

# CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: April 13, 2006  
Time: 11:00 AM  
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532  
Present: Pablo Noguera, George Smith, Dean Mazzarella, Tim Deschamps & Tim McGlinchy

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1. The minutes of the March 9, 2006 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Noguera, seconded by Mr. Smith.

2. The following payrolls were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Noguera, seconded by Mr. Smith:

Mar. 11, 2006	\$14,329.20	Mar. 18, 2006	\$14,329.20
Mar. 25, 2006	\$14,315.16	Apr. 1, 2006	\$14,321.90
Apr. 8, 2006	\$14,329.20		

3. Submitted invoices for March 9, 2006 totaling \$92,770.98 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Noguera, seconded by Mr. Smith.

4. **Work Schedule:** Tim M. reports that the crews have completed restoration jobs in Billerica, Boxboro, Southboro, Westboro, Hopedale, Hudson, Marlboro, Northboro (2), Sherborn, Acton, Stow, Auburn and Millbury. Crews have begun the larval control program in all member cities and towns. Overtime will be offered for all work crews for larviciding. Sean Healy and Jonathan Briggs will train for a week or so and then head out solo. The ground water levels are rather low, but most areas that are wet are breeding mosquitoes. As of 7:00am today we have received 146 service requests for larval control, of those 58 have already been serviced. Tim reports that we have gone 497 days on the job without lost time – the board get updated monthly.

5. **Old Business:** Tim D. has no new information on the phone system upgrade. He is waiting to hear back from the contracted vendor as to our options and costs. Mr. Mazzarella commented that "Voice Over Internet" (VOIP) may be an option; Tim D. will look into it and report back at the next meeting.

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Tim and Tim met with DAR General Counsel Larry McCormick in Worcester on April 3, 2006 for the final hearing on unemployment benefits for Nicole Granger. Testimony has ended and we will await the decision from the hearing examiner.

Tim D. met again with DAR General Counsel on April 5, 2006 for an unemployment hearing for Matt Fagnoli. On April 5, 2006 Tim gave Mr. Fagnoli a letter terminating his employment at CMMCP effective April 3, 2006 for a lack of a valid drivers license. This hearing was for benefits to be paid during Mr. Fagnoli's suspension; now that he is terminated we will expect another hearing on full unemployment benefits.

Tim and Tim reported that the NJMCA Annual Meeting was well attended and informative. Topics included black fly control, new larval mosquito control techniques with copepods, and virus updates.

Tim, Tim and Curtis attended a Mosquito Identification course offered by the Mass. DPH at Mass Bay Community College on March 24, 2006. This was a very informative course on mosquito identification. There is a possibility of similar training to be held in the future.

Tim and Tim attended a meeting on the Children's Protection Act sponsored by the Mass. Pesticide Bureau at the Waltham Field Station on March 29, 2006. Our understanding of this law is basically current, the exception being that all schools need to have both larval and adult control products listed on their Outdoor IPM plan. Tim D. will send a letter to all school Superintendents to ask them to have the IPM Coordinator for each school system contact CMMCP for updated information.

Tim and Tim attended a meeting regarding endangered species and mosquito control at the office here in Northboro. At this time control efforts in endangered species habitats is questionable; attendees at this meeting included the Commissioner of DAR, DAR General Counsel, the Bureau Chief for the Pesticide Bureau and a few mosquito control Directors.

Tim D. was asked to attend a meeting at Fish & Wildlife headquarters in Westboro on April 11, 2006. The SRB and F&W are working out an agreement on mosquito control efforts in endangered species habitats. At this time Bti treatments are OK, and they are working on the resmethrin and sumthrin issues. Once this is completed F&W have promised GIS maps with these endangered species habitats well defined.

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The annual Clarke Mosquito Control workshop is scheduled for April 26, 2006 at the CMMCP office. All CMMCP Commissioners have been invited to attend.

Tim D. showed the Commission the new bookmarks and door hangers that have been designed as part of our public relation program. Tim would like to note that the input from Tim M. and Karen was most valuable, and would like to thank Karen and Ed for cutting the bookmarks.

6. **New Business:** The first item under new business was a discussion on summer intern employment. Frank Cornine will be returning, but we will have 3-4 position that will need to be filled. Tim and Tim will discuss with Curtis the needs for the surveillance team, and the required positings will be filed with HR in Boston.

The Commission was presented with a new job classification, titled "Temporary Office Staff". A salary chart was presented also, basically adding this position to the Seasonal Laborer pay scale. After discussion, the Commission approved the creation of this new position, with 1 position maximum to be filled to start.

News that Gile St. Germain and Mike Pojani both passed their certification exam was reported by Tim D. The Commission thanked Giles and Mike for their hard work and offered their congratulations.

A Right to Know training session was held at the CMMCP office for all personnel April 7, 2006. Amanda Hope was not able to attend but Curtis will follow up with her.

The Commission discussed the issue with resmethrin and the potential carcinogenic re-labeling. More information will be gathered by Tim and Tim, and they are working on the possibility of a vendor buying our remaining stock from us.

The annual aerial larval control program for Billerica and Chelmsford is tentatively scheduled for April 20, 2006. Weather and other scheduling issues will determine the actual date. CMMPC staff will be on site to assist.

We have been monitoring the town warrants and annual meetings in member towns as is the custom each spring. To date we anticipate that Lunenburg and Hopkinton will have their annual articles, but no other towns at this point have an article to withdraw.

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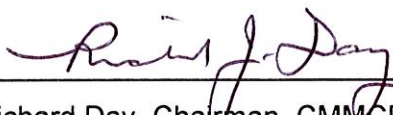
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Tim D. has spoken with Tim Welch the Facility Manager about possible fleet and equipment needs. No areas of major concern have been noted as of this date, however the Commisison will be kept apprised of any equipment requests.

Tim D. asked the Commisison to officially designate Curtis Best as the Right to Know Officer, and himself as the Sexual Harassment officer. On a motion by Mr. Mazzarella, seconded by Mr. Smith this motion carried unanimously. All relevent posters in the office will be labeled to reflect these designations.

The last item for discussion was an e-mail received from the Acton Tree Warden, Dean Charter. He had inquired about cleaning a ditch on his property, and the next day saw our work crews in the area and they were able to assist him in cleaning out some of the area. He mentioned Saen Healy by name, and the Commisison thanked Saen for his great work on this. Tim D. did note that Rich Greite was also instrumental in helping out Mr. Charter.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Approved:   
Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: May 11, 2006

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