

Mosquito Control District Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2014

The Litchfield Mosquito Control District conducted a meeting on January 23, 2014 at 7 PM in the main conference room at Town Hall.

Members Present: Mr. Al Raccio (Chairman)
Mr. Dave Tate

Members Absent: Mr. John Latsha (Vice Chair)

Mr. Raccio called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Raccio stated that they called this unexpected meeting to discuss a couple of pressing items. No.1 being the town report and No. 2 the 2014 MCD Plan to be filed and updated with the state.

Discussions:

Mr. Raccio stated that regarding the December and January meetings, which is briefly what they just talked about and wanted to make sure that they did not mislead or try not to counteract their vote, but they do have a voting board tonight and the main purpose is to review and finalize the Town's annual report which needs to get submitted. Al stated that this closes the motion of November and December to cancel tonight's meeting.

Member Updates:

Mr. Raccio stated that he does have a couple of things to announce: He has been trying to resurrect the donated laptop, and did buy a new hard drive for it and got it formatted only to find that the laptop motherboard bios is corrupted, which lead to one of the reasons why he believes the original hard drive did what it did. Al mentioned that he is still trying to resurrect that as a tool to help them, but he is rapidly \$100 invested in it now and his willingness is quivering. Al stated that he believes that it has a serious virus in it and is very reluctant because everytime he puts it on his network, everything else on his network comes off before that happens. Al stated that if he can't resurrect it this weekend, he is just going to call the gentlemen that donated it, thank him and inform him and then possibly present an amendment to the budget at the deliberative

session and see what the people say.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 2013:

Al stated that the October minutes, he was not present, he missed that meeting, so he can not vote on that. There is not a full board to vote on these. AL made an administrative decision to table the October minutes to the meeting of February 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Town Report:

Al stated that he has seen comments from Dave and John. They didn't have a lot of activity last year other than some of the findings at the school and the corrective actions that School Board promptly enacted on. Al mentioned that they did do some weed in work for furthering their constituents education regarding mosquitoes and mosquito control. Al mentioned that he did receive a summary report from Municipal Pest Services (their prime contractor) so basically, what Al is going to do is quickly incorporate John's comments. Al mentioned to Dave that if he has anything he wants to send him , just send it on and Al will have a draft by Sunday evening. The Board will not get to meet before the Town Report goes into publication.

Any Other Business:

Al stated that they talked briefly about the Mosquito Control District's action plan to be filed with the state. It gets updated every year or as Jason had pointed out, it will carry over if you don't update it, so it is important that they do update it because they have had more active cases of West Nile and EEE in the past couple of three years, and believes that keeping a proactive stance with the State demonstrates to the State two things; that the communities like Litchfield and our surrounding communities that do support Mosquito Control Districts have a real need for supplemental funds from the State to help them offset our costs, similar to when they started, and having these action plans supports that type of activity in Concord. Additionally, the action plan truly supports the community as they have demonstrated here with barrier spraying activities and educational activities as well as giving general guidance to the town's Administrators and the Board of Selectmen, including the Fire Chief, Police Chief and Kevin Lynch, our health and safety officer. Al stated that it is value added to the Town and to our community. Basically, these types of activities have been hindered in our field research because they continue to look for assets to execute. Al mentioned that when they first started to the recent four or five years, those activities have slanted down and their report had remained basically unchanged for no less than three years now. This year some of our main objectives for the year will be to update and enhance that report and get it submitted before April as well as what they have talked about in November regarding continuing education and activities they may engage with Dick

Pentheny and the cable committee regarding spot films, small lecture series and possibly even some series showing some of the areas of town that perhaps they can organize some volunteer groups our coordinate with that activities. Al mentioned that they had clean up Pepsico day last year and they saw a lot of activity where people helped police the street and pick up the streets and there is no reason that they can't add simple activities like report to us any tires that you see laying down or any plastic garbage cans lids,. Not only will the people be engaged but atleast they will become aware of it and as a community they can work with the Road Agent and Incinerator and trash collection, simple things like that. Al mentioned that they need to capitalize on things like that because their budget , everyone is feeling it in their wallet. Al mentioned that these are some of the things that we will be seeing more of on the agenda and more activities as they head into the 2014 season.

Al thanked Russ and stated that they did a tremendous job last year for them and they truly like to keep the cable committee in the limelight as opposed to behind the stage.

Mr. Tate **motioned** to adjourn. Mr. Raccio **seconded** the motion. The motion carried **2-0-0**. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.