

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

Mosquito Control District

July 17, 2008

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

Members present: John Latsha, Chairman
Alfred Raccio

Absent: Joan McKibben

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Latsha called the roll: Mrs. McKibben absent.

CATCH BASINS - LARVICIDING

Mr. Latsha talked about the Mosquito Control District approval of all street catch basins in the Town of Litchfield be larvicided by Michael Morrison of Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc. Mr. Latsha suggested having a discussion period. Mr. Raccio had no objection. Mr. Latsha: The original contract with the Town of Litchfield stated that it had the larviciding of street catch basins which was in the contract that the Selectmen had signed. We went for additional approval from the Board Selectmen on Monday, July 14, 2008 and the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved it. As you know, the MCD stated that any larviciding in the Town of Litchfield would also have to go through the MCD and that is why we are here today. The permit for the pesticide control has been approved by the N.H. Division of Pesticide and also there was a public notice put in the Manchester Union Leader.

Mr. Raccio: As you stated earlier, the Board of Selectmen did unanimously vote to approve the pesticide treatments for the catch basins. According to the regulations imposed by the MCD, owner authorizations are to be signed and delivered to Mr. Morrison and a copy to the MCD prior to any larviciding actions. So, in fact, Mr. Morrison complied with both the contractual obligations to get authentication from the Board of Selectmen as well as the requirement to get approval given that the Board of Selectmen are the caretakers for the public properties and right-of-ways. It was proper for Mr. Morrison to make that submission. The submission was signed and authorized. I have not validated that the Selectmen's office has actually sent the authorization through but we can certainly follow-up tomorrow morning to Mr. Dilworth.

Mr. Latsha said that Joan McKibben was to put a notice in the correspondence folder before the meeting started for the Board of Selectmen on Monday. Did you receive that?

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Mr. Raccio: There was a notice in the correspondence and there was some discussion prior to the 7:00 p.m. session and once again there was as you were there for the main body discussion there was explanations and there was absolutely no issues; everything was resolved. The Selectmen voted, as you stated, unanimously to allow Mr. Morrison to execute that first application. This truly is a monumental day for us as the Mosquito Control District. It is our first positive and pro-active steps in combating larvae and potential EEE. This is what the taxpayers paid for. We are now fully compliant and we have had our testing, we have done exactly what we said we would do with regards to understanding the problem before just arbitrarily applying pesticides without being educated on why, where, and when the application is required.

Mr. Raccio said the next meeting is July 31, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Mr. Raccio: And at that time, Mr. Chairman, I have contacted Town Counsel regarding the proper methodology of reapplying for a position on the MCD. My original read of the RSA's was corrected by Attorney LeFevre with regards to the process. In the first instance, the Board of Selectmen did appoint a one, two and three year position. When I read the RSA's, that was clear. When you read further past the RSA's for the governing rules, it says in effect the governing body. When I read that, I interpreted the governing body in the second instance to be us, us being the collective MCD. The attorney corrected me and it is the Board of Selectmen. It is my intention to submit two letters: the first letter to the MCD stating my intentions of consideration for reappointment for a three year term to the MCD. The second letter will be going to the Board of Selectmen stating the same request for the Board of Selectmen to consider reappointing myself to the three year position that is opened at the end of the month. So, I will have that communication to you tomorrow and I will email the same similar request to the Board of Selectmen tomorrow as well and I will also make a request as a citizen to be placed on July 28, 2008, agenda for the Board of Selectmen. Given that there are only two of us tonight, it was my intention to solicit the MCD endorsement to the Board of Selectmen. However, I cannot and will not vote for myself in a quorum of two of us. So, what I would ask is that as an individual if you would be so kind as to attend the meeting as well as either notify me of a positive endorsement or negative endorsement.

Mr. Latsha **MOTIONED** that Mosquito Control District approve all street catch basins be larvicided by Municipal Pest Management Services, Michael Morrison, the owner of Municipal Pest Management Services, for the Town of Litchfield. Mr. Raccio seconded. Mr. Raccio said that the Board of Selectmen has unanimously voted and I believe we will concur with that shortly. Motion carried 2-0-0.

There being no further business, Mr. Latsha **ENTERTAINED A MOTION** to adjourn. Mr. Raccio **SO MOVED**. Mr. Latsha seconded. Motion carried 2-0-0.

Lorraine Dogopoulos
Recording Secretary (transcribed from tape)