

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: August 10, 2000

Time: 11:00 AM

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

Present: Richard Day, Frank Perrin, Dean Mazzarella, Pablo Noguera, Ken Courtemanche & Tim Deschamps

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1. The minutes of the July 20, 2000 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved.
2. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

July 8 & 15, 2000	\$1,714.40 (retroactive raises)
July 22, 2000	\$10,673.60
July 29, 2000	\$10,385.60
August 5, 2000	\$10,790.44

3. Submitted invoices for August 10, 2000 totaling \$41,928.98 were approved unanimously.
4. **Work Schedule:** Marlboro and Westford are next on the schedule for the excavator. The operator is on vacation for 3 weeks this month. The project in Marlboro is awaiting the necessary forms from New England Power. The crews have been dropping Altosid® in wet catch basins, with an extra emphasis on urban areas. Our basin output will more than double from previous years due to the threat from West Nile Virus. The town of Chelmsford has bought 5 additional cases to supplement the Project's output. Adulticide requests are down, crews have caught up on service requests. The 2 days following the Hopkinton crow announcement resulted in over 200 calls for service, but all requests were handled within the week, and the phone has returned to normal.
5. **Old Business:** Steven's Ford has delivered the new station wagon for the entomologist, it has been inspected and registered, and is now in service. 5 more trucks in the Project's fleet will need replacement over the next 2 years.
6. **New Business:** Ken passed out to the Commission a copy of a memo, dated 24-Nov-87, reaffirmed by SRB on 25-Oct-94, regarding Commission meetings, attendance and pay. Ken will hold on to 1 copy for Commissioner Jim Shuris who is not present.

2000 Meeting Schedule:

January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 20, August 10, **September 14**, October 12, November 9 and December 14.

West Nile Virus has been confirmed in Vermont and Albany, NY Ken reported. A Staten Island, NY man has been confirmed to have had WNV, and is recovering. West Roxbury and South Easton has been confirmed by DPH to have had EEE isolates in *Cs. melanura*.

On July 27, DPH confirmed that a dead crow from the town of Hopkinton was positive for WNV. The Project responded the next night with adulticiding a 1-2 mile swath in all Project towns that border Hopkinton (Westborough, Southborough, Ashland & Holliston). At the urgent request from Public Health, a limited application was done in Hopkinton in the effected area. No charge will be assessed to the Town, this was done as a good faith measure. The Town has promised to sponsor an article to join the Project in the very near future.

Ken was worked up numbers in the event a non-member town needs service from CMMCP. Adulticide costs for 4 trucks, 5 hours would be \$3,300, or a cost of \$165/hour. It is agreed by the Commission that any work done in a non-member town would be only done by a state mandate, through Public Health and/or SRB. Reimbursement, public notification, and especially liability issues concern the Commission. Ken explained the cost breakdown to the Commission members.

The State Reclamation Board met at Project headquarters on August 4th to discuss the issue of work in non-member towns. A "Contract for Service" may be developed to allow a mechanism for payment, discuss liability and notification procedures. SRB has urged that membership in an organized district is the preferred option, and any emergency procedures may be limited. A memo from all Projects is being developed by Project personnel to inform SRB what needs to be done in the off season to address this issue, and others concerning WNV. A copy of CMMCP's response was passed out. Also given to the Commission was a map showing our current service area, and the towns that have expressed interest in joining. All towns that are interested have been sent an extensive information packet.

Tim attended meeting with town boards in the Towns of Lancaster and Auburn regarding the service CMMCP offers. Other meetings of this type are scheduled in the near future, and results will be reported to the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Approved: Richard J. Day
Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: Sept 17 2000