

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: June 8, 1989
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: Davco Farm

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Present: Malcolm Henry, Ray Davis, Frank Perrin, David Scott,
Richard Day

1. The minutes of the preceeding meeting of May 11, 1989 were unanimously approved.

2. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

5/13/89	\$7448.65	5/20/89	\$7312.15
5/27/89	7710.90	6/3/89	7280.90

for a total of \$29,752.60

3. Invoices were approved by a unanimous vote. They totaled \$1334.99 and \$411.44.

4. FY89 budget money is all encumbered at this time.

5. One employee (Bob Fiske) left. Our 40 hour work week may be extended by using the one less employee's compensation to increase some of the others

6. FY90 Budget: Hopefully it will be approximately \$611,321. It should be \$891,000. It takes money, dedicated people and modern equipment to properly cope with the present day situation - the continued budget tampering resulting in monetary reduction of the project's budget leaves a project to learn to cope. Hopefully we will be 100% funded by individual towns the way the act established our project in the first place and the way it should be reinstated.

7. The amount of mosquitoes this season tends for an Encephalitis outbreak. Our superintendent said its the worst he has seen in 15 years. Request for spray up to now from towns and cities number 949 while all last year we had a total of 896 requests. So far, up to today, our crews have handled 599 requests. Ten trucks can handle a minimum of 100 requests per night. Normally we don't spray Friday nights, but we will this season.

Northern sections of the territory have the greatest number of requests, i.e. Billerica, Chelmsford, Tewksbury and Westford. It was noted that a discussion was had with a Mr. Wolf of Groton with possible further inquiry by Mr. Wolf to Chairman Henry.

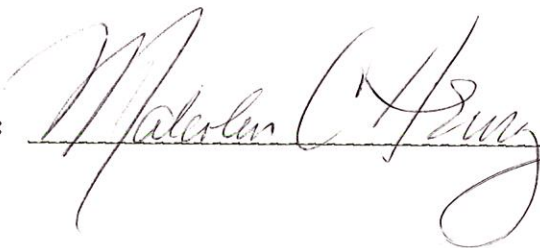
Our Light Traps show 75% more mosquitoes this year than last year and 150% more than a normal year. This condition with a slashed budget (which never should have been) causes much unrest among the voters.

7. (continued)

Our permanent personnel stands at 13; last year we had 18 permanent well trained people.

8. Employee information sheets were presented to each Commissioner. All grades and possible increases were discussed and resulted in a 5% cost of living increase with grade step ups wherever possible plus a bonus was sanctioned for others.
9. Our superintendent was given a 5% cost of living increase and a performance bonus for the excellent job performed under severe handicaps of budget cuts, personnel turnover, ageing equipment, etc.
10. IHC running but noisy. It may need a new short block before it does too much heavy hauling. Water Management is at a standstill and will remain so until this serious mosquito adulticiding takes control. Everyone is in adulticiding - mechanic, tractor operators. Everyone is pitching in to get things under control.
11. State DPW Mist Blower was to transfer to our project. Instead it was sold to a private buyer.
12. One of our Mist Blowers inadvertently sprayed two of our employee's vehicles. David will do whatever is fair and necessary to correct the paint on the two vehicles. It is better that they be cleaned up by buffing. If not a refinish job will be approved.
13. The Northboro Conservation Commission held a meeting which our superintendent attended last Monday night. Things are under control at present.
14. Meeting adjourned 2:20 P.M.
15. Next meeting July 13, 1989.

APPROVED:



Malcolm C. Henry, Chairman
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