

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

Minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting

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Date: March 9, 1995

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Place: CMMCP District Headquarters, Northborough, MA

Present: Frank Perrin, Ken Courtemanche, Jeffrey Bean, Pablo Noguera, Richard Day and Stephen Henry
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1. The minutes of the February 9, 1995 Commissioners meeting were unanimously approved.
2. February, 1995 invoices amounting to \$1,792.21 were unanimously approved.
3. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

February 11, 1995	\$7,091.88
February 18, 1995	\$7,105.60
February 25, 1995	\$7,105.60
March 04, 1995	\$7,085.02

4. Work schedule: Project personnel continued winter maintenance of equipment. The chipper is nearly complete. Fenders are being fabricated and then it needs to be registered. Project personnel using this piece of equipment will take a safety training workshop.

Upcoming water management work will be taking place in Littleton, Berlin, Boxboro and Clinton.

5. Distribution of the 1994 Annual Reports: The Commissioners received their copies of the 1994 Annual Report which summarizes the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project's activities. Once again CMMCP staff has spent considerable time and effort putting together a wonderful summary of their work. Individual annual reports by Town distributed last week to the respective Towns.
6. Lease Update: Next Wednesday (3/15/95) is the bid opening for the five year lease of the CMMCP Headquarters building. David will attend the opening which will take place

in Boston. We currently have a one year extension which will expire in January, 1996 (refer to 2/9/95 minutes).

7. Report on the February the meeting with Commissioners of other projects: Stephen Henry (and David Scott) attended a 2/9/95 meeting of Massachusetts Mosquito Control Commissioners held at the CMMCP Headquarters. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss issues and problems common to all projects throughout the State. Five Commissioners representing four of the nine organized projects were present. Several Project Superintendents also attended. Issues discussed included: (a) The problem of level funding of project budgets. All attending felt that the Superintendents and Commissioners had little to no input on the budget setting process. After lengthy discussion it was readily apparent that Project personnel must become more involved with and knowledgeable of the budgetary process both before it reaches the legislature and while in the legislature. (b) State funding of the Reclamation Board. The Reclamation Board funding should revert back to the State as was the case historically. The burden of funding the Board should not come out of the funds designated for Project operational budgets. (c) It was agreed that the Commissioners should meet on a regular basis and continue to discuss common goals. The next meeting is scheduled to be April 26, 1995 at 6:00 PM at CMMCP Headquarters. It is felt that a more organized Mosquito Control Commissioners organization which sets short and long range goals will be more effective for all programs throughout the State. All project Commissioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.
8. AMCA Meeting: This years meeting is taking place in Portland, Oregon on March 19-23, 1995. David, Kenny and Curt will attend.
9. Old Business: Personnel running the State's payroll system (CAPS) will have a training session at CMMCP Headquarters regarding a new computerized payroll system. Project personnel seem a little skeptical but perhaps the training session will alleviate some of the apprehension. Personnel from other projects will be attending.

The Town of Acton has an Article to join the CMMCP District in their annual meeting warrant. Town meeting is on April 3-5, 1995. Their Project assessment is estimated to be \$26,000. They are currently spending approximately \$7,000 annually on mosquito control.
10. New Business: Ideas for Ray and Penny's retirement dinner was discussed. Both past and present Commissioners will be invited to attend.

F. Perrin handed out a newspaper article on a mosquito-eating fish study being conducted by Cape Cod Mosquito Control Commission and the Marine Biological Laboratory in

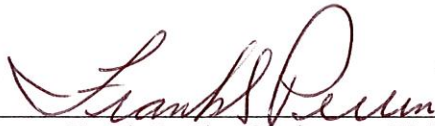
Woods Hole. A native banded sunfish species is being studied for its mosquito larvae eating habits. It seems like an expensive study but may have some merits.

Audubon's Magazine summarizing their 1994 activities makes no mention of mosquito control legislation; an awful quiet ending.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Next meeting is April 13, 1995 at CMMCP Headquarters, Northborough.

APPROVED:



Frank Perrin, Chairman, CMMCP

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Date