

## Minutes

### **Charlestown Mosquito Abatement District Council**

Thursday, March 20, 2025, 17:00

Cross Mills Library

4417 Old Post Rd

Charlestown, RI 02813

1. Meeting was called to order at 17:00.
2. Roll Call: Present: Deb Carney, Regina DeAngelo, Matt Glander, Scott Keeley
3. The group reviewed and approved last meeting's minutes, with SK motioning to approve, MG seconding, and all in favor.
4. Old Business:
  - Status of proposed ordinance to ban the spraying of pyrethroids and similar biocides in the town of Charlestown: The group decided to focus its efforts instead on public education, due to the difficulty in enforcing a pyrethroid-spray ban. DC suggested asking someone from RI DEM or URI to do a public-education workshop. We could distribute a list of preferred pesticides and companies that use them.
  - Integrated Pest Management plan, budget and funding update: RD proposed asking Jim Natale at Wilder Gardens for a quote to do plantings. She will ask Vicky Hilton protocol.
  - Bat houses proposal: Group considered focusing on public education, perhaps with a workshop at the Cross Mills library. The group discussed having SK and Mike Kelsey lead this workshop. RD will ask Parks & Rec/Vicky Hilton if permitted to put up bat houses at Ninigret Park. (DC noted that this usually requires a purchase order to the Finance department.)

If permitted, we will determine Mike Kelsey's interest, as well as the possibility of building only a few bat houses (perhaps 10), given the work involved. For the proposed workshop, RD will ask Sara Ornstein, Cross Mills library director, about possibly presenting it this summer at

the library.

We could publicize workshops, etc. in the Charlestown Pipeline newsletter.

- Status of town-owned dispensers that we might use for mosquito repellent: There are no spare dispensers; they're all being used for sunscreen at the town beach. DC will see if we could get some more to use for natural insect repellent. MG will research which company might supply gallons of lotion at the right viscosity.
- Pesticide awareness at events : R & R, Earth Day, and Seafood Festival: MG will contact R & R. DC will also ask Vicky Hilton about Earth Day, and DC will contact Heather Paliotta about the Seafood Festival. MG can hand out flyers at the Earth Day/Easter Egg Hunt on April 19. RD will drop off our educational flyers to the Chamber of Commerce.
- Continued pesticide-spray plants at events: RD will ask Vicky Hilton to once again encourage pesticide-spraying vendors to use non-pyrethroid sprays.

Public comment: None

Next meeting: Monday, April 14, 2025, 17:00, Charlestown Public Library

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by SK, seconded by MG, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 17:45.

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