

## **Town Article 8 – Mosquito Control**

This article will raise \$40,000 to fund the mosquito control program in Raymond. The mosquito program monitors and controls mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), and Zika Virus primarily by spraying bacterial insecticide into stagnant water for larvae control, spraying of public assembly areas including playgrounds and the Common (on request), and emergency spraying. (1) The funds requested are the same as the last two years and include the cost of lab testing. Estimated tax cost: \$.042 per thousand of tax valuation or \$8.40 on a \$200,000 home.

**A YES vote** approves funding of the mosquito control program in Raymond.

**A NO vote** does not approve of funding the mosquito control program in Raymond.

### **Reasons why some voters might vote yes:**

- To reduce the risk of exposure to West Nile Virus, EEE, and/or Zika virus.
- Raymond mosquitoes tested positive for West Nile Virus in 2018. (2)
- NH Department of Health and Human Services raised Raymond's risk of EEE to a moderate level as Candia and Fremont mosquitoes tested positive. (3)

### **Reasons why some voters might vote no:**

- Do not want a mosquito control program in Raymond.
- Concern about chemical exposure.
- Does not guarantee prevention of any mosquito-borne disease.

### **References:**

1. See Public Notice from Dragon Mosquito Control.  
<http://www.dragonmosquito.com/sites/default/files/pdf/publicnotices/Raymondpublicnotice2019.pdf>
2. The State Lab in Concord confirmed that a batch of mosquitoes collected in Raymond tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). Email from Town Office 9/21/18.
3. Town Manager Joe Ilsley to Board of Selectmen, 10/21/19.