

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

Minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting

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Date: August 13, 1998
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, Northboro, Massachusetts
Present: Frank Perrin, Richard Day, Pablo Noguera, Ken Courtemanche, Tim Deschamps

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1. The minutes of the July 9, 1998 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved.
2. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

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| July 11, 1998 | \$9060.00 |
| July 18, 1998 | \$9301.77 |
| July 25, 1998 | \$9301.77 |
| August 1, 1998 | \$9126.00 |
| August 8, 1998 | \$9496.00 |
3. August invoices totaling \$30,727.03 were unanimously approved.
4. Work Schedule: The excavator has completed a project in Sherborn, and will move on to a maintenance job in town, then will proceed to Shrewsbury, Leominster, Stow, Billerica and Tewksbury. Summer crews are assisting with the backhoe and doing ditch maintenance.

Crews are finding breeding sites are drying up, and have been instructed to begin catch basin larviciding. Requests for spraying are down, and the supply of Scourge is low. Ken is considering a small purchase in the event of a EE breakout. The crews are instructed to fog requests only and heavy adult populations in public/recreational areas.

5. Old Business: The budget has been passed, and the accounts will be loaded any day now. Apparently the legislation for a Trust Account was not approved again this year.

6. New Business: A former employee has been re-hired, Charlie Swinerton. With his previous 10 years pesticide experience, Ken will check with Mark Buffone at the Pesticide Bureau to get the 2 year on-the-job experience provision waived.

2 isolates of Highlands J virus have been reported by DPH, no indication of EE in Mass, RI or Conn. yet.

Ken has received paperwork regarding liability insurance through AMCA for the Project. The Commission reviewed this proposal, and decided to remain with State indemnification.

Problems with the current cleaning company, National Cleaning Co. were brought to the attention of the Commission by Ken. The cleaners were only spending a short time in the offices, and the results were unsatisfactory. Ken has received a proposal from another company which will do significantly more work for the same amount of money. The Commission decided to leave this decision to the discretion of the Superintendent.

Copies of the Chelmsford Aerial Report prepared by the Assistant Superintendent were passed out for the Commissioner's review. The Project's goal is to encourage the towns of Billerica, Wilmington and Tewksbury to fund a similar application each spring, subject to supplemental appropriation. It is hoped that such an application will result in significantly fewer spray requests and reduced town-wide adult mosquito populations.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Approved: _____



Frank Perrin, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: _____

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