

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: May 8, 2003
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532
Present: Richard Day, Jim Shuris, Pablo Noguera, Dean Mazzarella & Tim Deschamps

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1. The minutes of the April 10, 2003 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved.
2. The following payrolls were approved unanimously:

Apr. 12, 2002	\$12,750.18	Apr. 19, 2002	\$13,374.93
Apr. 26, 2002	\$13,819.94	May 3, 2002	\$13,850.48
3. Submitted invoices for May 8, 2003 totaling \$63,389.80 were unanimously approved.
4. **Work Schedule:** The tractor is idle awaiting the operator's receipt of his hoist license. Work crews are continuing to larvicide wetlands and report breeding in most wet areas. Overtime for larviciding continues and will remain in place until the end of the fiscal year, subject to a budget review in late May. Crews will switch over to catch basin larviciding once the spring-brood has hatched, approximately mid-May. It is anticipated that the night shift will begin on or about the first of June - weather and citizen requests will determine the actual start date.
5. **Old Business:** The subject of personal time was again discussed. We are currently the only Mosquito Project that does not offer this benefit to their employees. Mr. Mazzarella states that the Commission may hold onto this benefit for the time being and reconsider this requests if/when pay raises or COLA may be a budgetary concern. The Commission decided to table this item again and discuss it at the June 2003 meeting when annual pay raises and COLA will be discussed.
6. **New Business:** Tim reported on the status of the member town's annual meetings. We have received 23 out of 35 town warrants, and to date 2 towns, Lunenburg & Hopkinton, had warrant articles pertaining to mosquito control. Lunenburg passed their article with little discussion. Tim and Curt were available at the Hopkinton town meeting (Curt is a town resident) and after 9 hours our article came to a vote. It was passed unanimously with no discussion. Tim will continue to monitor the

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towns that have not published a warrant and will report his findings to the Commission at the June meeting.

Tim reports that the aerial larvicide performed by Billerica and Chelmsford seems to have been a success. Data gathered shows good efficacy, and Tim will generate a report to be given to town officials at his earliest opportunity.

Tin reported to the Commission that the public education program offered to local school systems is in full swing. Education Director Curtis Best has been busy teaching school children about mosquito biology and control. The Commission is appreciative of his efforts in this important outreach program.

Tim reminded the Commission that next month's meeting will deal with employee pay raises and COLA - it is important to have a full Commission to discuss this topic. Tim will have the relevant data available for the Commission to base their decisions.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 PM.

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

Date: June 12 2003

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