

## **TOWN OF LITCHFIELD**

**Mosquito Control District**

**July 22, 2010**

The Mosquito Control District held a meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Members present: 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 explained that he did not have a chance to send out the information on the budgets but he would do so this weekend and it would include his recommended inputs. He further stated that the Board of Selectmen are asking for a 5% decrease in the 2011 budget but that one Selectman said that it is a recommended guideline. If departments cannot meet the guideline objective, that accompanying rationale would be an acceptable position.

Mr. Raccio: So, when we look at our budget and we talk about our previous positions and the reductions through last year's cost initiatives, I believe even if we come in with our 12 month schedule of meetings and our standard contract that we will still be equal to or less than our original submission from last year. We need to renegotiate for secretarial services and if there is any anticipated increase, that is an expenditure that we contract out. Municipal Pest Management has not provided the contract for 2011. Chairman Raccio said he would follow-up with Michael Morrison regarding the contract.

Chairman Raccio talked about his searching sites in other states such as Florida, etc. to obtain information. Some of their district control activities involve board members going into different regions and meeting with local representatives. In our region, Salem has a very active and large mosquito control district and Mr. Raccio suggested perhaps arranging a meeting with them and in order to save mileage cost, the Board could utilize the Town vehicle. Talk ensued.

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### PUBLIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

The Mosquito Control District is planning to attend sporting events, et al, to provide educational materials to the public. At the last meeting, Mr. Poulos was asked to contact the State to obtain free materials on West Nile and EEE. He showed the Board the materials he acquired free from the State for educational purposes. These handouts would be distributed to residents at the scheduled events. Mr. Raccio mentioned using the poster board that the MCD had developed last year that can be used to display materials.

### COLLECTION EFFORTS

Chairman Raccio said he has not received the July mosquito testing results. He mentioned that there is now a link on the website to DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services). There have been no positive results in New Hampshire but there have been three positive results in Massachusetts.

Mr. Poulos: I was looking at some of the information from last year and perturbans were the big carriers. This is the month when they really start to show up. I think it is just a matter of time. Based on last year, I believe as soon as it shows up, we go into Phase II of the Plan...

### MINUTES

June 24, 2010 - Mr. Poulos **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Raccio seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0. The minutes will be posted on the website.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Special Meeting** - The next MCD meeting is August 19, 2010. There may a special meeting to discuss the contract in nonpublic session for negotiations. Mr. Raccio will review the RSA pertaining to nonpublic sessions. Also, the 2011 MCD budget is due to be submitted to the Selectmen's Office August 16, 2010.

There being no further business, Mr. Poulos **MOTIONED** to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Raccio seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Lorraine Dogopoulos  
Recording Secretary