



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Department of Agricultural Resources  
**State Reclamation and  
Mosquito Control Board**  
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<http://www.mass.gov/agr/mosquito/index.htm>



**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Health or Selectmen or City Council

**From:** Mark S. Buffone, Chairman, State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board

**Date:** March 2009

**RE: Berkshire County Mosquito Control Commission Vacancy**

*Note: If you are not the person responsible for this matter, please forward this information to the appropriate person in your city or town.*

Please be informed that the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB), which oversee all mosquito control practices throughout the Commonwealth is seeking a qualified candidate to serve on the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Commission.

The SRMCB is looking for one qualified candidate to serve in Berkshire County Mosquito Control District/Project Commission that covers the municipalities of Becket, Clarksburg, Hinsdale, Otis, Richmond, Sheffield, Stockbridge, and Tyringham.

There are 9 organized mosquito control projects or districts located throughout Massachusetts. All mosquito control activities of these organized agencies are performed under the aegis of the SRMCB pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 252 of the Massachusetts General Laws and special legislation (Acts and Resolves) that created the districts or projects. Each mosquito control project or district operates under the direction of Commissioners. The Commissioners are appointed by the SRMCB.

Commissioners appointed or re-appointed are legally charged with the responsibility to carry out, follow, and oversee mosquito control improvements in such a manner as the SRMCB may approve. Commissioners who represent each project or district varies cover a wide range of expertise. Current Commissioners include but are not limited to individuals serving as public members, medical doctors, police officers, board of health directors, University PhDs, private citizens, mayor's or selectpersons, DPW engineers, former mosquito control project or district superintendents.

The make-up of these Commissions helps direct the mosquito control project or district in important financial and operational decisions. The Board of Commissioners hires and oversees the Superintendent or Director to manage the day-to-day operational mosquito management efforts for the project or districts.

Mosquito control projects or districts employ management methods based on Integrated Pest Management (IPM). These standard and recognized methods or practices are the result of many years of experience and modern scientific research. By using IPM, the mosquito control projects and districts integrate a variety of available control strategies such as disease surveillance, larval surveys, source reduction, biological control methods, open marsh water management (OMWM), the use of larvicides, and, when necessary, application of adulticides, into a comprehensive program. Ultimately, the strategies used by the mosquito control projects or districts go a long way in protecting the public health and the environment as well as improve the quality of life for Massachusetts's citizens in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The SRMCB asks that any candidate interested to complete the application, sign the Statement of Roles and Responsibilities and submit letters of support. **Note:** **Please submit (two) 2 copies along with the original.**

1. Complete the application found on line at the following link:

[http://www.mass.gov/agr/mosquito/Commissioner\\_Application\\_Form.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/agr/mosquito/Commissioner_Application_Form.pdf)

2. Sign the Statement of Roles and Responsibilities on line at the following link:

[http://www.mass.gov/agr/mosquito/Commissioners\\_Duties\\_and\\_Functions.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/agr/mosquito/Commissioners_Duties_and_Functions.pdf)

3. Submit a letter (s) of support at a minimum from the city or town you work or live.
4. Take the above documents such as the Application, Statement of Roles and Responsibilities Of Commissioners *document, Resume, and Letters Of Support and copy as one package and submit two additional (2) copies of the entire original package and submit to the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board too.*

**REQUEST:** Please send completed application, signed statement of roles and responsibilities, and letter(s) of support to:

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