

# CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: September 14, 2000  
Time: 11:00 AM  
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532  
Present: Richard Day, Frank Perrin, Dean Mazarella, Jim Shuris, Ken Courtemanche & Tim Deschamps

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1. The minutes of the August 10, 2000 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved.
2. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

August 12, 2000	\$10,385.60
August 19, 2000	\$10,385.60
August 26, 2000	\$10,745.60
September 2, 2000	\$10,673.60
September 9, 2000	\$10,990.91

3. Submitted invoices for September 14, 2000 totaling \$26, 452.29 were approved unanimously.
4. **Work Schedule:** Westford is next on the schedule for the excavator, with Westborough coming next. The project in Marlboro is still awaiting the necessary forms from New England Power. The crews continue dropping Altosid® in wet catch basins, with an extra emphasis on urban areas. Adulticide requests are down, crews have caught up on service requests and this program will be suspended this week due to cool weather and low mosquito populations. All crews have been notified they are on stand-by basis if any further WNV problems arise. Our larval program will perform one more sweep through all towns.
5. **Old Business:** 2 new Ford Rangers have been delivered, they have been registered, inspected and set up with spray rigs, and are now in service. This completes the FY/99 vehicle replacement, with a total of 6 new vehicles replacing old/junk vehicles in the Project's fleet. Next on the agenda will be a heavy duty 1-ton utility body 4 wheel drive pickup for the excavator crew - this vehicle will be costly to replace, but the current heavy duty vehicle in service has performed well for over 10 years.
6. **New Business:** The Town of Bolton has expressed intense interest in joining CMMCP through a citizen's petition sponsored by the "Bolton Mosquito Free Task Force", either through a Special or Annual Town

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### 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.

Meeting. We have been invited to the Bolton Fair by this Task Force, but the necessary fees have not been waived, and it is unlikely due to this fact, and the short notice, we will be able to attend.

Ken informed the Commission on the latest round of WNV positive birds, in member towns of Holliston, Natick, Tewksbury and Billerica. The Town of Millville also had an isolate, and town officials delivered to Project headquarters a letter absolving any liability, and taking responsibility for public notification. Ken read the letter to the Commission. A limited area in Millville and Blackstone was sprayed without incident. Due to the fact that the Town has shown interest in joining, no assessment will be sent to them.

The Commission has been informed that WNV has been isolated from 4 new mosquito species, *Ae. vexans*, *An. punctipennis*, *Ae. triseriatus* and *Cx. salinarius*.

Discussion arose due to the situation of anywhere from 5-25 towns joining CMMCP. It was agreed that staffing levels will need to be increased very soon to allow time for the new recruits to receive the required training. Absorbing more than 10-12 towns into our service area may put a heavy burden on many aspects of our program. Emphasis on former members of CMMCP may be necessary. Additional spray rigs and possible expansion of the Project's fleet will also be a necessity if the service area increases dramatically (more than 3-4 towns). With the additional assessment from the new towns, money is not the problem: time to hire & train new employees, and buying and setting up new spray rigs is the issue. Further input from the Commission will be needed in subsequent meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

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

Date: Oct 12, 2000