

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: March 13, 2003
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532
Present: Jim Shuris, Dean Mazzarella, Pablo Noguera, George Smith, Ken Courtemanche & Tim Deschamps

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1. The minutes of the February 13, 2003 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved.
2. The following payrolls were approved unanimously:

Feb. 15, 2002	\$12,379.20	Feb. 22, 2002	\$12,379.20
Mar. 1, 2002	\$12,379.20	Mar. 8, 2002	\$12,379.20
3. Submitted invoices for March 13, 2003 totaling \$64,492.10 were unanimously approved.
4. **Work Schedule:** All ditch maintenance work has resumed where allowed. The tractor has 3 jobs lined up; Hopedale, Berlin and Clinton, and will be on site once the winter loosens it's grip. Work crews are continuing to perform maintenance on the shop & shop equipment during inclement weather. All annual reports have been delivered to all town offices.
5. **Old Business:** Ken congratulated Mr. Shuris on his reappointment to the CMMCP Commission. Ken also reports that 2 mosquito Superintendents have retired, Bristol County and Plymouth County.

The Commission reviewed the new format for the Project invoices and gave their approval. Additions and deletions can be made to this format at the Commission's request.

6. **New Business:** Brad Mitchell and Larry McCormack from DFA met with Project Superintendents at the CMMCP facility on March 5. The main topic of discussion was the BMP manual still awaiting final approval before it goes out for public comment. Legal interpretation of DEP's authority are in question, and counsel for the Projects along with DFA will continue to look into this matter. Insurance issues were also discussed: Project employees and vehicles are indemnified under the Commonwealth's umbrella, but the status of Commission members is still unclear. DFA counsel promised to look into this matter and have information as soon as possible. The Projects expressed the urgency of this matter to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. McCormack.

2003 Meeting Schedule:

January 9, February 13, March 13, **April 10**, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11

The annual Clarke Mosquito workshop is scheduled for April 1 at CMMCP headquarters. Commission members are encouraged to attend if possible.

Tim passed out the Governor's budget recommendations from House 1. All mosquito projects were listed on the printout. The amount for CMMCP is the same as the FY/04 maintenance estimate: \$1,265,887. As trust accounts this amount cannot be changed, but all mosquito personnel must be sensitive to the fiscal problems of member towns.

Tim is working on the DOR assessments with personnel from DOR. At issue is the fact that although the town of Sturbridge is being assessed for FY/03, the additional amount was never added to the FY/03 budget. As a result no additional funding has been placed in the CMMCP budget for this new town. Tim will continue to work on this problem - there remains enough time before the final quarterly assessments go out to all of the towns to resolve this issue.

Project personnel were greeted with an unwelcome surprise this morning: 5 engine blocks were unceremoniously dumped in the Project parking lot overnight. The local Police Department has been notified and a report has been taken. A receipt was found in the debris but it is unclear if this will result in any arrests. We have placed these engine blocks on wooden pallets and cleaned up the minor oil spill. As a last resort we can arrange for free pickup of these items from a local scrap dealer. Mr. Mazzarella asked to have the police department send the Commission any results of this investigation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 PM.

Approved: _____


Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: _____

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