

Minutes

Charlestown Mosquito Abatement District Council

June 10, 2024, 15:30

Cross Mills Library

4417 Old Post Rd

Charlestown, RI 02813

1. Meeting was called to order at 15:32.

2. Roll Call: Present: Regina DeAngelo, Matt Glander, Scott Keeley.

3. Council reviewed the meeting minutes of 5/13/24. Regina brought a motion to approve, seconded by Matt. All in favor; motion passed.

4. New Business:

a. Second printing and distributing of educational flyer:

Council discussed distributing flyer at Ninigret Park events. - Distribute at Seafood Fest? Could Council members set up an information table?

- Distribute at Rhythm and Roots, maybe at safety tent?

Motion by Scott Keeley to look into distributing flyers at these events. Seconded by Matt Glander. All voted in favor; motion passed.

b. Council discussed mosquito mitigation for events such as Seafood Festival and Rhythm and Roots at Ninigret Park. Vicky Hilton had asked our recommendations and given Regina contact info of representatives of both events. Regina will email Heather Paliotta and Tyler of Rhythm and Roots to inform them of the MAC's recommendations.

c. Council discussed Integrated Pest Management as an alternative to broad spraying at events. Regina will ask Vicky Hilton if we could ask town staff to help us plant beneficial plants, and whether there is money in the budget for it.

Matt suggested a bug-repellent dispenser like the sunscreen dispensers installed at beaches. Perhaps we could install them at Ninigret Park for events. Matt offered to maintain them. He will find out whether we could use pesticide in sunscreen dispensers. The sunscreen dispensers cost around \$250 each.

Regina suggested giving out free pesticide wipes and offered to contact a company that sells them to ask for free packets or lotions.

Scott suggested promoting mosquito dunks as an alternative to spraying. He will look up costs.

d. The council discussed a potential letter requesting the Town Council to enact an ordinance or take other appropriate action to ban the spraying of pyrethroids and similar biocides in the town of Charlestown. Regina brought a motion to do so, seconded by Matt. All voted in favor; motion passed. Regina will write a letter for MAC approval.

5. Public comment: None

6. Next meeting: Wed., June 26, 2024 at 15:30

7. Adjournment: Motion by Scott to adjourn was seconded by Regina. All voted in favor. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 16:30.

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