

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: July 8, 2004
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532
Present: Richard Day, George Smith, Dean Mazzarella, Tim Deschamps & Tim McGlinchy

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1. The minutes of the June 10, 2004 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved.

2. The following payrolls were approved unanimously:

June 11, 2004	\$15,785.24	June 19, 2004	\$14,807.73
June 26, 2004	\$15,648.75	July 3, 2004	\$14,180.08

3. Submitted invoices for July 8, 2004 totaling \$149,384.92 were unanimously approved.

4. **Work Schedule:** The excavator has been idle the past month awaiting further investigation in several restoration project areas. Nicole reports that she has investigated 84 sites total, with 25 ready and 17 pending. Tim M. reports to the Commission that we have received and databased 5,177 service requests to date, with only 387 outstanding. Ed Storonsky has done a good job service repairs to vehicles and spray rigs. Tim M. also pointed out that all employees have worked hard, but especially Ezra Taito, Jeff Mills, Tim Welch and Jay Begin. Overtime has ended as of June 30, and will only be offered again if unusual circumstances arise.

5. **Old Business:** The fish kill incident in Chelmsford has been resolved; the resident has been contacted and has picked up replacement fish. Tim D. has worked out the financial arrangements with the fish company, and the anticipated cost is ~\$1,200. All spray crews have been reminded to use extreme caution in and around fish bearing waters, and to survey all backyards for the presence of ornamental fish ponds and other exclusion areas.

Tim D. reports on the termination meeting for Scott Cobat held at last month's Commission Meeting. Tim D. has been informed that DAR is appealing the unemployment award given to Mr. Cobat; a hearing is scheduled at the DET/DUA office in Worcester on July 20, 2004. Mary Beth Burnand and Larry McCormick are expected to attend with Tim D. & Tim M.

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6. **New Business:** Tim D. has a scheduled meeting in Boston on July 13 at the DAR office regarding the vehicle accident settlements (Ken Courtemanche & Charlie Swinerton). Tim will also be discussing the unemployment appeal with Mary Beth Burnand and Larry McCormick.

The Commission was shown an informational mailing prepared by Tim D. for the Westborough Board of Health. 300 mailings have gone out to the area WNV was confirmed in a Westborough resident in 2003. The Board of Health supplied CMMCP with the addresses and we generated the mailing and supplied the postage.

Tim D. reports on a meeting he was invited to before the Charlton ad-hoc Beaver Committee. Tim prepared a PowerPoint presentation on mosquito control activities in MA, basic mosquito biology and impact beavers have had on larval mosquito production. Tim passed out to the Commission a thank you letter and a newspaper article that was enclosed with the letter.

The Commission reviewed a display that will be rotated throughout member town halls describing our basic services. Tim D. has worked up 5 copies, one per district and anticipates they will be ready for distribution in August.

Tim D. and Tim M. informed the Commission on the status of WNV in Massachusetts to date – no avian, human, horse or mosquito pool activity has been noted. CMMCP has submitted 112 pools for a total of 2,224 mosquitoes up to this date. DPH has reported the viral data in a faster timeframe – no reports on dead bird location yet despite inquiries from Tim D.

Tim D. expressed a desire to hold informational meeting at the CMMCP office for BOH personnel and possibly other town employees. Mosquito services offered, mosquito biology, and a tour of the facility are some initial ideas. Tim passed out to the Commission a paper with ideas: most items are already in place or can be done with minimal effort – it is necessary to purchase a television and VCR/DVD units to allow presentations of material already in stock. It is hoped to have an initial presentation this summer. The Commission was agreeable to this idea, and the idea of making a new DVD presentation for dispersal among the member cities and towns was also discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 PM.

Approved: _____

Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: _____

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