

# CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: September 13, 2017

Time: 11:00 AM

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

Present: Richard Day, Dean Mazzarella, Sam Telford, Paul Mazzuchelli, Tim Deschamps & Tim McGlinchy. Commissioner Pablo Noguera was not in attendance.

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

2. The minutes of August 9, 2017 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:

Aug. 12, 2017	\$23,194.20	Aug. 19, 2017	\$22,029.35
Aug. 26, 2017	\$21,884.82	Sep. 2, 2017	\$21,674.61
Sep. 9, 2017	\$20,895.41		

4. Submitted FY/18 invoices for September 13, 2017 totaling \$135,768.83 (including payroll) were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Mazzuchelli, seconded by Mr. Telford.

5. **Work Schedule:** Tim M. reports that as of 7:30am this morning we had a total of 16,450 requests for adulticide spraying for the 2017 season. This represents a less than 3% increase from last year as 2016 yielded 15,913 adulticide requests. Work crews are working various tasks. Some crews are larviciding with efforts being dedicated to sites under about an acre in size. About 10% of the sites being surveyed for larvae have been found have larvae. To date we have treated over 69,000 catch basins. Other crew members are running traps for the surveillance program and/or working on ditch maintenance projects. The crews have been available to spray for WNV+ findings. The majority of field staff will be conducting ditch maintenance starting next week. We have a low flow excavator project in progress in Hopedale. We have excavator jobs ready to go in Chelmsford, Leominster, Marlboro, Natick and Sherborn. There are 13 low impact projects ready to go in 7 communities. We have resumed our tire program which had been on hiatus for the summer. We have many residential tire collections to make and will participate in the

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Tewksbury Zero Waste Day September 23rd. 61 tires were collected since our last meeting, with 236.07 total tons of tires recycled to date.

6. **Old Business:** Our building add/ren is ongoing: office staff have settled in to the West Main Street location, the outer building envelope is complete and walls are being framed out.

Our budget estimate for FY19 remains at \$2,369,984, a 4.5% increase. Tim D received the FY18 budget surplus amount at \$439,183.31. Building supplies for the new offices and garage space will use up much of this surplus.

No word from Frontier Precision since the end of August. Now that the season has wound down we will have ample time to beta test any new software and hardware.

7. **New Business:** Tim D had a report on recent arbovirus activity in our service area – 14 pools of WNV in 12 different communities so far (2 more possible), and no isolations of EEE. No human or horse cases.

Tim D had a printout about recent surveillance in the City of Worcester; MDPH has trapped on 6 occasions, identifying WNV 3 of those weeks. There have been 17 isolations of WNV in 4 different locations.

Our 40 foot trailer that has been moved off site during the construction will have to go surplus; Tim has offered it to the other mosquito districts but no one is interested.

The NMCA has their annual Field day on October 12, 2017. 2 pesticide credits have been applied for.

The SRMCB has a quarterly meeting scheduled on October 18, 2017 at the MassWildlife headquarters in Westboro.

Tim D has reached out to Devens to find out whether they will be renewing their membership in CMMCP.

Seasonal staff have returned to college with the exception of one, Bryan Garcia. Bryan has expressed interest in coming on full time as a Field Tech; after discussion it was agreed to offer Mr. Garcia a full time Field Technician position – Tim D will work on this transition with HR in Boston.

Employee reviews will continue over the next few weeks. Tim D plans to have recommendations for pay raises for Commission review sometime in November or December.

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Tim D will review our FY18 budget and determine if an additional Field Technician position is possible – he will have more information at the next Commission meeting.

The telematics contract has been awarded to Verizon Networkfleet. Tim D has a cost proposal for Commission review. On a motion by Mr. Mazzearella, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli it was voted unanimously to move ahead with installation of these devices in all Project vehicles.

Tim D will work with Facility manager Tim W to determine if we need additional vehicles in our fleet.

Water management and source reduction work was covered under Tim M's report.

8. Other business not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance, as informational: we are using spinosad (Natular®) in cattail areas for control of *Cq. perturbans*. These field trials are a continuation of previous trials. *Ae. albopictus* has been identified in Ayer and Lowell, plus additional sites in Worcester. Any assistance to mosquito control districts down south impacted by the 2 recent hurricanes will be coordinated through FEMA/MEMA and SRB. Events may move quickly so there may not be time for Commission review and/or approval.
9. One correspondence was received for Commission review, an e-mail from a resident of Chelmsford thanking us for our recent work in town "protecting our families from the ravages of mosquitoes".
10. Public comment – none (no public in attendance)
11. The meeting adjourned at 11:35PM. **Next meeting date is September 13, location 276 West Main St. Unit 8 Northboro.**

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

Date: Dec 13 2017

2017 Meeting Schedule:

January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 7, July 12, August 9, September 13, **October 11**, November 8, December 13