

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: May 12, 2010
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532
Present: Richard Day, Pablo Noguera, Sam Telford & Tim Deschamps

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At 11:02 AM Commission Chair Richard Day declared there was a quorum and the meeting commenced.

1. The minutes of the March 10, 2010 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Noguera, seconded by Mr. Telford.

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

Mar. 20, 2010	\$17,962.17	Mar. 27, 2010	\$17,916.40
Apr. 3, 2010	\$18,026.08	Apr. 10, 2010	\$18,380.65
Apr. 17, 2010	\$18,844.29	Apr. 24, 2010	\$19,385.54
May 1, 2010	\$19,609.54	May 8, 2010	\$18,623.07

3. Submitted FY10 invoices for May 12, 2010 totaling \$220,471.52 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Noguera seconded by Mr. Telford.

4. **Work Schedule:** In Tim M.'s absence Tim D. will give the work report for May; work crews have been out larviciding in all project cities and towns since the end of March. During periods of rain they have cleaned culverts and streams. As of May 7, 2010 we have received 830 larvicide requests from residents, of which 147 are outstanding (18%). Stream cleaning projects have been completed in Dracut, Lunenburg and Fitchburg. The excavator completed a job in Billerica on Allen Rd., assisted by the DPW and is currently working in Billerica on Salem St. Excavator jobs are ready in Sherborn and Acton, during the low flow period.

5. **Old Business:** The CMMCP SOP Manual discussion has been postponed.

Tim D. has a meeting scheduled with the Joint Boards of Selectmen of Harvard, Shirley and Ayer regarding Devens joining the Project on June 9, 2010; postponed from April 8 and March 25, 2010. He has corresponded with them over the past few months, sending information on our program and answering questions.

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The meeting with the Uxbridge Conservation Commission was held on April 25, 2010. Commissioner Sam Telford attended with Tim D. They answered questions for about 45 minutes on our program, pesticides and the effects on the environment.

Tim received word on our Northeast IPM proposal, we did not receive a grant award this year. Tim had their response for Commission review.

Additional arbovirus testing was briefly discussed with Commissioner Sam Telford. MDPH has expressed some concerns regarding transportation of known EEE virus; Tim will work on some protocols for review.

The 2009 CMMCP annual reports are about 2/3 done and are being delivered as soon as they are ready.

Tim had an update on the 2010 annual meetings, only the towns of Hopedale, Dracut, Clinton and Milford warrants remain to be seen.

Tim M. prepared a report on our tire program to date. Since we started our tire collection program in November of 2009 CMMCP has collected 1,284 waste tires from 11 Project cities and towns. The tires have been collected in three different forms. Residential tire removal -112 Tires recycled to date; roadside abandoned tire pick-up -341 Tires recycled to date; large tire recycle projects -831 Tires recycled to date. Towns that tires have been picked up in are Ashland, Hopkinton, Natick, Westborough, Sherborn, Billerica, Hopedale, Milford, Holliston, Lunenburg and Millbury. We are currently working with the town of Ashland on a future project. Towns that have inquired are Northbridge, Fitchburg, Chelmsford, Wilmington, Billerica, Tewksbury and Boxboro.

6. **New Business:** On May 5, 2010 we did some limited spraying in Acton, Westboro, Westford and Uxbridge due to high mosquito populations and persistent resident requests. The weather for that evening also cooperated, but subsequently cooled down to more average temperatures. It is expected we will be on the night shift at least one week early.

Tim has paperwork for Sam Telford's re-appointment to the CMMCP Commission. Sam still has some letters of reference to collect before the papers can be sent to SRB in Boston.

The Clarke Mosquito workshop was held at the CMMCP office on April 20 and was well attended.

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Tim and Tim attended a grant session sponsored by DEP at the Northboro Library. It doesn't look like we really qualify for a grant under their procedures.

Tim D. and other CMMCP staff attended a meeting with the Blackstone Town Manager and other town staff on April 28, 2010 about our program, possible ditch maintenance projects in town and previous virus situations in the area.

Tim requested the CMMCP Commission review the pay scales for the temporary staff positions. On a motion by Mr. Noguera, seconded by Mr. Telford it was voted unanimously to raise all temporary staff position pay scales by one dollar per hour, effective immediately.

The Commission has been made aware that the SRB will hold their next meeting at the DCR office in West Boylston on June 1, 2010.

Tim reports he attended the Hopkinton Annual Town Meeting on May 3, 2010 and the article to remain a CMMCP member passed unanimously without any discussion.

Tim M. attended the Tewksbury Health Fair on May 6, 2010 and reported good attendance and questions from the public about our program.

Tim D. attended the Uxbridge Annual Town Meeting on May 11, 2010 and despite endorsements to withdraw from Selectmen and Finance Committee members, the town voted overwhelmingly to stay in the CMMCP program. The Uxbridge Board of Health is very supportive of our program.

We will have a display at the Big E this year during Massachusetts Day. Tim M. met with officials at the Big E and went over our public relations program and some details about what to expect.

Tim D. reports that the Northboro Library has a nice room at no cost to public agencies, a possible site for our FY12 budget meeting now required by SRB.

A new employee has been hired to fill the slot opened up by the departure of Pat Horgan last January. The new employee will train right away and we will get his name on the pesticide exam roster by the end of the month.

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Crew Leader Charlie Swinerton's employment was terminated by Tim D. effective May 1, 2010.

Several correspondences were presented for review thanking us for our timely responses and the work we have done.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

Approved: Richard J. Day
Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: Aug. 18, 2010

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