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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: July 13, 2006
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532
Present: Richard Day, George Smith, Paul Mazzuchelli, Tim Deschamps & Tim McGlinchy

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1. The minutes of the June 8, 2006 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli.

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

June 10, 2006	\$15,510.90	June 17, 2006	\$16,094.67
June 24, 2006	\$18,602.43	June 30, 2006	\$16,501.87
July 8, 2006	\$17,659.80		

3. Submitted invoices for June 30, 2006 totaling \$101,736.53 and for July 13, 2006 totaling \$17,961.92 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Mazzuchelli, seconded by Mr. Smith.

4. **Work Schedule:** Tim M. reports that the spray crews have been working hard to service the increase in adulticide requests we have received this month. From this time last year we are over 400 requests ahead. Ed Storonsky and Tim Welch have been working one night a week on overtime to help out. The increased rain has added obstacles to our adulticide operation, such as increasing the potential for increased mosquito populations, delays in servicing received requests, and inhibiting our larval control program. As of today we have received 6,104 service requests, and we have serviced 4,927 leaving 1,176 outstanding. Over 1,700 have been received through the website online form. We have begun our WNV program in catch basin this week and will be in full swing once we have caught up on the adulticide requests. Ed and Tim W. have been making applications, and the spray crews will begin this week also. Tim would like to note that Jay Begin has worked many overtime hours. Tim M. excused himself from the Commission meeting to return to his duties.

5. **Old Business:** The phone system upgrade status is still unclear at this point. Tim D. has contacted other vendors but still has not come up with a solution that is cost effective.

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The Commission was briefed on the new employee status: of the 3 new employees that were hired last month, Ed Allard and Steve MacNeil have been trained and are working solo at this time. Chris McCarron worked for 3 nights with Rich Greite, and then called in the fourth night complaining of bronchitis caused by second-hand smoke he was exposed to in the vehicle while training. The subsequent week he called in to state he also has high blood pressure from this exposure, and he will not resume his employment at CMMCP. Human Resources in Boston has been informed of this situation. Once we were made aware of the problem all crews were reminded that smoking in state vehicles is prohibited, and signs have been posted around the facility. Rich Greite was also spoken to about this first hand by Tim D. Any new information will be presented to the Commission once it is received

Tim D. reports that WNV was isolated in *Culex* mosquitoes in the town of Needham. No reports of virus have been identified in the CMMCP service area. Frank Cornine has been working on a weekly update for the surveillance team, and these reports are posted on the CMMCP website.

6. **New Business:** Tim D. will be meeting with officials from the Devens community on July 14, 2006 regarding membership in the Project. Details such as the assessment, Devens status as a municipality, etc. all have to be worked out.

The personnel status at CMMCP was the next agenda item. Rich Greite, longtime CMMCP employee suffered a stroke on July 2, 2006. Tim has seen him several times, and he is progressing well. Rich is currently at a rehab hospital, and is scheduled to go home at the end of this week to continue rehab on an outpatient basis. Rich will be out until he's cleared to return to duty by his doctors. The Commission will be kept apprised of his situation.

Tim D. asked the Commission to consider creating a Field Biologist position, to work on research and efficacy, assist the Staff Entomologist and the Wetland Project Coordinator, as well as the field crews as needed. After discussion, it was agreed to create this position using the job description and duties Tim has provided, as well as the pay scale. The Commission also voted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Mazzuchelli, seconded by Mr. Smith to offer this position to Frank Cornine, at a salary of \$18.72 per hour, effective July 17, 2006.

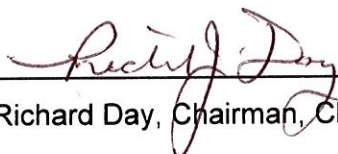
The fiscal year has ended for FY06, and Tim projects about a \$150,000 rollover. He will have some new vehicle recommendations for the next meeting. Tim has also received information from Clarke Mosquito Control about a rebate program for equipment, up to \$2,000 per machine. The Commission

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granted Tim approval to order (2) ProMist sprayers, at an anticipated cost of \$7,000 each after the rebate. Tim reports that (2) 55 gallon drums of Anvil® have been ordered and received, and our stock of Scourge® is being used up and we should be making the switch at or around the end of this season.

Tim received 2 letters and an e-mail thanking us for our services; a letter from a resident of Acton thanking Sean Healy, Amanda Hope and Rich Greite for cleaning out a ditch system on his property; a letter from a condo association thanking us for spraying the area, and an e-mail from a resident of Sherborn thanking Mike Pojani for spraying her yard, and remarking on the fact she still sees dragonflies, butterflies, moth and frogs, but no mosquitoes!

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 AM

Approved: 
Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: Sept. 17, 2006

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