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## CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

### MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

Date: May 8, 2008

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532

Present: Richard Day, Pablo Noguera, Paul Mazzuchelli & Tim Deschamps

1. The minutes of the March 6, 2008 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Noguera, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli.

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

Mar. 8, 2008	\$17,541.60	Mar. 15, 2008	\$16,672.00
Mar. 22, 2008	\$16,725.36	Mar. 29, 2008	\$16,616.42
Apr. 5, 2008	\$17,387.36	Apr. 12, 2008	\$17,541.60
Apr. 19, 2008	\$18,433.62	Apr. 26, 2008	\$18,897.70
May 3, 2008	\$18,356.07		

3. Submitted invoices for May 8, 2008 totaling \$309,843.93 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Noguera, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli.

4. **Work Schedule:** Tim D. reports that the work crews have been performing larval treatments in area swamps, and we are seeing fourths and pupae in the spring brood, and first and second instars in *canadensis* most likely. Larviciding started 2 weeks earlier than in 2007 and additional Bti had to be ordered. Overtime is being offered and some employees are taking advantage. We anticipate starting the spray program at the end of the month but will not know for sure until the long range forecast is a little closer to that date, as well as the current mosquito situation. The new electric sprayers have been received and are being mounted as we speak.

5. **Old Business:** Tim reports that the no spray list update is completed for now, we sent out nearly 500 letters and received just over 100 responses, and 99% stated they want to be removed from the list. The remaining locations that did not respond we will make attempts to contact over the summer.

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The RFR for pesticide equipment is completed, and the RFR for storage is nearly complete: Tim, Tim and Tim went to the awarded vendor for storage in Mansfield to look over their products, and will make arrangements with them shortly.

Tim is aware of two possible candidates for the open Commission position, Paul McNulty from the Westboro Board of Health, and Sam Telford from Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine. Interviews are scheduled next week; however it is unclear when we will be notified of our new Commission member. Paul Mazzuchelli is also scheduled to be interviewed next week for re-appointment.

6. **New Business:**

The SRMCB had a meeting on March 19, 2008; the main topic of discussion was the new fee schedule from MDPH for mosquito testing. The next scheduled meeting is May 21, 2008.

The Clarke workshop was held at the CMMCP facility on April 8, 2008 and was well attended.

Tim attended the Tewksbury Health Fair on April 23, 2008 from 3-8pm and noted it was a good mix of senior citizens and families. Tim had several handouts and spoke to many residents about our program.

The CMMCP budget request for FY09 has been revised; we are requesting \$1,714,263, a reduction of \$58,000 from our previous budget request. In light of the fiscal situations facing many towns, and due to the receipt of supplemental funds, the Commission voted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Mazzuchelli, seconded by Mr. Noguera to submit this revised amount to SRMCB for approval.

Tim made the Commission aware of a compensation request from a resident due to damage of his basketball hoop from one of our technicians last summer. Tim received a summons to appear in small claims court along with the technician, but DAR legal has been able to dismiss the summons and the compensation request is being handled by DAR.

Tim M. is in Washington DC representing the NMCA and meeting with senators and representatives regarding mosquito control issues. NMCA is paying for all expenses for Tim.

Tim D. informs the Commission that there was a Superintendent's meeting on May 7, 2008, and the topic was pending legislation filed by the Cape Cod MCP to define the responsibilities of mosquito

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control Commissions. After discussion the Commissioners present agreed to contact their legislators to support this effort.

Tim D. is scheduled to give a presentation to the Tewksbury Board of Health regarding our program on June 5, 2008 at 7pm.

The initial data from the 2008 spring aerial program is in, we show a 83.69% reduction in mosquito larvae in our dip stations, with a 24.2% increase in our control sites.

We have been working on a workmans compensation claim from Steve MacNeil, he is back to work but was out more that 3 weeks with an ankle strain.

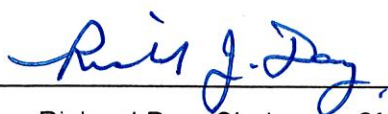
The seasonal employee positions have been posted and Tim has received several resumes from Boston. He anticipates one Research Assistant, one Office Assistant, and three Surveillance Technicians to be hired; one Surveillance Technician is returning from last year. The three new hires for Surveillance Technician is one additional from what Boston posted for, it is hoped Boston will be in agreement with the revised number; the Commission gives their approval subject to Boston's OK.

Tim is pleased to report that he has looked over all but five town warrants and there have been no articles to withdraw up to this point. Hopkinton has the standard article to continue, and Curtis Best was in attendance and reports we received overwhelming support from town residents.

MDPH has stated they can only support 400 tests gratis; above that amount will us cost \$25 per test. Tim has encumbered \$15,000 for testing, and we will revise our submission protocols to try and reduce our numbers to some extent.

Two correspondences were received for review, one e-mail from a Hudson resident thanking us for our program, and Tim printed out several blog entries from Westford residents, all very supportive of our program.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 PM

Approved:   
Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: June 11, 2008

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