

# CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## Minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting

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Date: April 18, 1996

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Place: CMMCP District Headquarters, Northborough, MA

Present: Frank Perrin, David Scott, Pablo Noguera and Stephen Henry  
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1. The minutes of the March 14, 1996 Commissioners meeting were unanimously approved.
2. March, 1996 invoices amounting to \$5,033.74 were unanimously approved.
3. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

March 16, 1996	\$ 8,196.40
March 23, 1996	\$ 8,592.64
March 30, 1996	\$ 7,998.80
April 6, 1996	\$ 7,955.99
April 13, 1996	\$ 7,996.57

4. Work Schedule: The weather has made it difficult to finish the water management project in Westford. Personnel hope to wrap things up in the next week or two. The dam repair project in Berlin will be completed once soils have stabilized. Personnel have 5-6 additional water management projects lined up which will be done as weather and ground conditions permit.

District personnel have begun larviciding. They have been treating the smaller areas. A bumper crop of mosquito larvae are expected this spring season. BTI, both liquid and pellet, are being applied.

Project personnel are setting up 15 light traps this week. Collection will begin May 1, 1996. David may purchase a couple of ABC traps (currently using NJ traps) to begin collecting comparative data. Press releases regarding Project activities are going out today. Anticipate beginning adulticiding towards the end of May.

5. Personnel Update: Peter Maxfield has completed his 60 day probation period and is now on as permanent staff. Two employees have passed their core pesticide application exam.

Summer help - one of last years three summer employees will be returning; haven't heard from the other two. A graduating high schooler has contacted the Project and will be hired for the summer once school lets out. David hopes to hire two more full time employees before too long.

6. Report on AMCA meeting: Frank Perrin and David Scott attend this meeting, held in Norfolk, VA. They thought last years meeting was much better. Most of the conference was directed at scientific and technical papers. More emphasis should be placed on actual mosquito control, water management and field applications. The most interesting sessions of the conference had to do with public relations, education and computer modeling and mapping. Both David and Frank detected from other participants, a strong negative undertone and concern about funding sources and ever increasing number of regulations.
7. Aerial Larviciding Regulations: A few Projects have requested the Pesticide Board re-write the notification procedures as they pertain to aerial larviciding. Currently Plymouth, East Middlesex, Essex and Norfolk County Projects conduct limited aerial spraying for mosquito control. New regulations allow a general public notification take place between February 1 - March 1 with follow up notification just prior to aerial applications. Even though CMMCP does not plan to conduct any aerial spraying, David may participate in the generic public notification indicating that CMMCP "may" conduct a aerial spraying just to be on the safe side. The only town that conducts aerial spraying in our District is the Town of Chelmsford. Chelmsford is scheduled to conduct aerial spraying the week of April 22, 1996.
8. Report on State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board's 4/9/96 meeting: The Board reviewed the aerial larviciding regulations.

The Board also again discussed the GEIR and how to fund it's preparation. David, again, expresses his strong opposition to funding the GEIR with monies from cities and towns. This should be funded with a State appropriation and not with the limited Project funding source. The CMMCP Commissioners request that David pursue changing the funding of this project through legislative avenues.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The Town of Lunenburg has a Town meeting Article to withdraw from the Project (again). Town meeting is scheduled for May 11, 1996. David will follow up on theses actions. No other Towns have Articles to withdraw, that we know of.

On May 23, 1996 David and Project personnel will be attending a wetland/beaver management workshop sponsored by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The workshop is to be held in Belchertown and will discuss problem beaver control.

A letter has been sent to all the school systems in the District reminding them of the education program the CMMCP staff has put together. David has three staff available to participate in this program. This educational program has been widely utilized in past years and is becoming more and more popular.

Even though the Project does not offer deer tick control, David will monitor the number of calls. The Project receives numerous calls each year regarding ticks and this may be an area where we can provide some sort of technical assistance to the public in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Next CMMCP Commissioner's meeting is May 9, 1996.

APPROVED:



Frank Perrin, Chairman, CMMCP

5-9-96

Date