CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date:

September 10, 2008

Time:

11:00 AM

Place:

CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532

Present:

Pablo Noguera, Dean Mazzarella, Sam Telford, Tim Deschamps & Tim McGlinchy

1. The minutes of the August 13, 2008 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Mazzarella, seconded by Mr. Telford.

 The following payrolls were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Telford, seconded by Mr. Mazzarella:

Aug. 16, 2008

\$18,980.80

Aug. 23, 2008

\$18,818.80

Aug. 30, 2008

\$17,767.90

Sept. 6, 2008

\$16,995.90

- Submitted FY08 invoices for September 10, 2008 totaling \$95,664.90 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Mazzarella, seconded by Mr. Telford.
- 4. Work Schedule: Tim M. reports that the work crews will finish up on the night shift this week. The spray season was extended by two weeks after Labor Day as a result of high mosquito populations and continued requests for service. Service requests have now slowed and evening temperatures are dipping into the mid 40's. Crews will switch to the day shift and continue the larval control program due to the recent receipt of large amounts of rainfall. Some crews will assist with the surveillance program; we anticipate trapping throughout the month. Once October rolls around we will begin the ditch maintenance program. The final tallies for service requests are not quite complete, but as of this morning we received 10,620 requests for service, a 3% increase over 2007. Final numbers will be ready for the next Commission meeting.
- 5. Old Business: No new correspondences have been received from the City of Worcester.

The open Wetland Coordinator position has been filled; we have offered the position to Katrina Proctor at a salary of \$49,337 per year. Ms. Proctor has 10+ years as a Conservation Agent, and most recently has worked in the environmental consulting field. She will start employment on Sept. 22, 2008.

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Tim passed out the recent arbovirus update; the town of Clinton is the most recent isolation, a pool of

Culex restuans/pipiens was confirmed with WNV in our standard trap location. Spraying was done in this

area (north Clinton) as well as the southern part of Lancaster.

Tim D. was invited to a meeting of the Acton Board of Health on September 8, 2008 at 7:30pm. Tim

gave an update on our program, and there was discussion on deer ticks and Lyme disease. The Board

is pleased with the results of our program over the years.

We have been invited to participate in the first annual Milford Health Fair, on Saturday September 27.

We will have a display on our program with public relations handouts.

We received a response from the SRMCB regarding the recent inquiry into the MEPA review. The letter

was given to the Commission, and discussion ensued regarding our options.

6. New Business: Tim D. made the Commission aware of a situation in Clinton regarding a spray request

and a spray exclusion. This issue has gone to the local BOH, State Rep and SRMCB.

Discussion began about the FY10 budget request; further discussion will be scheduled at subsequent

Commission meetings. We will balance forward from FY08 \$129,528.25 into the FY09 budget.

Commissioner Mazzarella is up for re-appointment, all paperwork will be sent to SRMCB today.

Field Technician Stephen MacNeil's employment at CMMCP has been terminated due to excessive

vehicle accidents. A timeline was given to the Commission.

Tim D. requested the Commission reassess the starting pay for Field Technician; we currently start

employment at \$14.00 per hour, and after the probationary period had ended the new employee will

enter into the pay scale as a Field Technician Grade A, currently at \$16.92. After discussion the

Commission agreed to increase the starting pay to \$15.00 per hour; the pay scale will remain the same.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 PM

Approved:

Richard Day Chair

Chairman CMM

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