

Hadley Mosquito Opt-Out Committee

Agenda

Thursday, December 9

Hadley Senior Center Classroom

7:00 PM

1. Meeting Convenes – welcome and introductions
2. Election of officers and duties
3. Committee Rules and Regulations
4. Committee Mission Statement
5. Committee Strategic Plan
6. Other items
7. Future meeting dates and location (in person or Zoom)
8. Adjourn

Attachments (below)

Draft Rules and Regulations

Draft Mission Statement

Draft Strategic Plan

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Mission Statement of the Town of Hadley Mosquito Opt-Out Committee

As voted by majority at the Oct. 16, 2021 Town of Hadley SpecialTown Meeting, the residents directed the Town to Opt-Out of the SRMCB Spraying Program.* As appointed by the Select Board, the Hadley Mosquito Opt-Out Committee will complete an Application for an Alternative Mosquito Management Plan Required for a Municipality to Opt-Out of Spraying Conducted by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB) as currently defined by the M.G.L Chapter 252, Section 2A(b)(2). The Application must to be approved by the Hadley Select Board for submission to the MA Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EEA).

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/application-for-municipality-opt-out-of-srmcb-spraying#contacts->

The Alternative Management Plan will be developed in coordination with the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD). <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/pioneer-valley-mosquito-control-district-pvmcd>, with input from Town of Hadley residents and the recommendations of the Hadley Board of Health.

Active data from the MA Mosquito Control for the Twenty-First Century Task Force, which is charged with producing urgently needed legislation to overhaul the way our Commonwealth does this work, will

be monitored. The task force includes scientific experts and representatives from organizations concerned with land conservation, river protection, wildlife protection, organic agriculture and pollinators. <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/mosquito-control-for-the-twenty-first-century-task-force>

*The MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) will make the final decision on Opt-Out application approval.

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Rules and Regulations of Hadley Mosquito Opt-Out Committee

1. The Mosquito Opt-Out Committee will report to the Select Board Liaison.
2. All Committee Meetings will be held in compliance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.
3. All Committee decisions will be made during Committee meetings.
4. All Committee meetings will follow Robert’s Rules.
5. All agendas, including supporting materials, will be emailed to the Town Clerk’s office no later than 48 hours before meetings.
6. All meeting minutes will be posted on the Committee website within 30 days of minutes approval.

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Strategic Plan to for Hadley Mosquito Opt-Out Committee

OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	TACTICS	DATES	RESPONSIBLE PARTY
Submit application to State of MA EEA			TBA by State SRMCB (May)	Select Board or Town Administrator
Submit and receive application/plan approval by SB			One month before State deadline (April)	
	Submit regular updates to SB Liaison	Meeting minutes, email	As defined by SB Liaison	
Complete application/plan https://www.mass.gov/info-details/application-for-municipality-opt-out-of-srmcb-spraying#contacts-			One week before Final Select Board approval (mid April)	

Create alternative mosquito management plan			(Meeting dates TBA)	MOO Committee
	Complete application items: On Education, Outreach and Public Relations Meet with Hadley BOH	Seek guidance and input from Hadley Board of Health and other stakeholders on methods of education outreach and public relations	By mid March	
		Meet with Hadley BOH	By end of February	
		Conduct public hearing	By end of March	
	Complete application items: Mosquito Habitat Mosquito Testing and Arobovirus	Collect input and coordinate plan with PVMCD plans https://www.mass.gov/info-details/pioneer-valley-mosquito-control-district-pvmcd	By end of February	
	Seek guidance from the Mosquito Control for the Twenty-First Century Task Force https://www.mass.gov/orgs/mosquito-control-for-the-twenty-first-century-task-force	Monitor Website and attend online Task Force meetings	Ongoing	
		Meet with Jo Comerford	By end of January	
	Review opt-out plans from surrounding towns	Contact towns	By end of January	

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