

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

Minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting

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Date: July 10, 1997

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Place: CMMCP District Headquarters, Northborough, MA

Present: Frank Perrin, David Scott, Jeff Bean and, Stephen Henry
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1. The minutes of the June 12, 1997 Commissioners meeting were unanimously approved.
2. June/July 1997 invoices amounting to \$3,354.69 were unanimously approved.
3. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

June 14, 1997	\$9,828.04
June 21, 1997	\$9,838.76
June 28, 1997	\$9,978.30
July 05, 1997	\$9,844.57

4. Work Schedule: The crews are out every evening adulticiding. A lot of calls are coming into the office requesting spraying. larvae counts are significantly less than last year at this time. Light trap samples a high proportion of *Peterbins*.

Water management activities in Natick have been completed. The equipment has been moved to Scherborn.

5. Personnel Update: David had to lay off one of the permanent technicians (Scott Herberger) last week. After repeated warnings to be careful with equipment and vehicles, Scott backed into a house knocking out the residence's telephone service. He had also driven across someone's lawn. Scott has had a long history of having vehicle related accidents which has resulted in his termination.

Mike Johnson, a recently hired technician has picked up the additional duties. David indicated he may post the recently vacated technician portion sometime late Winter/early Spring.

6. Budget Update: We are waiting for the Governor to sign the budget. The last time David saw the proposed budget, the Project looked to be fully funded (approximately \$705,000).
7. Old Business: The Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) has asked David for additional assistance in their efforts to conduct a lime disease study. HSPH has asked David to hire a seasonal employee to set out and pick up (mouse) traps which are to be returned to HSPH on a monthly basis. They would like to put out ten traps per town within the CMMCP. The Project would be responsible for providing a vehicle and associated mileage costs. In turn the HSPH would reimburse the project at the rate of \$9.00 per hour. The other Projects are assisting with this study. David suggested that this is a very worthwhile program and that there are a lot of benefits to be gained by cooperating with the HSPH. The Commissioners voted 3-0 authorizing David to enter into a cooperative agreement in order to assist with this study.
8. New Business: The City of Lowell (Director of the Board of Health) continues to express interest in joining the Project. They are talking about putting an Article before town government to join at the earliest possible opportunity.

David hasn't heard anything further from the Town of Boylston regarding contract mosquito control services. David thinks there may be some legal issues at their end, which need to be resolved before they take the next step.

No EEE virus has been detected in Massachusetts or Rhode Island so far this year.

David has just received a copy of the draft "Pesticide Disclose Act" which is before the Natural Resource Committee for review. He hasn't had an opportunity to carefully review it yet, but indicated that it would severely hamper future operations.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

APPROVED: _____



Frank Paren, Chairman, CMMCP

Date