

The Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 18, 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 8:19 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	YES (remote)
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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Burke stated the Commissioners were provided with the minutes from the May 21, 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 Zaccheo seconded the motion, and the motion carried with Commissioner Cooke Gibbs abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS

Chairman Burke noted that the May 31, 2026, Budget & Treasurer's Reports and budget transfers were presented at the meeting for approval. 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. Ms. Gruener stated the budget transfers are as follows: \$300 from M-13 Shop Supplies to M-12 Office Supplies and \$500 from M-08 Permits/Engineering/H2O Management to M-14 Lab/Field Supplies. Chairman Burke asked if there are any questions or concerns. There being none,


E. Greason

Commissioner Eriksen made a motion to approve the budget transfers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greason and the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

The 2025 draft financial audit was reviewed, and the final audit was received. All of the seasonal staff have been successfully onboarded and four of the five are now working independently performing larval surveillance/control on their respective routes. The mapping/inspection drone, DJI Mavic, was repaired and returned. Permit applications were completed and submitted to the NJ Lands Trust, NJ State Parks, and the NJ Wildlife Management Areas for public health mosquito control activities and for ticks and tick-borne disease monitoring as requested by the NJ DEP Office of Mosquito Control Coordination. The National Park Service scientific research permit for mosquito and tick surveillance in the DGNRA was received.

The Oxford rain gauge recorded 2.74" of precipitation, which is well below the 10-year average of 5.4" for that gauge. It has been extremely dry, Ms. Gruener stated she was able to walk into the Mountain Lake bog without sinking. Statewide, the average temperature was 61.7°F, which is 0.5° above the 30-year normal. Egg collections continued with the majority of *Culex* eggs hatching out to *Cx. restuans*. However, *Cx. pipiens* have been collected in a few routine larval collections in June (Warren County Fairgrounds and Bliss Boulevard); future egg collections will likely target those areas. Collections have consisted of normal spring and summer species with surprisingly, *Psorophora howardii*, *Ps. ciliata*, and *Ps. ferox* collections, which are usually not found in very dry years. NJ Light traps are operating at four locations; Pequest Rd., Oxford, Post Lane, Independence, Bear Creek Road, Allamuchy, and Mountain Lake Fire Department, Liberty township. Fish were trapped from abundant fish sites for stocking in needed areas.

Access brush cutting was done at two sites in Oxford. Mowing was done at Cat Swamp in Oxford Township. Right of entries for mowing went out for several locations. A site visit for the blockage on the Paulins Kill River in Knowlton Township was held with Tim Kardashian from Tim's Timber. Initially, Tim Bodine was contacted, however he recommended Tim's Timber for the job. The plan would be to hire Tim's Timber as an independent contractor. A meeting was held with the resident of 9 Laurel Court in Independence Township to discuss options for maintaining the stormwater facility on his property.

Ground larviciding continued on all four routes, however minimal treatments have been required. For the month of May, only 177 larval applications were necessary and only 77 were required mid-way through June. The solenoid for the Cougar was received and installed; the Cougar is scheduled for droplet calibration next week. Adult mosquito control was performed with a truck-mounted ultra-low volume sprayer on one night at Young's Island in Allamuchy and Independence Townships.

Spring tick surveillance under the DOH grant has been completed; surveillance was completed in Allamuchy, Blairstown, Frelinghuysen, Hackettstown, Harmony, Knowlton, Oxford, and Washington Townships. Work has begun on the display for the 2026 Warren County Farmer's Fair booth.

Ms. Gruener attended the NJMCA University Liaison Committee meeting with Josh Kohut, Dean of Research / NJAES Director of Research.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Chairman Burke noted that master voucher M2026-06 (Resolution 2026-12) was presented at the meeting for approval. Commissioner Eriksen made a motion to approve master voucher M2026-06 (Resolution 2026-12) in the amount of \$48,149.23. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaccheo and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

- S. Lisowski DVM, NJ Dept. of Ag. to J. Gruener, to & fro re: *H. longicornis* collections
- L. Baxter, NEVBD to J., Gruener re: Updated enzyme reports for Warren County


E. Greason

- J. Gruener to J. Mooney, Nisivoccia re: Disposal of Records
- J. Necina to Township of Allamuchy re: Right of Entry
- J. Necina to Robert & Lisa Schulster re: Right of Entry
- J. Necina to Ecologic Mitigation Oxford LLC. re: Right of Entry

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Audit

The 2025 Financial Audit was received and reviewed. There were no recommendations made. After some discussion, Commissioner Eriksen made a motion to the accept the 2025 Financial Audit conducted by Nisivoccia. Commissioner Greason seconded the motion and the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eileen M. Greason,
Secretary/Treasurer

