

# CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: June 11, 1992  
TIME: 12:00 Noon  
PLACE: Davco Farm, Southborough, MA

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PRESENT: Frank Perrin, Ray Davis, Stephen Henry, David Scott, Jeffrey Bean, Richard Day

1. The minutes of the May 14, 1992 Commissioners Meeting were unanimously approved.

2. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

5/16/92	\$6709.60	5/23/92	\$6709.60
5/30/92	\$6691.59	6/6/92	\$7637.71

3. Invoices amounting to \$1,310.24 were unanimously approved.

4. Light traps and other present indications give reason to a spotty mosquito population; with the rain last week we expect a rather heavy hatch of mosquitoes next week. Up to now one water management crew has been working steady.

5. The town of Shirley Conservation Commission wishes to discuss some work that, due to frost, was left until this spring to complete. The meeting is scheduled for June 17th.

6. Lunenburg held a meeting on June 9th and the mosquito article came up for reconsideration and was defeated. No doubt we will see the same antic next year - it's getting to be old hat for Lunenburg.

7. David read a letter from the Department of Public Health in which they gave a positive recommendation for "Regional Mosquito Control" and this is one big plus for the mosquito control projects of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Richard Day said he had seen the letter indicating that the letter has been sent to town Boards of Health. Copies of this letter may be sent to Selectmen or Mayors of each of our constituents as was requested by Mayor Bean.

8. Audubon Bill No. 2700 has now become House Bill No. 5648 and is in Ways and Means Committee. It may squeak through before the present session finished but it may get held over until next session.

9. Our FY93 budget is "level funded" or \$562,894.00 for 1993 which starts July 1, 1992.

10. David's proposal to acquire a video tape at a cost of about \$2500... was unanimously approved with the thought that all contributions, big or small, were in order to help pay for the video. One source has pledged \$400.00.

11. David has started a School Systems Program using instructive literature, coloring books, talks about the biology of the mosquito, source reduction by water management, and the emptying out of toys, tires and cans that retain water. Plans are to indoctrinate our crew as best as possible in talking about water management and source reduction to school systems next fall.

12. Public Health first catchings in their light traps show no virus.
13. Pay Scale: Bearing in mind that we are level funded for 1993 the discussion went forward with Commissioner Bean having an emergency call to leave; however, he voiced his opinion against.

Quite some time ago the Commissioners of this project agreed to maintain the quality of its personnel and to retain personnel who were dedicated, and up to now we have been able to do that without too much disruption of personnel. Mosquito control is not something that can be properly administered by anyone; it takes years of experience to function in a well organized control project. With this in mind and previous expressions it was voted to do the following:

1. Grant a step raise to five employees:  
Jay Begin  
Scott Cobat  
Ken Courtemanche  
Mike Murray  
Richard Nuttall
2. Give a 2% raise to five employees:  
Curtis Best  
Valerie Brown  
Tim Deschamps  
Richard Greite  
Ed Storonsky
3. Give a 2% cost of living to all employees
4. Give our Superintendent a 3% increase

A general 2% cost of living was granted to everyone including David Scott; a 3% increase was given to David Scott.

Much discussion was had regarding the above but with due consideration it was a unanimous vote of the Commissioners to grant the above increases.

The Commissioners wish to thank all of the present employees for their past service and look forward to a better future in mosquito control as the methods are changing and mosquito control is fast becoming an educational program with our using everything available to produce a better public relations program.

We wish to thank our Superintendent, David Scott, for his undivided efforts that go far beyond the call of duty in his efforts to effect a better environment within which all of the nine mosquito control projects of the Commonwealth operate.

14. Meeting adjourned 1:55 P.M.

15. Next Meeting - July 16, 1992.

APPROVED:  Chairman  
C.M.M.C.P.