## CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## Minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting

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Date:

March 13, 1997

Time:

11:00 A.M.

Place:

CMMCP District Headquarters, Northborough, MA

Present:

Frank Perrin, Richard Day, David Scott, Pablo Noguera and, Stephen Henry

1. The minutes of the February 13, 1997 Commissioners meeting were unanimously approved.

- 2. February/March'97 invoices amounting to \$9,559.01 were unanimously approved.
- 3. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

February 15, 1997	\$8,643.20
February 22, 1997	\$8,643.20
March 1, 1997	\$8,531.96
March 8, 1997	\$8,543.67

4. Work Schedule: The tractor is back in the shop with a broken hydraulic line. Project personnel are finishing up a pond project in Berlin. This was a big job taking over a month to complete. Undertaking this job has resolved two problem; a mosquito control problem and a (Town) drainage problem.

District crews spent most of their time cleaning culverts and brush cutting along stream. Nearly all of the Project's equipment has been maintained and is ready for the upcoming field season.

No larvae have been found during preliminary sampling. Project personnel anticipate beginning larviciding sometime early April. Clark, Inc. (formerly N.E. Vector) will host a "field day" April 1, 1997 to go over methods of product application, equipment usage and maintenance and review new equipment opportunities.

5. Annual Reports: The Commissioners received their copies of the 1996 Annual Report. Each city/town in the Project received 15 copies of the Annual Report which have been distributed to various boards, committees and libraries.

- 6. Report on the New Jersey Mosquito Control Association Meeting: David and one other Project person attended the NJ meeting. They reported that there were good sessions on wetland restoration, encephalitis and new field equipment.
- 7. Report on the March 7, 1997 Financial Hearing: David submitted written testimony pertaining to the spending plan and related budget.
- 8. Old Business: David will be attending the March 24, 1997 AMCA meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 9. New Business: David has indicated that he has received a lot of requests for work for this upcoming field season. He said he has to be careful to differentiate between mosquito control type work and regular maintenance type work (requests to clean/maintain stream/ponds where there are no mosquito problems).

A Reclamation Board meeting was held this past month to discuss various projects to be undertaken by the Essex County Mosquito Control Project.

A country club (golf course) in Westford has requested work be done on several of its ponds and streams. David feels that the restoration work on the ponds will reduce mosquito populations but he is a little leary to do work on the stream which, in his estimation, does not look like mosquito habitat.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

APPROVED:

Frank Perrin, Chairman, CMMCP

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