



TOWN OF MILLIS

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To: Millis Finance Committee

From: Scott Moles, Millis Health Director

Re: Millis Board of Health, FY 2014 Budget, Rabies Line Item

Historically, the Millis Board of Health's budget has included a line item for the implementation of the annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic within the Town.

The Millis Board of Health is requesting that the Finance Committee consider setting this up as a Revolving Fund, similar to other funds annually authorized at Town Meeting pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E ½. The Health Department recommends that it initially be authorized in the amount of \$1,200.00.

The fund would be credited with the fees that are collected from residents who get their animals vaccinated at the clinic, and under the authority of the Animal Control Officer and/or the Board of Health, proceeds would be used for the costs of labor, equipment and services related to a Rabies program or exposure.

Currently the funds collected from the Rabies Clinic goes to the Town's general fund and the Veterinarian gets paid out of the Board of Health Rabies line item of the budget. As a revolving fund, this would allow the fund to have the flexibility to authorize a vaccination of a resident who may have gotten bitten to get the series of Rabies Vaccinations reimbursed by the Town, if the resident is exposed, is determined that the shots are required, and does not have the insurance to cover such costs.