

# CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

Date: September 10, 2009

Time: 11:00 AM

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

Present: Richard Day, Dean Mazzarella, Pablo Noguera, Paul Mazzuchelli, Sam Telford & Tim Deschamps

1. The minutes of the August 12, 2009 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Mazzarella, seconded by Mr. Noguera.

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

Aug. 15, 2009	\$22,038.09	Aug. 22, 2009	\$21,487.37
Aug. 29, 2009	\$20,767.22	Sept. 5, 2009	\$19,424.83

3. Submitted FY10 invoices for September 10, 2009 totaling \$118,586.43 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Mazzarella, seconded by Mr. Noguera.

4. **Work Schedule:** Tim D. reports that Tim M. has a day off today, and he has the monthly work report. As of 8AM this morning we have received 13,614 requests for service. We have serviced 13,581 of these requests, leaving 33 (~1%) outstanding. Scheduled spraying ended last week, and if we have additional virus confirmation we may recommend spraying if the conditions warrant. We have about 28% (2,964) more total requests than we last year. The catch basin program is complete; we treated 29,846 basins in our member cities and towns. This is 5,089 less than the 2008 totals. The excavator has completed jobs in Lunenburg, Fitchburg and Hudson (2), and is currently working in Millbury. Excavator jobs are ready in Westboro, Lancaster (2), Sherborn (3), Berlin, Hudson and Boxborough. Crews are out prepping jobs ahead of the excavator and performing hand cleaning. 469 pools have been submitted for testing comprising 12,087 specimens. Species tested are *Culex*, *Cs. melanura*, *Cq. perturbans*, *Oc. canadensis*, *Oc. triseriatus* and *Oc. japonicus*. Three (3) pools of WNV have been confirmed in our area, all in *Culex spp.*, in the towns of Westboro, Westford & Shrewsbury.

5. **Old Business:** The arbovirus situation was discussed. Tim had a printout of all positive virus collections from Mass. and the bordering New England states.

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

Tim informed the Commission that a new Ford F350 with a stake body dump is on order and expected in late September or early October.

The GEIR update has been received by the mosquito districts, but has not been uploaded to the Environmental Monitor as of this date (2 issues, Aug. 26 & Sept. 9). Tim has asked SRB for assistance, but the response has been that they sent it to MEPA on August 14, 2009 as directed.

6. **New Business:** Tim D. has completed the FY11 spending plan, and has submitted a budget for \$1,718,630, a 2½% increase. Discussion ensued about whether to ask for an increase, if so how much should it be, etc. The FY09 rollover is expected to be a/o \$318,179, of which about \$150k will be used for the FY09 equipment requests. No vote was taken on the FY11 budget request, further discussion will be necessary, and this budget amount can be revised as needed.

Four CMMCP employees are signed up for the trapper education program, to be held Sept. 15, 2009 at 7:00pm and Sept. 26, 2009 from 8:00am to 5:00pm. This education will allow us to get additional licensed trappers as part of our new beaver control program.

The AMCA has a webinar scheduled for Sept, 22, 2009 to give education on how to work with the media. Four CMMCP employees are scheduled to view this program.

The Milford Health Fair is scheduled for Sept. 26, 2009. Tim D. is scheduled to attend the trapper education program and cannot find a stand-in. Paul Mazzuchelli will set up a display next to his booth for CMMCP. Tim will get Paul the necessary information for display next week.

The NMCA has a Field Day set up on October 15, 2009 at Myles Standish State Park in Carver, MA. The CMMCP crew is expected to attend; agenda topics are chain saw safety, equipment calibrations and demos.

Backhoe licensing and testing is set up for four CMMCP employees the week of Oct. 19, 2009. Once completed, this will give us four more employees that are licensed to operate a backhoe (license 2b).

The town of Charlton may have an article to join at their fall Special Town Meeting. The annual assessment is \$88,000. SRB has generated a letter in response to inquiry from the town asking if they

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can get a pro-rated cost to enter into a menu-based program. The SRB's letter was in full support of the CMMCP Commission's stance on a full program of mosquito control, and not a menu-based approach. Tim D. sent a letter of thanks to Mark Buffone, SRB Chair, for their support.

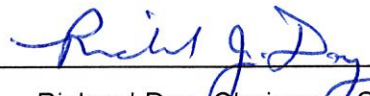
The 2009 resident survey was the next agenda item. After discussion, it was agreed to send 1,500 postcards, an increase of 500, to residents that received adulticide service this year. No changes were made to the survey methodology, or to the survey itself. Tim should have a preliminary report for the October meeting.

COLA and/or merit pay was discussed next. The Commission was presented with additional information as requested (other districts information on COLA increases); a 3% salary increase was recommended for employees making less than \$45k, 2% salary increase for employees under \$75k, and no increase for Tim D. After discussion it was decided to table this issue again until the October meeting.

Several correspondences were presented for review, again thanking us for our services this year.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: 10-14-09