

TOWN OF NANTUCKET  
BOARD OF HEALTH

INFORMATION SESSION-MAY 24, 2011  
PLANNING BOARD MEETING ROOM-2 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Roggeveen, Malcolm MacNab, MD, PhD, James Cooper, Helene Weld, RN.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephen Visco

AGENDA

The information session is opened at 1:30 p.m. and Ms. Gabrielle Sakolsky of Cape Cod Mosquito Control is introduced.

1. Mosquito Control Presentation – Ms. Sakolsky discusses the Cape’s Program, procedurally what has worked for them, the equipment and larvacides used, costs associated with the Program, and their budget. Ms. Sakolsky states that Nantucket may want to appoint a Mosquito Control Commission. Representative Madden and Senator Wolfe can be approached to develop legislation. The BOH/BOS/Mosquito Commission could send a letter to the Reclamation Board indicating our interest in conducting mosquito control under the authority of Reclamation Board while in the process of pursuing legislation. Ms. Sakolsky recommends hiring someone this summer (with a pesticide license), and she would train them. In the future, we should look to hire two permanent employees. The Act of 1965 was discussed which is in front of town counsel awaiting their determination. No recommendation will be made until an opinion is rendered.
2. Concerns from the Board - Dr. MacNab asks if the pursuit of a program should be a combined mosquito/tick control program? Ms. Sakolsky mentions both could be pursued.

Mr. Willauer asks about EEE/fresh water vs. salt water mosquitoes.

It is stated that 80% of trapped mosquitoes are salt water mosquitoes and that although any mosquito can carry a disease; it is unlikely with salt water mosquitoes. It is also mentioned that no mosquito borne disease has been documented on Nantucket. Currently there is mapping in place, legwork has been done and Nantucket could attempt their own program.

The BOH agrees to move their next meeting to June 16<sup>th</sup> as there is a conflict of attendance for one member.

The information session is adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

BOH unanimously approves informational meeting on June 16, 2011.