintenance check and only one would not restart.
- b. **New trap location status at Charlestown Beach** – Mac indicated he had checked several times to see if the trap had been installed but it had not. The installation responsibility has shifted over to DPW and their schedule may be very busy.
- c. **New octanol and quick clear supplies source- Jerry's Hardware** – Mac called Jerry's, spoke to Rob who said they offer full service and supplies to our Liberty brand traps. Their price for a net was slightly cheaper than Esteban's company so when we next need supplies, we will try Jerry's.
- d. **Budget balance left over for 2013-14 and current budget-** Mac indicated we have only used money for propane purchases this fiscal year. Therefore, monies could be available for Harvest Fair spraying, as was done last year. After some discussion, Irv made a motion for CMAC to provide funding (about \$300.) for mosquito spraying this year, assuming the Harvest Fair sponsors demonstrate a need for spraying, use licensed sprayers, and an approved spray. Motion was seconded by Jack Kells. VOTE: Irv Ziegler- aye, Jack Kells- aye. All in favor- MOTION PASSED
- e. **Jar trap progress and Tom's new trap ingredients** – tabled
- f. **Donate garlic spray to Charlestown Beach parking attendants?** – Mac proposed donating the concentrated garlic spray the Commission owns to Parks and Rec so the spray could be used on a regular basis at the entryway to Charlestown Beach and perhaps keep mosquitoes away from the staff working

there. Mac has exchanged messages with Jay but no conclusions have been drawn. And the mosquitoes have not been as much of a problem at the Beach entrance this year.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Jack indicated he will be retiring from Mosquito Abatement next year and Irv said he may be moving back to NJ next year so there is urgency to recruit new Council members this year. Jack agreed to post “Seeking New Members” signs at the Town Hall, at the Senior Center, in the Town Pipeline, and in The Charlestown Press.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: Friday September 5, 2014 will be the next trap maintenance and the next Site Visit/trap maintenance meeting will be Friday September 26th at 9:00am at the Senior Center.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Irv Ziegler to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Jack Kells. VOTE: Jack Kells – aye, Irv Ziegler – aye. All in favor – MOTION PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

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