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## Town of Litchfield

### Mosquito Control District

September 7, 2011

The Mosquito Control District held a special budget meeting at 7:00PM in the Town Hall conference room.

#### Roll Call:

Present – John Poulos, Chairman  
Al Raccio  
Absent - John Latsha

#### Pledge of Allegiance

All rose for the pledge of allegiance

#### Public Input

There was no public input

Mr. Poulos stated that the reason for this meeting was to gain consensus on a budget to submit to the Town Administrator for review by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. There is concern that the State of New Hampshire will not have money to test trapped mosquitoes after June of 2012. If this proves to be true, each MCD must provide funds for testing of trapped mosquitoes. If funding is not forthcoming and testing is not being done by the state, Mosquito Control Programs throughout the state have no real purpose and no money should be budgeted for them.

Mr. Raccio stated that we should contact Litchfield's mosquito control contractor, Municipal Pest Management Services to see if they could provide testing in lieu of the state. Mr. Poulos stated that he has been talking to them and that they are exploring a way to use another, certified agency should the state discontinue its testing.

Mr. Poulos stated that he has been corresponding with NHDHHS and that he had an email from Elizabeth R. Daly of DHHS that stated that "...there are funds available for us to test in 2012 as well." However, given that the state budget runs from June to June and that testing takes place after June of each year, Mr. Poulos was pursuing the issue to make sure that testing would occur after June of 2012.

Mr. Raccio suggested that we submit a contingency line item for \$12,000 to be used only if the state does not test after June of 2012. Mr. Poulos agreed.

Mr. Raccio then suggested we include a line item for barrier spraying, similar to that done around the school for the 275<sup>th</sup> Town Celebration. Mr. Poulos agreed to include a sum equal to that spent on the barrier spraying. Mr. Raccio was to check his notes from that time period to come up with the number.

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Mr. Raccio suggested that \$1200 for consulting fees be included for determining the need for contingency testing. Mr. Poulos agreed.

Mr. Raccio suggested that we consider changing the **Arboviral Illness Surveillance, Prevention and Response Plan** to remove our Public Awareness responsibilities. Given the budget cuts we have faced in the last few years we are not able to engage the public with programs to educate them on mosquito control and protection. By keeping it in the plan we expose the town to some risk. Mr. Poulos agreed to discuss this further when all members were present, the first cut budget has been submitted and when we had hard data from the state about continuing testing.

It was agreed that the following budget would be submitted to the Town Administrator: This is unchanged from that submitted in 2011 and approved by the Selectmen except for the new line items agreed to at this meeting.

Proposed MCD budget for 2012

Public notification - \$90  
Secretarial Services - \$600  
Larval habitat documents - \$1,750  
Larval Control Applications - \$7,175  
Catch Basin Mapping - \$3,425  
Specimen Testing & Reporting - \$14,270

Contingency line items

Consulting Fees re: testing - \$1,200  
Testing for EEE and WNV - \$12,000  
Barrier Spraying – TBD

All business being completed, Mr. Raccio motioned for adjournment and the meeting adjourned.