

# CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: March 10, 2021  
Time: 11:00 AM  
Place: Conference call line, (508) 936-3638  
Present: Roll call, present: Richard Day, Dean Mazzearella, Paul Mazzuchelli, Dam Telford, Tim Deschamps and Tim McGlinchy. Not present was Commissioner Pablo Noguera.

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1. Mr. Day called the meeting to order at 11:01AM by declaring after roll call we had a quorum present, and it was noted for the record the agenda was posted online on the CMMCP website on March 5, 2021 at 10:31AM. 4 CMMCP Commissioners were in attendance on the conference call line, as was CMMCP Executive Director Tim Deschamps and Director of Operations Tim McGlinchy.
2. Public comment – none
3. The minutes of February 10, 2021 CMMCP Commissioner's meeting were unanimously approved by roll call vote on a motion by Mr. Mazzuchelli, seconded by Mr. Mazzearella.
4. The following payrolls were unanimously approved by roll call vote on a motion by Mr. Mazzuchelli, seconded by Mr. Mazzearella.

Feb. 13, 2021	\$21,709.31	Feb. 20, 2021	\$21,624.00
Feb. 27, 2021	\$21,624.00	Mar. 6, 2021	\$21,624.00

Also unanimously approved was a vacation buyout for retired employee Jay Begin on 2/21/21 for \$6,896.56 and a retroactive salary change in the amount of \$9,789.56 dated 2/13/21

5. Submitted FY/21 invoices for March 10, 2021 totaling \$129,949.51 (including payroll) were unanimously approved by roll call vote on a motion by Mr. Mazzuchelli, seconded by Mr. Mazzearella.
6. **Work Schedule:** Tim M. reports that the field crews worked inside the shop on maintenance projects or teleworked from home for much of February. The crews were split into 2 groups, with alternating schedules to report to the shop each day. We have upcoming excavator work in Billerica, Hudson, Bolton, Natick & Hopedale. Low impact work is in progress in Billerica (2) and Holliston. Low impact work has been completed in Dracut & Shrewsbury, with projects scheduled in Tewksbury & Dracut. OSHA 10 is scheduled for 5 employees at the end of the month. 2 employees are studying for the category 47 exam.

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Since our last meeting we picked up 217 tires in 7 communities. Letters were sent to all DPW and Recycling Committees in our service area, with a cc to the Boards of Health informing them of this program. Response has been light. Total for this program is 36,648 tires, or 366.48 tons.

7. **Old Business:** COVID-19 prevention measures are still in place, this includes nightly cleaning Monday through Friday of all flat surfaces and touch points in the CMMCP offices, plus cleaning in the garage areas and in the truck interiors and truck beds. We have implemented a staggered schedule for days when employees cannot work outside. These COVID protocols have been approved by Boston with recommended changes. Three employees have been recently confirmed with COVID-19, but contact tracing has shown that no other employees need to quarantine.

Initial budget numbers for FY/22 come out to \$2,794,714, a 3.25% increase. A final budget number will be presented to the Commission in April for a vote. Our budget notification was sent out to member communities on February 4, 2021 per the SRMCB's budget policy. It has also been posted on the CMMCP website on the "budget information" page. No inquiries from member communities have been received to date.

An update on the PFAS situation was shared with the Commission.

8. **New Business:** Internal discussions have continued on another enhanced larval control program for EEE risk reduction in 2021. Tim D received word that there will be partial funding for this program available from Boston and has received a bulk discount from the pesticide manufacturer (Natular, certified organic). Our standard aerial program is in place, with 775 acres in Boxboro, 665 acres in Billerica in 500 acres in Chelmsford targeted. Aquabac 200G (certified organic) has been ordered and North Fork Helicopters have been notified. Our legal ad was placed in the Boston Globe on Feb. 22, 2021 for any and all aerial applications in 2021.

The Mosquito Control Task Force held a meeting on Mar. 3 and awarded the contract to the sole bidder, ERG (Eastern Research Group)

MDAR had a check-in with the MCD's on the PFAS situation, enhanced aerial projects and the recent contract award on Mar. 4, 2021 at 1:00pm.

Our 2 FTE open positions have been posted and interviews will occur this week. Our internal posting for Crew Leader is complete.

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Open seasonal positions are in draft form and should be posted sometime this week.

2 CMMCP employees are studying for the category 47 exams, with the possibility of a third.

Tim D has been in discussion with HR about appointing an "acting" crew leader.

OVM has completed installation their own GPS units on each truck and trailer.

Our pre-hatch program is now operational, crews will begin treating wetlands with Natular G30 (certified organic) this week. 60-65 acres are targeted in all member communities. The standard larval control program will commence by the end of the month.

9. No correspondences were received for Commission review
10. Other business not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance, as informational: none
11. The meeting adjourned at 11:23AM. **The next meeting date is April 14, 2021 by conference call.**

Approved: Richard J. Day  
Richard Day, Commission Chair, CMMCP

Date: April 20, 2021

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