

Mosquito Control Commission
Minutes from May 5, 2004

In attendance: Sue Flagg, Pat Moreinis Dodge, Bob Hamilton, Mike Morrisson, Joanne Lamprey

Meeting opened with introductions. Mike wanted to say how happy he was that North Hampton has developed a MCC. All other surrounding towns have one. North Hampton put Mosquito control out to bid and Mike was only one to respond. He is responsible for larvaciding for fresh and salt water mosquitoes.

The culex mosquito, which is a fresh water mosquito is responsible for West Nile. Mike larvacides all catch basins in town (which are located on a map the town has provided) along with any low water marshy areas identified.

Requests go through town hall for private property larvaciding.

Most mosquitos on west side of Rt. 1 are still salt water mosquitoes. Salt water mosquitoes can travel quite far whereas fresh water mosquitoes can't. Salt water mosquitoes will also come out during the day as they can handle the sun and warmth, don't dry up as fast, due to high salinity

Truck spraying - Sprayer sprays 300' swath (150' on both sides). Truck can only spray one way on a dead end or cul-de-sac so spray does not get absorbed by the truck and affects the driver

Mike gave presentation on history of Little River Salt Marsh and explanation as to why mosquitoes are worse than ever as the salt marsh restores itself

Dipping is done after highest tide (June, July and August all have higher tides) then there is a 5-6 day window when larvaciding can be done. Mike does it in one day

History given on mosquito control. No mosquito control since '93 - '94. When West Nile became an issue North Hampton decided to start again.

Rye and Greenland both doing restoration, working with Ducks Unlimited and Ted Dier from State of NH to help towns restore salt marshes. MCC should work closely with Conservation Commission. MCC should apply for grant to assist in restoration project/mosquito control

Sue Flagg to speak with Rye MCC - Rich Curry
Pat Moreinis Dodge to speak with Hampton MCC
Bob Hamilton to speak with Greenland

Submitted by,

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