



TOWN OF MILLIS

BOARD OF HEALTH

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September 19, 2013, **Revised September 27, 2013 and October 8, 2013.**

To: Millis Finance Committee

From: Millis Board of Health

Scott Moles, Millis Health Director

Re: Town Meeting Article: Millis Rabies Revolving Fund

Dear Honorable Board,

On behalf of the Millis Board of Health, we requested that the Board of Selectmen put forth an Article to set up a Revolving Fund for the Health Department or Animal Control to implement the annual Rabies Clinic and the Rabies Program. This was presented to the Board of selectmen at their meeting held on October 7, 2013.

Currently the Veterinary Services for the Annual Millis Rabies Clinic is paid for by a line item in the Millis Board of Health budget. The monies collected at the clinic get deposited into the Town's general fund. If there are more animals vaccinated than the line item is budgeted for, other monies from the Board of Health budget have been used to cover the difference. The Board feels that this would be better served through a revolving account process where the account could also be used in situations where an uninsured Millis resident, who has been exposed to Rabies, and requires post-exposure treatment. As you may recall, that under M.G.L. the Board of Health had to provide rabies vaccination for an uninsured exposed resident.

The following is a draft Article for consideration. **(language change 9/27/13)(language change 10/7/13)**

Article XX. To see if the Town will vote to **authorize**, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2, the following fund:

(xx) Millis Rabies Clinic/Program Revolving Fund, said fund to be funded with the collection of vaccination fees collected at the annual Millis Rabies Clinic, donations or appropriations, under the authority of the Board of Health, where proceeds to be used for services associated with the Rabies Clinic, administering a Rabies Program or other Rabies associated item; rabies vaccine, rabies needle disposal, or supplies, with such expenditures not to exceed \$2,500.00;

Removed: "providing of vaccination to uninsured human victims of rabies exposure (who is a Millis resident)"

As discussed with the Millis Board of Selectmen at their meeting, the article is being revised removing the following below in order to just to create the account. This will allow for the April 2014 rabies clinic to be deposited into the new revolving fund. This year's rabies clinic costs will be paid out of the Board Health line item without opening budget revisions. Next Annual Town meeting the Rabies Revolving Fund then maybe reauthorized with the revolving fund article.

Removed: "created from a transfer of budgeted Board of Health line item for Rabies and future" (revised per October 7, 2013 meeting)

The Board of Health looks forward to discuss this proposal for the next town Meeting and the future implementation of the Millis Rabies program that continues to provide protection of the public and their pets.

Thank you in Advance for your consideration. If you should have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Scott Moles
Millis Health Director

CC: Mr. Charles Aspinwall
Brenda Hamelin, Millis/Medway Animal Control