

# CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: March 9, 2000

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532

Present: Frank Perrin, Richard Day, Jim Shuris, Ken Courtemanche and Tim Deschamps

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1. The minutes of the February 10, 1999 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved.

2. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

Feb. 12, 1999	\$9,528.40
Feb. 19, 1999	\$9,528.40
Feb. 26, 1999	\$9,528.40
Mar. 4, 2000	\$9,528.40

3. Submitted invoices for March 9, 2000 totaling \$6,249.35 were approved unanimously.

4. **Work Schedule:** The excavator has been idle this month while repairs to the Eager Beaver trailer and the John Deere 350 backhoe were completed. The excavator is scheduled to go to Wilmington, with Marlboro, Tewksbury and Westboro next on the list. Work crews are back again performing stream maintenance and prep work ahead of the backhoe. The 1999 Annual Report has been completed and sent to all Project town boards - 15 copies each town. Additional information has been sent to Towns who have requested it.

5. **Old Business:** Bids have been sent out for 2 small pickup trucks to replace aging/junk vehicles in the Project's fleet. 3 bids were received by the Project, and the bid was awarded to Myrick Chevrolet - 2 Chevy S-10's for \$11,520 each. It's the intention of the Superintendent to also replace the wagon for the Entomologist (150K+ miles) and one full size ½ ton truck. These bids will go out ASAP. A tentative plan is in place to replace 2-3 vehicles a year, as the budget allows.

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### 2000 Meeting Schedule:

January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14.

New Business: A meeting at the Dept. Of Public Health was held on Feb. 25 with the Mosquito Control Projects and other agencies on the proposed strategy for emergence of West Nile Virus. No definite plans exists as of yet, DPH will rely on the Projects and other agencies for the time being for additional surveillance, etc. Our Project plans to expand our catch basin treatment program, with additional emphasis on urban areas; the addition of new traps (gravid and possibly CDC), as well as increased public awareness.

The Project has sent to all member cities and towns Boards of Health a memo on our proposed strategy to combat the emergence of WNV. Mr. Day (Chelmsford BOH) commented he received the memo, and it looked good. The Project will keep the member communities informed of this potential threat to public health.

The American Mosquito Control Association will hold it's annual meeting March 12-17 in Atlantic City, NJ. Ken, Tim and Curt will attend. Additional information on WNV is expected to be presented, as well as new control strategies.

Due to medical reasons, Commission Chairman Frank Perrin has asked Richard Day to become Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of CMMCP as of the next meeting. Mr. Day accepted, and commented on the excellent job Mr. Perrin has performed in his 26 years of service to the Board. The Board, and all Project personnel, wish Frank good luck and speedy recovery in his latest medical procedure.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 PM.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Frank Perrin, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

April 13, 2000