

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: May 9, 2002
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532
Present: Richard Day, Pablo Noguera, Jim Shuris, George Smith, Ken Courtemanche & Tim Deschamps

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1. The minutes of the April 11, 2002 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved.
2. The following payrolls were approved unanimously:

April 13, 2002	\$11,781.20	April 20, 2002	\$11,781.20
April 27, 2002	\$11,781.20	May 4, 2002	\$11,781.20
3. Submitted invoices for May 9, 2002 totaling \$3,559.83 were unanimously approved.
4. **Work Schedule:** All crews are continuing larval surveys of area wetlands, and report activity in most wet areas. No spray exclusions have been picked up at member Town Halls, and added to the exclusion lists. The ULV spray rigs are being serviced and will be ready for action soon. Pesticide stocks are all set. Town Meeting Warrants are being picked up and reviewed; no articles to withdraw have been noted thus far. The excavator has completed a restoration project in Tewksbury, with Sherborn next on the schedule.
5. **Old Business:** The Town of Boylston voted not to join at their Annual Town Meeting, due mainly to fiscal concerns. There is a possibility of another article to join in 2003.
6. **New Business:** The closing date on bids for vehicle insurance was May 3. No bids were received by the CMMCP office; Tim will look into other options.

The Town of Sturbridge has voted to join the CMMCP service area, beginning July 1, 2002. With a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Noguera, the CMMCP Board of Commission voted to accept Sturbridge into it's service area by unanimous consent. Preliminary surveys will be made of the town soon, and surveillance can begin early if necessary. Tim will begin the necessary process to allow funding to begin.

On behalf of the Commission, George Smith praised the educational program offered by our Staff Entomologist, Curtis Best. Curt recently gave a program in the Auburn school system, and very positive feedback was received

by Mr. Smith. The Board commented on the importance of this program, and is appreciative of the effort put forth by Mr. Best in this endeavor.

Ken showed the Commission a recent article in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, noting the our program had been eliminated. Due to the funding change by all MCP's, we no longer show up as a line item on the state budget, so the author of the article misinterpreted the information.

We received today a memo from SRB regarding the status of all MCP's in the Commonwealth. The memo stated we have been classified as state agencies, with all the rights and responsibilities herein. What this means is unclear, SRB will have a meeting to discuss this memo. The Commission has a few questions - is liability insurance required for the Commission? Will we receive all union benefits (such as tuition remission)? Ken & Tim will work to find out these answers.

We have received a letter from Mary-Beth Burnand in Boston regarding open positions. 3 positions are currently unfilled, so we can fill 2 of those with temporary help for the summer. One will be a new hire at \$8.25 per hour, the other is a return - Ross Courtemanche. Ross was due to make \$8.75 this year, but Ken asked the Commission to consider raising his wage to \$9.00 per hour. After discussion, the Commission agreed to grant Ross the \$9.00 per hour wage, and commented that next month's salary review should include a discussion on the Temporary Laborer wage matrix - this have not been changed in a long time.

The assessments for Project towns still have not been changed to reflect the true cost per town - Tim is continuing to work on this item.

ALL COMMISSIONERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE JUNE MEETING WILL DISCUSS WAGES AND COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR PROJECT EMPLOYEES. THEY ARE ASKED TO INFORM THE CMMCP OFFICE IF THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

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

Date: June 13 2002
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