

Minutes Approved on April 21, 2011

The Mosquito Control District held a meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Roll call: Alfred Raccio, Chairman  
John Poulos

Absent: John Latsha, Vice Chairman

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input.

### **2011 BUDGET**

Chairman Raccio said that the budget meeting with the Selectmen was postponed. He has not been re-notified of a rescheduling to go before the Selectmen. The draft 2011 MCD budget was submitted to the Board of Selectmen in September. He could not produce a copy of the budget because he had no access to the laptop. The two big variables in the 2011 budget are the contract and the reimbursement to the Town. Historically, the MCD has returned greater than 10% of the budget. The budget reports are forwarded on line on Friday but Chairman Raccio did not have access to the report because he has no computer. It is believed there is only one more contract payment to be made. All in all, the Committee is ready to move forward with the 2011 budget and meet with the Selectmen and then the Budget Committee.

Mr. Poulos provided the information regarding the contract with Michael Morrison and the State reimbursement form partially filled out. Mr. Raccio: These are the things that I warned the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator if these activities are not tended to, they are in jeopardy of saving pennies and losing dollars by not allowing your volunteer committees access to the tools necessary to communicate Town business on which you do not do on personal assets. That was put into written communication and sent to all Selectmen.

Mr. Poulos said he has always used his personal computer and the Town email account. That is always the case regardless of which committee you are on. There are some committees and commissions that have a laptop but not all of them have a laptop. This was discussed.

Mr. Raccio: I question if the Town has made a policy to do this to provide us with a list

of what assets are available and what departments were affected from that written communications. I received a partial answer which basically said turn your laptop in and it did not address the other questions regarding where is the list so we know what pool we can draw from and what other divisions are affected by this because all department heads I spoken to say that none of them were aware of this nor was, and I have not spoken to Mr. Latsha, but no one from our committee was consulted about this or asked an opinion as to how it would impact our committee. So, I do not know how to answer your question. I turned the unit into Selectman Brunelle a week or two ago...and have not heard anything.

Mr. Poulos: What I was saying in most instances most of the people that are on a committee are not using Town assets for their stuff.

Mr. Raccio: Every one of those people are subject to 91A to have their personal assets reviewed by who knows who for Town business.

Talk ensued. Mr. Poulos: I understand the issues. You are waiting to get feedback from Jason or Frank as to what the assets are.

Mr. Raccio: The Town Administrator worked with the Chairman to try to satisfy a few dollars of budget constraint with other departments asking for assets to pool one or two assets that the Mosquito Control District has and, furthermore, as a district we are not a committee we are a district, a proper district of record of the State and that is like asking the school district to turn over their laptops because they are tax dollars purchased.

Mr. Raccio further pointed out that the MCD budget paid for the laptop approved by the Selectmen, approved by the Budget Committee and, most importantly, approved by the townspeople as a district asset. Also, the camera and the computer are now not in the MCD's control and all of MCD records, previous reports, data from Mr. Latsha and Mr. Raccio are all on that machine. Also, there is the Treasurer's information on that laptop.

Mr. Poulos: I had spoken with the Selectmen's Chairman and Mr. Hoch and the issue did arise that the Trust Fund Trustees and Cemetery Trustees neither had computing assets but they did not need them full time. I do not know how the selection was made to pull the mosquito's computer. Jason (Hoch) told me we could take it whenever we need it. He anticipated we would need it most at the time of the State submittal and the time for the Town report.

Mr. Raccio: No disrespect to our Town Administrator but a man that has been here for three or four months, the gentleman has no clue because he has not talked to any of us about what we do during the year.

Mr. Poulos: Obviously, he did not do this on his own; he had to go to the Board. He is trying to save some money...the Cemetery Trustee is new and they had asked for a computer.

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Talk ensued. Mr. Poulos will try to get on the Selectmen's agenda for November 8th to discuss the computer. Mr. Raccio said that he would contact the Town's attorney for a legal opinion. Mr. Raccio said he was not able to be prepared for today's meeting and that all correspondence now must be mailed to him.

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Poulos **MOTIONED** that we approve the July 22, 2010, minutes. Mr. Raccio seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0. The August 19<sup>th</sup> minutes will be approved the next time Mr. Latsha is in attendance.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Raccio said that there is an opportunity to meet with Mr. Morrison to select and review based on current findings positioning of light traps the Town owns for next season. Mr. Raccio: I have not been able to communicate to him my thoughts on how we want to do this. Additionally, we need discussions with Mr. Morrison regarding the wintering mosquitoes and how early to test next year and whether we have identified the locations to target the test sites. The sites for the State light traps are fixed and we bought light traps that we control. The State report is due the end of November and the data has to be collected, signed and approved by the Selectmen and then submitted.

There being no further business, Mr. Raccio **ENTERTAINED A MOTION** to adjourn. Mr. Poulos **SO MOVED**. It was seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Lorraine Dogopoulos  
Recording Secretary