

Hampton Mosquito Control Commission

Minutes of May 15, 2019, Meeting

Place: Study Room, Lane Memorial Library

Attendees: Commissioners Tim O'Connor, Ann Kaiser, Rich Reniere, and Russ Bernstein.

Also, Sarah MacGregor, President of Dragon Mosquito Control.

Meeting convened at 6:06pm

Chairman Tim O'Connor stated that the main purpose of this meeting was to hear an overview of the upcoming 2019 season from Ms. MacGregor. Things she reported included:

Season has seen a slow start, due to the cold spring.

Dragon M C received its approval from the State on April 8, and has already treated the marshes.

So far, it appears that there are no Bee Keepers in Hampton.

A new mosquito-transmitted virus has shown up; The Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) can be transmitted by approximately 26 species of mosquitoes, especially salt-marsh mosquitoes, and has already been found in Maine.

There are a couple of new organic materials available for mosquito control, and Dragon will be using one of these (Spinosad) in the catch-basins. It is only slightly more expensive than the previously used product, and the effects are supposed to last as long. The other natural product is for adulticiding and costs \$80 more per gallon. The use of this product will have to be decided at budget-time.

Sarah shared with us 2 handouts that her crews have available. One is for Mosquito Site Inspection which is left at private properties when no one is home to give their permission for the crew to inspect and/or treat their property, and the other handout is for the crews who, when doing the evening adulticiding, are stopped by someone who has questions or complaints, since the crews are not supposed to be interrupted while operating the spray trucks.

Finally, Sarah was very happy that all the workers from last year have returned. The fact that UNH no longer offers an Entomology major seems to have had no effect on potentially qualified workers as it has been replaced with Environmental Sciences.

HMC Commission is now allowed five members, but has only four at this time. It was agreed that Tim would again serve as Chairman for 2019 and Ann would serve as Secretary, while Rich volunteered to serve as the Commission's contact with DPW. There were no matters presented that required a vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm

Respectfully submitted by Ann Kaiser