

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: October 14, 1992
TIME: 11:00 A.M.
PLACE: 111 Otis Street, Northboro, MA

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PRESENT: Frank Perrin, Ray Davis, David Scott, Jeffrey Bean,
Stephen Henry, Richard Day, George Zoto, James MacArthur

1. The minutes of the September 10, 1992 Commissioners Meeting were unanimously approved.

2. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

9/12/92	\$6976.40	9/19/92	\$6976.40
9/26/92	\$6976.40	10/3/92	\$6976.40
10/10/92	\$6976.40		

3. Invoices totalling \$4584.82 were unanimously approved. Queried was Vericam for \$2077.00. David said this was the video production company's invoice.

4. David reviewed the 1992 goals we established last spring:

1. Increase public relations and public awareness
2. Increase water management
3. Increase larviciding
4. Increase surveillance and control evaluation
5. Decrease adulticiding

We have met the five goals and all proved to be successful methods toward the ultimate "IPM" control.

5. Surveillance Graphs:

A group of five year graphs showing the findings of our Light Trap Program from 1987 to and including 1991 was presented. Additional graphs showing Perturbans and another graph for Vexans and Canadensis for seven towns for May through September, 1992 were presented.

A graph depicting male and female mosquitoes for May through September, 1992 in Shrewsbury was also presented.

A graph showing the aggregate precipitation average for the 15 Light Trap locations was interesting. When mosquito populations are added to these graphs it is easy to see how rainfall is responsible for some mosquito population escalations.

6. David showed a sample of BTi that we use and spread by hand only after a source of breeding is verified. The better we do the jobs of water management and larviciding, the less adulticiding is needed.

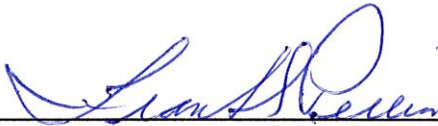
7. House Bill 5648 was discussed including a copy of the Bill as well as letters from Rep. McIntyre to Rep. Finneran, from Martinelli to Rep. Finneran, along with a copy of a press release from Holly Spausta of Audubon. There are a lot of pros and cons to this House Bill and until a method of long term funding is in place, our project will continue to oppose it.

It is estimated that if and when it is funded, the administration and execution aspects will cost 2-1/2 to 3 million, to say nothing about the cost of equipment and personnel required to do the job. Nine projects are already in place; what is required is to restore the shrunken budgets and let each project get to the year round job of orderly mosquito control. Organization and general unification through the Reclamation Board would be helpful.

8. A 1992 Viral Isolates Graph reveals EE has been found in New Bedford, Halifax, Easton, Carver, Brockton and Kingston. Other graphs were included.
9. FY94 Budget request for \$676,116.00 was presented and unanimously approved. A comparison chart for 1993 and 1994 was included showing what each town would pay. Generally speaking it is a 20% increase. It's an improvement but the budget does not reflect enough money to carry on an orderly replacement program; much of the equipment is costing not only money for repairs and maintenance but costing out-of-service time, plus the man hours that we have to spend fixing things instead of on mosquito control.
10. The public relations material is proof positive that P.R. is an important part of our program and the amount of P.R. material included in the file folder handed out was terrific.
11. 401 Permits: The intent is not to stop Mosquito Control Projects' operation. Permits are not required for maintenance. A general permit to cover our yearly operation is being sought. Permits are required for new projects of more than 5000 square feet. Placement of spoil triggers a permit especially if there is mineral in the spoil, like road sand. At the October 1st meeting with DEP, things looked favorable.
12. Our headquarter's lease expires the end of January, 1993. We need more information: who owns the property, what bank holds the paper, and are they interested in having us buy the building and for how much?
13. The 10 minute video tape that the project has made was played with very favorable comments from all who viewed it. A copy of the tape was given to all who attended. The tape cost \$2730.00, of which a share of the cost was contributed by some of our suppliers. Additional copies can be purchased by the project for further distribution.

14. Reappointment of Commissioners: It was suggested that our Chairman send a letter to the Reclamation Board.
15. Meeting adjourned 3:10 P.M.
16. Next Meeting: November 17, 1992 at Newport Harbor Hotel - 12 Noon. Meeting of all Project Commissioners will be held at 3:30 P.M. on November 17th in Newport.

APPROVED: _____



Chairman
C.M.M.C.P.