

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: June 10, 2009
Time: 2:00 PM
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532
Present: Pablo Noguera, Dean Mazzaella, Sam Telford, Tim Deschamps & Tim McGlinchy

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1. The minutes of the April 8, 2009 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Mazzaella, seconded by Mr. Telford.

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

Apr. 11, 2009	\$18,251.36	Apr. 18, 2009	\$18,248.33
Apr. 25, 2009	\$18,837.38	May 2, 2009	\$20,060.72
May 9, 2009	\$17,974.27	May 16, 2009	\$21,002.89
May 23, 2009	\$18,237.61	May 30, 2009	\$20,449.59
Jun. 6, 2009	\$19,984.05		

3. Submitted FY09 invoices for June 10, 2009 totaling \$254,845.09 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Mazzaella, seconded by Mr. Telford.

4. **Work Schedule:** Tim M. reports that the field crews are now performing adult mosquito control in member cities and towns. As of today, we have received 3,337 requests for spraying, of which 1,916 have been serviced despite cancellations due to low temperatures and or rain. This leaves 1,421 (42%) outstanding. Tim gave an explanation of a service call, where a technician checks in with the resident to look over the area, and then returns after sunset to perform the application. Several towns including Wilmington are backed up, but with creative scheduling (we have 3 technicians in Wilmington tonight) we will catch up on the backlog as soon as possible. Tim also noted we are about 470 requests ahead of this same time last year. Crews will begin catch basin larviciding in a few weeks, probably early July. Surveillance crews are out trapping and collecting mosquitoes, but MDPH will not begin accepting samples for testing until the third week in June (one week later than originally expected).

5. **Old Business:** No new information has been received on the drug testing policy, it was sent by postal mail to HR on March 23, 2009. Tim D. has checked with HR in Boston, but at this time the Commission feels that the policy can go into effect, and instructed Tim to look into the random testing part of the policy to see if that will be an issue.

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January 7, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, **July 8**, August 12, September 9, October 7, November 18, December 9

The CMMCP annual reports have been delivered to all member city and town departments. Tim had a call from Stow BOH agent Jack Wallace on another matter, and Mr. Wallace commented on the professionalism of the report and the details included therein.

Tim D. passed out a memo from DAR Commissioner Scott Soares and a document from the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals on the NPDES/CWA issue. DAR has determined that we are covered under state indemnification if a lawsuit was to arise, and the order from the Sixth Court stays the mandate until April 9, 2011. Tim M. commented that it would be a good idea for all mosquito control Commissions to get ahead of this issue, and find out why Massachusetts is one of only one or two states in the country that does not have a representative for NPDES permits.

Tim D. had a final annual meeting update: only one town had an article on mosquito control, and that town was Hopkinton. Tim was in attendance for town meeting, and our article passed unanimously without any negative comments. All other member cities and towns will remain as part of our service area. Tim did receive an inquiry from the Sterling DPW on membership, and sent out an information packet.

An MDPH meeting was held on April 8, 2009. Main topics of discussion was testing limits (>10 per pool) and a delay to the testing season by two weeks. No information was available on costs for testing.

The Clarke Workshop and the NMCA Tick Seminar was held on April 28, 2009 and was well attended. Tim D. would like to thank Sam Telford again for the detailed information he presented on ticks, and Tim also noted that MDPH personnel gave presentations on vector-borne disease and personal protection techniques.

No additional information was available on the CMMCP tire program; more information will be presented once this program gets off the ground.

Tim M. commented that he received return receipt postcards from all school superintendents regarding the Children's Protection Act informational packet that was sent out early this spring. The Commission thanked Tim for his efforts in this regard.

6. **New Business:** A report prepared by Frank Cornine, CMMCP Field Biologist and Tim D. was given to the Commission regarding our spring aerial larval control program. This report was sent to the three

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participation town Boards of Health, and is available on our website. The results show a 95.58% overall reduction in mosquito larvae in the monitoring sites.

A fiscal meeting was held at the SRB office for administrative personnel on April 29, 2009. Tim D. and Karen attended, and received information on accounts payable, etc.

Tim D. attended the Tewksbury Health Fair on April 29, 2009 from 2-7pm. We had our standard booth with public relation materials, and Tim noted it was well attended.

A memo from DAR Commissioner Scott Soares was discussed with the Commission regarding furlough and budget constraints. The state mandated furloughs were discussed for a short period of time.

Four seasonal positions have been filled, and we are awaiting approval for the final two. There has been a significant delay in the hiring process from years past.

COAL and merit pay was the next agenda topic. The Commission discussed this item briefly, and instructed Tim to keep it on the agenda and provide additional information for the July Commission Meeting.

An SRMCB meeting was held this morning. Agenda topics were Bristol County MCP's budget, GEIR progress and Commission interview changes.

All cell phones for CMMCP employees have been updated.

Tim passed out a sheet detailing some equipment requests for our FY09 budget. He spoke to Chair Richard Day last month to get the OK to start the information gathering process; no items have been ordered as of this date, but orders will go in very soon once we have firm numbers for the rest of the fiscal year.

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 PM

Approved: _____

Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: _____

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