

# CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## Minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting

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Date: May 9, 1996

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Place: CMMCP District Headquarters, Northborough, MA

Present: Frank Perrin, David Scott Jeff Bean, Richard Day and, Stephen Henry  
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1. The minutes of the April 18, 1996 Commissioners meeting were unanimously approved.

2. April, 1996 invoices amounting to \$1,704.90 were unanimously approved.

3. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

April 20, 1996	\$ 7,998.80
April 27, 1996	\$ 7,998.80
May 04, 1996	\$ 8,856.74

4. Work Schedule: The crews are spending considerable amount of time larviciding. Samples show a lot of mosquito pupae. All Project light-traps are out; have begun to trap adult mosquitos. Project personnel will begin adulticiding in about two weeks (May 28). Based on samples collected, a large hatch is expected about that time.

Water management: Crews have finished work in Westford. Equipment is being moved to Berlin to complete work on a small dam which was initiated last fall. From Berlin the equipment will be moved to Wilmington for a 2-3 week project.

5. School Program: The Project has two people available to talk with schools within the Project about mosquito control. Staff will be talking at ten schools (84 classes, grades 1-6) outreaching nearly 2,000 students. More requests for talks are expected as the season progresses.

6. Staffing Update: David has hired one full time employee. This person has a degree in environmental planning and comes from Sutton. Four summer students have been hired, three of which have worked for the project last year. They will begin work as soon as school ends.

7. Report on May 8, 1996 State Reclamation & Mosquito Control Board Meeting: This meeting was cancelled.
8. Report on May 8, 1996 State Department of Public Health Meeting: Discussion focussed on the 7-month old baby from Springfield who contracted encephalitis last year. This is the first time that no encephalitis virus was sampled for two consecutive years. In looking at historic data, it appears that there may be virus activity in this part of the State. DPH has not been sampling in this part of the State but will be doing so this year.

The State is thinking of renewing the emergency mosquito control fund (originally set up in 1991); at this point in time, they are not sure to what level funding will be.

9. Chelmsford Aerial Spraying Program: The Town of Chelmsford conducted its' aerial spraying project on April 24, 1996. Approximately 2,800 pounds of BTI was applied to 560 acres. The application went well and there were no complaints. This is a long term program that has been accepted by the town's people. The Town has already approved funding for next years application.
10. Report on Town Meetings: The Town of Lunenburg has an Article to withdraw from the Project. Town meeting is this Saturday. The Selectmen support staying in the Project while the Finance Committee recommend withdrawing from the Project.

No other Towns have articles to withdraw from the Project that we know of.

Northbridge has an Article to rejoin the Project, but David is skeptical.

David has been approached by the Town of Paxton requesting information about joining the project. David will meet with them and provide the particulars.

11. Budget Update: The House/Senates budget have the Project funded at \$652,698 for fiscal 1997. This is about a 2% reduction from the \$665,535 David requested. David will attempt to get the budget fully funded.
12. Public Relations Update: The Project put out a press release dated April 18, 1996 which describes the Project and its' integrated approach to mosquito control. Another release will mailed May 20th, just prior to adulticiding.

Project brochures have been redesigned and updated.

13. Old Business: The Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project plane crashed during takeoff. Repairs, which were signed off by FAA personnel, resulted in controls being reversed. No one was seriously hurt. The Project is having problems with its' insurance

company relative to who was responsible for the mechanical problems. The Project has lost its' capability to conduct preseason aerial laticiding.

14. New Business: Fort Devens has a approached David regarding performing mosquito control at the recently formed "community." There is considerable need for this type of work in vicinity of the housing and golf course. David will meet with them to determine a scope of work and do a needs assessment.

Abbott Laboratory has put out a new product for mosquito control called VectoLex. It is supposed to be very effective in polluted waters. David has met with a local sales rep and has obtained some of this product for testing.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M..

Next CMMCP Commissioner's meeting is June 13, 1996.

APPROVED:



Frank Perrin, Chairman, CMMCP

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Date