

# CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: March 13, 1990  
TIME: 12:00 Noon  
PLACE: Davco Farm

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Present: Malcolm Henry, Ray Davis, Richard Day, David Scott,

1. The minutes of the preceding meeting of January 18, 1990 were received and unanimously approved.

2. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

1/20/90	\$6888.80	1/27/90	\$6909.20
2/3/90	6787.62	2/10/90	6828.36
2/17/90	6812.40	2/24/90	6591.39
3/3/90	6653.92	3/10/90	6815.45

3. Invoices totaling \$30,064.76 were circulated and unanimously approved.

4. Water management projects are still being accomplished and Larviciding to start first of April.

5. Our lease has been approved by DCPO and finalization should be along shortly.

6. Looks like its a level funding budget for 1991.

7. Several towns are contemplating withdrawal from the project. They are: Northbridge, Berlin, Sherborn, Grafton, Lancaster possible, Westford.

The unbalanced assessments of mosquito control costs to the towns from the Cherry Sheets leads these towns, as well as others, to question the sudden escalation of mosquito control cost to the town and rightly so.

A few years back the state picked up 50% of mosquito control cost and charged the towns the other 50%, except that the towns mentioned were not charged their 50% - no where near it.

Berlin has been paying \$1,101.00 - now it is \$11,292.00

Grafton has been paying \$6,428.00 - now it is \$22,584.00

Lancaster has been paying \$2,510.00 - now it is \$24,466.00

Northbridge has been paying \$3,784.00 - now it is \$16,938.00

Westford has been paying \$12,398.00 - now it is \$31,992.00

Sherborn has been paying \$1,920.00 - now it is \$14,428.00

7. (continued)

There are many other towns with inequities equal to or worse than the ones mentioned.

By adding up what the towns did pay for 1988 it amounts to \$263,496.00. Subtract this from the total budget of \$627,321.00 and it leave the state picking up \$363,825.00. That's \$100,000 the state was paying that was an extra gift to the lucky towns. Now the state says they won't pick up anything, so the entire mosquito control cost will come from the towns who are not very happy about all this; hence the movement to vote out of the Project.

8. Natick has an Article to join our project.

9. Next meeting - April 26, 1990

10. Meeting adjourned - 2:20 P.M.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_



Malcolm C. Henry, Chairman  
C.M.M.C.P.