

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

Date: April 8, 2015

Time: 11:00 AM

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

Present: Richard Day, Dean Mazzarella, Paul Mazzuchelli, Sam Telford, Tim Deschamps & Tim McGlinchy. Not present was Pablo Noguera.

1. Mr. Day called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM by declaring we had a quorum. 4 CMMCP Commissioners were in attendance, as were Tim Deschamps & Tim McGlinchy. No members of the public were present.

2. The minutes of March 11, 2015 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Mazzuchelli, seconded by Mr. Telford.

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

Mar. 14, 2015	\$22,769.20	Mar. 21, 2015	\$22,977.20
Mar. 28, 2015	\$22,347.22	Apr. 4, 2015	\$22,472.16
Apr. 4, 2015	\$353.78 (vacation buyout, Mike Pojani retirement)		

4. Submitted FY/14 invoices for Apr. 8, 2015 totaling \$122,004.69 (including payroll) were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Mazzuchelli, seconded by Mr. Telford.

5. **Work Schedule:** Tim M reports that field crews have been out on an outreach detail updating our no spray lists by stopping in at each residence listed. As of 10:30 AM today this has led to the removal of over 170 exclusions, nearly 10%. Crews have also been preparing for the upcoming larvicide season. Snow and ice pack has prevented any water management work. The crews have done some culvert cleaning and stream cleaning where possible. We hope to start larviciding full time by next week if the weather continues on a warming trend. The crews helped out 15 cities and towns by shoveling out fire hydrants, specifically: Northboro, Berlin, Chelmsford, Wilmington, Leominster, Dracut, Blackstone, Fitchburg, Clinton, Millville, Webster, Hudson, Northbridge, Sturbridge and Devens. Several other member towns were contacted but we were told they did not need our assistance. No excavator jobs have been completed since our last meeting due to weather. We have upcoming excavator jobs in

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Tewksbury, Stow, Hudson, Southborough, Sherborn, Westboro, Millbury, Billerica and Chelmsford. Crews collected 10 tires in Shrewsbury & Tewksbury over the past month. Total to date in this program is 144.05 tons recycled (14,405 tires). We have tire recycle events scheduled in Natick on May 9 and Leominster on May 16. The city of Lowell did reach out for our assistance on May 9 but we told them we have a previous commitment in Natick. We suggested finding a location where they can store the tires and we will arrange pickup the next week.

6. **Old Business:** Tim D informed the Commission of several training events held the past month for CMMCP staff: EJ Prescott had an erosion control seminar, Dig Safe/M.U.S.T training was held, 2a hoist engineers attended a "competent person" session held by BayState Roads program, and 5 CMMCP staff are in a certificate program for invasive weed control. The Clarke seminar will be held at the Project's building tomorrow.

The SRMCB had a quarterly meeting scheduled on March 14 at the Cape Cod Community College. Agenda topics included budgets, possible Pioneer Valley mosquito district formation, and Tim D gave a brief presentation on our beaver mitigation program.

The UMASS Pollinator Symposium on March 26 in Amherst, MA was well attended and informational.

There was no discussion on our FY/16 budget request, which remains at \$2,029,800.

Tim D. met with the Westminster Board of Health and other interested parties to discuss our program on March 18, 2015 at 5:00 PM. There is interest in joining but the annual town meeting warrant has already closed. Tim has been asked to work up a handout for town meeting to educate residents on our program. A warrant article may be pursued at a future date.

We have received 31 out of 39 Form SRB-3, all affirming our budget request. This is a 79.4% affirmation, greater than the 2/3 (66.6%) majority required by SRMCB policy.

The OVM chargeback for FY/15 will not be assessed to the mosquito districts. We will have to remain vigilant, and appreciation is given to Jessica Burgess, MDAR Legal Counsel and others at MDAR and SRMCB that advocated on our behalf.

7. **New Business:** Tim D. had an update on annual town meetings: He has seen 6 warrants to date from member communities, none with any articles pertaining to mosquito control.

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Tim M will be attending the Tewksbury Health Fair today from 1-6pm. Tim D thanked him for his continued representation of CMMCP at the annual event.

Our postings for surveillance technicians have ended and Tim & Tim are in the interview process. Only 6 applications were received, but we should be able to fill all open positions.

The RFR for a Wildlife Technician is now posted on Comm-Buys. Tim D will send out to cast as wide a net as possible.

Crew Leader Mike Pojani retired at the end of March with nearly 11 years at CMMCP. We gathered money for a gift card, and many CMMCP employees went to a retirement dinner in his honor.

3 CMMCP employees, Tim D, Tim Welch and Frank Cornine have passed the test for hoist engineer 1c (forklift). This brings out total to 5 on staff, and newly promoted Jeff Provost (Crew Chief District 4) has been strongly urged to take the test ASAP.

The FY/15 vehicle purchase discussion was tabled once again.

Our sprayers are being reviewed to determine if we need to upgrade or replace any of them.

Our computer system upgrades are underway; we recently had industrial wireless access points installed, and the rest of the equipment is on order and should be in place soon.

We received a quote for a phone system upgrade. Tim D will check the FY/15 budget to see if we can do this in the current fiscal year or have to wait until FY/16.

Tim met with our security contractor BCM Controls and received a quote for upgrades/improvements. Tim D will check the FY/15 budget to see if we can do this in the current fiscal year or have to wait until FY/16.

Staff Biologist Frank Cornine and Field Biologist Todd Duval are performing field trials of Natular G30, an organic bacterium with the active ingredient spinosad that has a 30 day control period. It has been applied in spring-brood locations, and early results are promising. Data from Minnesota shows good efficacy in cool water temperatures. We will also perform field trials of Natular G in cattail habitats, a single brood granular also using spinosad to try and control *Cq. perturbans*. Tim also noted Todd has

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worked on a larval rearing cabinet similar to work that he performed on staff at MDPH. This cabinet is modified from plans Tim & Tim saw at the recent NJMCA meeting. It is planned to see if *Ae. albopictus* is maintaining populations in our service area by using ovitraps and rearing the eggs. It will also be used to maintain larvae for our educational programs.

8. One correspondence was available, a letter from the Hopedale Fire Department thanking us for our work clearing hydrants.
9. Public comment – none (no public in attendance)
10. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 PM. **Next meeting date is May 13, 2015 at the Project office.**

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

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