

The Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2026, in person at the office of the Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission, 2 Furnace Street, Oxford, New Jersey, with remote attendance available through *GoToMeeting*. This meeting was held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L.1975.

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order at 8:17 AM.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Burke, Chairman	YES
Mr. Summers, Vice-Chairman	YES (remote)
Ms. Greason, Secretary/Treasurer	YES
Mr. Eriksen	YES
Ms. Cooke-Gibbs	NO
Dr. Vincent Zaccheo	YES
Ms. Ciesla, County Commissioner	NO

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Chairman Burke: Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by forwarding a schedule of regular meetings of the Warren County Mosquito Commission to the Warren County Clerk, the Warren County Board of Commissioners, The Star Ledger, The Express Times, and by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the office of the Board of Commissioners and the Mosquito Commission. The Warren County Mosquito Commission may take formal action at this meeting. The meeting was announced to include a link and a phone number to join the meeting remotely using a phone, computer, tablet, or smartphone, as well as attending in person. Public participation is encouraged. To ensure full public participation, those individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meetings were advised to submit any requests for special accommodation one week in advance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Warren County Farmer's Fair will be held July 25 – August 1, 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Burke stated the Commissioners were provided with the minutes from the June 18, 2026, meeting. He asked if there were any corrections or modifications to the minutes. There being none, Commissioner Eriksen made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Greason seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS

Chairman Burke noted that the June 30, 2026, Budget & Treasurer's Reports were presented at the meeting for approval. Ms. Fisher stated that the Fulton Bank statements were not received, once received the reports will be created. Chairman Burke asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Budget & Treasurer's Reports. There being none, Commissioner Greason made a motion to approve the reports. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eriksen, and the motion carried.


E. Greason

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

All five seasonal staff are now working independently. One is working as a paid intern, from Stockton University, and has chosen her project. Permits were received from the state for mosquito surveillance and control on NJ Wildlife Management Areas and State Parks and Forests. Since contacting the NJ Lands Trust, it was brought to our attention that stocking fish in certain vernal pools could be a concern to endangered/threatened salamanders if those species of fish would feed on the salamander eggs. The seasonal intern plans to research the feeding behavior of the types of fish typically stocked and map the known larval sites against the known certified vernal pools with critical habitat for salamanders to ensure they are removed from the biological control program. Ms. Gruener researched the possibility of hiring an independent contractor to perform the stream clearing project on the Paulins Kill River in Knowlton Township. She reviewed the commission's water management permit and discussed the project with the Office of Mosquito Control Coordination while considering the recently updated NJDEP rules and regulations. The Commission attorney was consulted, and relevant NJ Public Purchasing Laws were reviewed to ensure compliance.

The Oxford rain gauge recorded 3.94" of precipitation in June, which is close to the average for that gauge. Egg collections continued with the majority of *Culex* eggs hatching out to *Cx. restuans*. However, *Cx. pipiens* have been collected from catch basins in Hackettstown. Adult mosquito populations remain low. Only twelve service requests, from ten townships, were received in June.

Mowing was completed at Young's Island in Independence Township. Ground larviciding continued, only 209 applications were required in June and only 121 applications have taken place to date in July. The first aerial larviciding application of the year took place on July 8, 2026; 549 acres were treated in Oxford, Liberty and White Townships.

Ms. Fisher and Ms. Giordano continue working on the Warren County Farmer's Fair display. Repellent wipes were provided to Blairstown for the Fourth of July celebration set to occur at Foot Bridge Park. Ms. Giordano completed the Spring tick surveillance. Asian longhorn tick surveillance in collaboration with the NJDA and the NJDOH was performed at additional locations throughout the county. These samples will be submitted to the NJDA to be tested for *Theileria orientalis*, which is tick-borne protozoan parasite infecting cattle in the area.

The PTO belt on the Ventrac mower was replaced. The ArcEase deck mower was taken out of storage and found to have fuel in the crankcase. The fuel was drained, the oil was drained, and the mower was cleaned.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Chairman Burke noted that master voucher M2026-07 (Resolution 2026-13) was presented at the meeting for approval. Commissioner Eriksen made a motion to approve master voucher M2026-07 (Resolution 2026-13) in the amount of \$66,438.79. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaccheo and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

- J. Gruener to R. Mathez re: Fallen tree & debris removal from Paulins Kill River

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION


E. Greason

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eileen M. Greason,
Secretary/Treasurer