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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

Date:

May 11, 2011

Time:

11:00 AM

Place:

CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532

Present:

Richard Day, Pablo Noguera, Dean Mazzarella, Sam Telford & Tim Deschamps

At 11:09 AM Commission Chair Richard Day declared there was a quorum and the meeting commenced.

- The minutes of the April 13, 2011 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Mazzarella, seconded by Mr. Noguera.
- The following payrolls were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Mazzarella, seconded by Mr. Noguera:

Apr. 16, 2011

\$20,229.80

Apr. 23, 2011

\$20,855.96

Apr. 30, 2011

\$20,735.63

May 7, 2011

\$20,465.27

- 3. Submitted FY11 invoices for April 13, 2011 totaling \$128,458.79 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Noguera, seconded by Mr. Telford.
- 4. Work Schedule: Tim D. reports that all crews are still working in the larval control program. Field crews have noted fourth instar and pupae in some locations, as well as pupal skins indicating a hatch. Second and third instar are also being found, probably early summer brood. As of May 6, 2011 we received 490 requests for larval control, with 434 competed (86%). That leaves 54 (14%) outstanding. Surveillance trap sites have been established throughout the service area, and trapping will begin around the end of May/early June. We have excavator jobs ready in Shrewsbury, Hudson and two in Leominster. The tire program continues but has been scaled back, results will be noted shortly.
- 5. Old Business: Tim D. continues to track town meeting dates and warrants, and he notes he has seen all but 5 town warrants so far. None of the 34 he has viewed had any articles pertaining to mosquito control. The remaining towns, Blackstone, Clinton, Dracut, Millbury and Sturbridge have town meeting in late May or June.

Tim has an update on the tire program; we have been working with the City of Fitchburg on a multiward cleanup of tires, to date we have taken 314 tires, and we have one more date scheduled this

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week. We removed 4 tires from Southboro and 7 tires from Shrewsbury residential properties. We will participate in two events in Tewksbury; a town clean up in May and their Zero Waste Day event in September. To date we have recycled 4,238 tires, a total of 42.38 tons.

We are working on some public outreach to the 2010 WNV areas in Auburn, Millbury & Shrewsbury. We have produced a flyer for inclusion in a local newspaper in the next few weeks, a letter has been formulated for residents in the northern part of Auburn, and we may try to get a tire program in these areas as well. We anticipate approximately 6,500 flyers will be needed for the local papers, and these will also be stocked in town halls, libraries, websites, etc.

An initial report on the success of the spring aerial control program was discussed; 81.1% control in 553 acres in Chelmsford, 96.57% control over 602 acres in Billerica, and 90.7% control in Boxborough wetlands. Overall control was 90.14%, with an *increase* of 48.52% in our <u>control</u> dip stations.

The Bolton Annual Town Meeting was held on May, 2, they did not vote to join CMMCP.

6. New Business: Tim D. has a meeting scheduled with the Mendon Board of Health tonight at 7pm. He will present information on our program; the anticipated annual assessment is \$40,000. Their Annual Town Meeting has already been held, but they do have a Special Town Meeting in June.

Tim M. was at the Tewksbury Health Fair on May 3 from 4-7pm. He noted a lot of foot traffic to our booth, with many inquiries and positive comments on our program.

We will have our first presentation of our new educational program geared towards senior citizens this Thursday in Auburn. Frank Cornine, CMMCP Field Biologist has developed this program, based on the school program but with emphasis on personal protection and West Nile Virus. Tim and Tim will attend this presentation; Tim D will video it for our YouTube page and overall DVD.

The next SRMCB meeting will be May 25 at the Walpole Town Hall. It is anticipated that our budget will be voted on. Tim D. has invited the SRMCB out to our office in June or July for a site visit, presenting our bottle assay/resistance management program, as well as some of our research projects.

The MDPH is holding their kick-off meeting as we speak; Curt is in attendance to receive materials for testing and shipment. MDPH will begin arbovirus testing June 20.

We have sent in an application to attend Mass. Day at the Big E again this year on Sept. 22, 2011.

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Jack Morris, NEMMCWMD Commission Chair has sent a letter to all districts requesting a Superintendents meeting on June 15; the letter stated several possible items to be addressed.

Tim D. presented information to the Commission on the EPA's "WasteWise Program". This is a program geared towards lowering solid wastes, and we will report our tire program results on an annual basis.

Tim D. noted all summer staff with the exception of one will return again this year; the specs for the one open position have been posted, interviews have been held and a job offer has been extended and accepted. The paperwork has been sent to Boston. We were recently notified that our returning Office Assistant, who initially indicated she was coming back, has accepted a position elsewhere, so this position was posted in Boston as well.

A contract for electronic data collection is almost final; the lone bidder was Electronic Data Solutions. Tim will work on specs and costs for Commission review as soon as possible.

No correspondences were received for review.

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 PM

Approved:

Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: July 13 2011