

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: October 12, 2000

Time: 11:00 AM

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

Present: Richard Day, Frank Perrin, Dean Mazzearella, Jim Shuris, Pablo Noguera, Ken Courtemanche & Tim Deschamps

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1. The minutes of the September 14, 2000 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved.

2. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

September 16, 2000	\$10,587.10
September 23, 2000	\$10,385.60
September 30, 2000	\$10,385.60
October 7, 2000	\$10,385.60

3. Submitted invoices for October 12, 2000 totaling \$5,227.14 were approved unanimously.

4. **Work Schedule:** The excavator has completed projects in Westford and Westborough. Millbury is scheduled next. The project in Marlboro is still awaiting the necessary forms from New England Power. Ken showed the Commission a letter from DEP requesting Water Quality Certificates, etc. for work in an ACEC. This refers to the Westborough pond restoration. This work was begun after the letter was received, all work is not in the ACEC, and does not meet the criteria for Water Quality Certificates. A completion letter has been sent to DEP regarding the Westborough pond restoration. Our larval program performed one more sweep through all towns, and adulticiding has stopped as of 9/14. Nighttime temperatures are very low, and scattered frost has been observed in the area. WNV continues to be found in the CMMCP service area and beyond, but no more adulticiding is anticipated at this time.

5. **Old Business:** none

6. **New Business:** Bids for 3 new trucks to replace aging vehicles in the Project's fleet have been sent out to area vendors. Two ½ ton pickups and one 1 ton utility body truck are in need of replacing. Expected cost will be \$65k for all 3 vehicles. Bids are set to be opened on Friday November 3, 2000.

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.

The Town of Shirley had a Special Town Meeting to join the Project on 10/2. The invitation was not received by the Project until the Thursday before the meeting, but Tim was able to attend representing the Project. After several hours of other articles and discussion, the article to join was then discussed, and not in a favorable fashion. After several minutes of misinformation and outright lies, a vote was taken; 94-0 against joining. Tim was unable to address town meeting body after not receiving permission to speak by the body itself. The Commission feels that if Shirley has a need for mosquito control next year due to WNV or any other reason, the Project may not be able to offer assistance due to the wishes of this Town Meeting body.

Tim outlined various meeting that have been, and will be scheduled in the next few weeks:

- 9/18 - **Groton**. A Board of Health meeting pertaining a citizen's petition to join. This was not very well received by BOH, and the resident will continue to pursue this item.
- 9/26 - **Harvard**. An informational meeting scheduled by BOH. General questions regarding our program, and specific questions regarding adulticiding. Unsure if this Board will sponsor an article.
- 10/2 - **Shirley**. See details above.
- 10/3 - **Bolton**. Another citizen's petition to join. This is a well organized citizen's group, but faces opposition from most town boards. Meeting was mostly a gathering of information, with emphasis on adulticiding. Curt also attended this meeting.
- 10/16 - **Holliston**. The BOH has requested a meeting to outline steps CMMCP and the Town will undertake next year against WNV. Holliston to date has had over 10 birds test positive for WNV.
- 10/24 - **Carlisle**. An informational meeting has been scheduled by BOH, with a Town Meeting article on the warrant, 11/14.
- 11/2 - **Auburn**. A Special Town Meeting to join CMMCP is planned. This town has never been in CMMCP
- 11/14 - **Northbridge**. A former member, this town also has a Special Town Meeting to join.

The Commission will be informed of all details of the meeting scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Approved: _____

Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: Nov. 9, 2000