

Mosquito Response Committee
AGENDA
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:00 a.m.
Zoom Call

Members Present: Scott Powell, Chair. Members: D. Lowe, R. Longvall, A. Webb, R. Frieswick, W. Nelson, J. Lynch,

Also Present: Kristen Zina, Health and Permitting Assistant

Unofficial minutes

Agenda:

- Approval of minutes from 2/11 and 2/25
- Don makes motion to approve, Rebecca 2nds, motion passes
- Cost estimate of doing mosquito control ourselves (Jonathan)
 - Jonathan spoke with Joe. While Jonathan not in attendance, Joe recapped their discussion as to what labor and other costs would be. Jonathan's template is a good as far as what the cost would be seasonal and how to work with getting the numbers into the template.
 - Joe – we lose some aspects of not joining a program and relying on volunteers or other staff members taking on the responsibility of the surveillance
 - Don – agrees that not using trained professionals for surveillance, we may not be getting the full effect of what we are looking for
 - Scott – We could still rely on volunteers to help with the efforts
 - Jan – citizen who joined the meeting speaks to the matter. She has a background on working with children with special needs. She feels that pesticides cause problems in human life. She feels control would be best rather than spraying.
- Companies offering surveillance services (Scott)
 - Spoke with +++. For various reasons they are not going forward with program. State is going forward with a program similar to CMMCP. Suggested that we get in touch with someone at UMass. Scott spoke with Mr. Stephen Rich, mentioned a fair amount of state politics, there are also surveillance for ticks (Hamden and Hampshire county). He also stated that the state is looking to keep control of surveillance programs and may not recognize results of testing.
 - Another company from last meeting – Polaris integrated pest management – Scott did not have a chance to speak with them. But in review of their website, it's focus is on orchards.
 - Don – The state is focused on spraying in their new proposal. Don does not feel we should rely on what the state is rolling out.

- Scott – DPH does testing, Dept of Agriculture does the surveillance
- Scott – Could use the U-Mass lab for testing if needed. Mr. Rich indicated they could work with us.
- Rebecca – tick control could be another project.
- Select next meeting date
 - Tuesday June 2nd, 9am

Info for town meeting:

5-10 mins for presentation for town meeting

Moderator will provide info for what is needed and if what has been provided is sufficient

Scott to put together proposal for presentation

****Agendas are subject to change –
the order and exact times of these items may vary
(except public hearings which cannot begin prior to the time listed)****