

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: August 8, 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 July 11, 2002 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved.

2. The following payrolls were approved unanimously:

July 13, 2002	\$13,199.20	July 20, 2002	\$13,105.20
July 27, 2002	\$12,943.33	August 3, 2002	\$13,196.58

3. Submitted invoices for August 8, 2002 totaling \$292.23 were unanimously approved.

4. **Work Schedule:** The excavator is idle awaiting permission for restoration projects in Billerica, Hopedale and Leominster. All crews are on the night shift and are answering service requests in member towns. The spray crews have done a good job answering these requests and working through any backlog. The 2 summer interns are assisting the Staff Entomologist in setting gravid traps in a swing through the district; all towns will receive this surveillance on a rotational basis, and additional, intensive trapping will be performed once WNV has been detected. Area wetlands have dried down significantly, and service requests have tapered off for the time being. A minor upsurge in Tewksbury due to the EEE isolation in a mosquito pool, but things have calmed down there. Vectolex has been applied in area basins to remove this product from the CMMCP stockpile; it has been here for several years and it needs to be used. Altosid products are in storage awaiting multiple WNV isolations; Westford & Chelmsford basins are still being treated with town-purchased product.

5. **Old Business:** None

6. **New Business:** EEE has been isolated in a pool of bird-biting mosquitoes (*Culiseta melanura*) in Tewksbury. CMMCP surveillance traps are in place, and neighborhoods around the Great Swamp have been sprayed to reduce the risk from EEE. Tim has been in contact with the Tewksbury Board of Health and is coordinating our efforts. Service requests have increased in town, but the spray crews have serviced all calls within a week.

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WNV has been found in a crow in the city of Marlboro - additional surveillance is in place and we are awaiting the results from Mass. DPH. DPH did not have a location for us, but Crew Leader Richard Nuttall inquired at the Health Office and was told of the location.

MDPH has limited all MCP's to 40 pools of mosquitoes per week due to budget restraints. Our surveillance team will work hard to try and limit/tailor the collections to fit in with this new protocol.

The FY03 budget is set at \$1,119,585 not counting the assessment from Sturbridge (estimated at \$45-50K). The rollover amount from FY02 has not been sent out by SRB.

Ken asked the Commission to consider replacing the 1994 Blazer and the 1986 Blazer due to high mileage, service related problems and body rust/rot. The Commission agreed to replace these vehicles with similar size/style vehicles if it fits within the budget and is fiscally responsible at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

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

Date: Sept. 12 2002

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