

Town Article 15 – Mosquito Control

This article will raise \$40,000 to fund the mosquito control program in Raymond. The mosquito program monitors and controls mosquitoes carrying diseases such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) primarily by larvicide and emergency spraying, and on-request spraying of public assembly areas including playgrounds and the Common. (1) Sites are routinely treated and checked and the Selectmen receive regular updates on results. The funds requested are the same since 2016 and include the cost of lab testing. Estimated tax cost: \$0.041 per \$1,000 of tax valuation or \$8.20 on a \$200,000 home.

A YES vote funds the mosquito control program in Raymond.

A NO vote will not fund the mosquito control program in Raymond.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- To reduce the risk of exposure to mosquito-borne illnesses such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV).
- NH Department of Health and Human Services raised Raymond's risk of EEE to a moderate level as Candia and Fremont mosquitoes tested positive in 2019. (2)
- Raymond mosquitoes tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) in 2018. (4)

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- Raymond has not tested positive for any mosquito-borne illnesses since 2018. (3)
- Does not guarantee prevention of any mosquito-borne disease.
- Concern about possible chemical exposure.

References:

1. Dragon Mosquito Control, Public Notice for Raymond, NH, 2020: [tinyurl.com/y363g45v](https://www.tinyurl.com/y363g45v)
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3. NH Department of Health and Human Services, Arboviral Risk Map, 2020: [tinyurl.com/y59svu3q](https://www.tinyurl.com/y59svu3q)
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