CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

Date:

April 11, 2002

Time:

11:00 AM

Place:

CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532

Present:

Pablo Noguera, Dean Mazzarella, George Smith, Ken Courtemanche & Tim Deschamps

- 1. The minutes of the March 14, 2002 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved.
- 2. The following payrolls were approved unanimously:

March 16, 2001

\$11,781.20

March 23, 2001

\$11,781.20

March 30, 2001

\$11,781.20

April 6, 2001

\$11,781.20

- 3. Submitted invoices for Apr. 11, 2002 totaling \$5,057.26 were unanimously approved.
- 4. Work Schedule: All crews have begun larval surveys of area wetlands, and report activity in most wet areas. The drought has reduced these areas to a certain degree, but any stagnant water has mosquito larvae. Requests for service are being received by the CMMCP office, but adulticide spray requests are being deferred until May. No spray exclusions have been picked up at member Town Halls, and added to the exclusion lists. The helicopter applications for Billerica and Chelmsford is tentatively scheduled for April 19. The excavator is scheduled for a restoration project in Tewksbury next, with Sherborn after that.
- 5. <u>Old Business</u>: The CMMCP Commission has received their pay after a lengthy delay. It is anticipated that the pay will be sent out on a more timely basis from this time forward.

The Clarke Mosquito workshop was held at CMMCP headquarters on April 10 and was well attended. Commissioner Smith was in attendance, and remarked he thought it was informative. Good talks on mosquito control, application techniques, pesticide label comprehension and mosquito biology. West Nile Virus was also a featured topic.

Commissioner Mazzarella asked if CMMCP had a public service videotape; he was informed that an old PSA was available, but personnel and techniques have changed over time. He said if a current one was available, he would be able to have it shown on the Leominster cable system.

6. New Business: Bids have been sent out to 3 potential vendors for vehicle and public officer liability. The closing date on these bids is May 3.

The Town of Boylston has a warrant article to join CMMCP on May 6. Tim will be in attendance, and has also been invited to speak at a Board of Health meeting on April 22. No word from the Town of Sturbridge on an article to join. Tim will make contact with the Town Administrator to find out the status.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Approved:

Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: May 9 2000