

# CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: August 18, 2010  
Time: 11:00 AM  
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532  
Present: Richard Day, Pablo Noguera, Dean Mazzarella, Sam Telford, Tim Deschamps & Tim McGlinchy

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At 11:11 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. Mazzarella, seconded by Mr. Noguera.

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

May 15, 2010	\$18,365.60	May 22, 2010	\$17,962.00
May 29, 2010	\$22,184.33	Jun. 5, 2010	\$22,218.10
Jun. 12, 2010	\$22,118.41	Jun. 19, 2010	\$25,188.32
Jun. 26, 2010	\$24,154.18	Jun. 30, 2010	\$14,658.95
Jul. 3, 2010	\$7,344.20	Jul. 10, 2010	\$21,533.65
Jul. 17, 2010	\$22,129.73	Jul. 24, 2010	\$21,944.06
Jul. 31, 2010	\$20,647.75	Aug. 7, 2010	\$21,345.85
Aug. 14, 2010	\$21,247.02		

3. Submitted FY10 invoices for Aug. 18, 2010 totaling \$248,069.06 and invoices for FY11 totaling \$187,036.41 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Noguera seconded by Mr. Telford.

4. **Work Schedule:** Tim M. reports as of 8AM this morning we have received 10,619 requests for service. We have serviced 10,408 of these requests, leaving 211 (2%) outstanding. We have about a 15% decrease in request for service calls as compared to last year (2009). In a comparison of request for service calls between August 18, 2010 and August 18, 2009, I find that the 2009 request calls were at 12,470 this time last year, and the 2010 request calls are currently at 10,619. This is a net decrease of 1,851 or 15%. We have been treating catch basins since the end of June. To date we have treated approx. 44,000 catch basins. We had treated 23,735 basins in our member cities and towns to date at this time last year. We intensified our efforts to treat catch basins this year as many environmental indicators indicated a potential for WNV emergence. 345 pools have been submitted for testing in 2010 as compared to 258 pools submitted at this same period of time in 2009. This represents about a 25% increase in submittals over this same period of time last year. WNV has been confirmed in

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isolates in Berlin and in Auburn. Both areas of those towns have been blanket sprayed via truck mounted ULV. The excavator has completed a job in Ashland and is next going to Lunenburg. We have a total of 6 maintenance jobs to be done with the excavator in the low-flow period which ends September 30. Jobs are ready in Sherborn, Acton, Hudson, Natick, Southboro, Millbury, Lunenburg and Littleton. Since we last met excavator jobs have been completed in: Billerica, Ashland and Sherborn.

5. **Old Business:** Tim D. had a meeting postponed yet again with the Joint Boards of Selectmen of Harvard, Shirley and Ayer regarding Devens joining the Project. He has corresponded with Lee Smith, the general counsel for MassDevelopment and it appears the process for Devens to join CMMCP is moving forward without the involvement of the JBOS. Tim will keep the Commission apprised of any progress.

The SRMCB held a regional meeting in West Boylston on June 1, 2010. Discussion ensued regarding the FY10 and FY11 budgets.

Commissioner Telford gave Tim D. the paperwork for his re-appointment to the CMMCP Commission. Tim will make the requisite copies and get them into Boston right away.

6. **New Business:** Discussion began about a ditch maintenance project we did in Billerica on Salem Street. The DEP and Billerica Conservation agent had questions and concerns about our exemptions, etc. Wetland Project Coordinator Katrina Proctor, Tim M. and Tim D. have been working on resolving some issues. At the core is a claim that we exceeded the 5,000 square foot impact to the wetland, but after careful measurements we determined the impact to be 4,183 sq. ft., much less than the 5,000 sq. ft. exemption.

Tim D. reported that Jake Jurgenson, Berkshire County Mosquito Control Superintendent has requested an equipment loan, a LECO sprayed mounted on a pickup truck, to work in the city of Pittsfield. We have a spare and it was sent to BCMCP per the CMMCP mutual aid policy.

The arbovirus situation in our area was the next agenda item. To date we have seen WNV in Berlin and Auburn and have done some wide-area spraying in these locations. Maps of the spray areas were given to the Commission. We have just been informed about WNV in Chelmsford and will plan a wide area spray in that location if the town agrees it is a prudent thing to do.

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Discussion began on the feasibility of pay raises for CMMCP personnel. Tim D. had merit pay/COLA history information dating back to 2001. Commissioners Noguera and Mazarella expressed concern about a pay raise when the economy was poor. Town employees are losing wages or even facing unemployment. Tim was asked by Commissioner Telford if any other districts have given pay raises, and he stated Norfolk MCP gave a 3% across the board. It was agreed to keep this as an agenda item, and Tim was asked to poll all the mosquito control districts to see what they are doing.

Little new information is available on the NPDES permit, Tim and Tim will keep informed about this issue and we'll discuss any developments at future Commission meetings.

The Stow Airport had an open house on Saturday, June 10, 2010. Ed Storonsky, Operations Foreman volunteered to staff our booth with information on our program Tim would like to thank Ed for his time and effort.

Preliminary budget discussion began for FY12; Tim has an approximate amount of \$324,000 as a surplus from FY11 (and years before). He recommended a level funded budget again for FY12, but noted we spent about 99% of our FY10 budget amount, not including the surplus from the previous budget(s). The surplus will be geared towards meeting some of the items in the GEIR update such as electronic collection of spray data, upgrades to the website to allow better public access, etc. These improvements will be outlined to the Commission at later dates.

CMMCP is now fully staffed and credentialed; the 2 new employees have received preliminary training and are working on their own. Additional training will be given as the seasons change.

Several correspondences were presented for review thanking us for our timely responses and the work we have done. Comments from member towns (or close by) from the GEIR update were also given to the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 PM

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

Date: Sept. 8, 2010

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