



BOARD OF HEALTH – SELECT BOARD JOINT MEETING

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Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 4:00 PM

131 Pleasant Street, Room A of the Meeting Trailer

This meeting was held in person and via remote participation using ZOOM.

Attending Board of Health Members: Dr. Malcolm MacNab, Ann Smith, James Cooper, Meridith Lepore and Kerry McKenna.

Attending Select Board Members: Brooke Mohr (in person), Matt Fee (remote, arriving at 4:03 PM), Thomas Dixon (in person), Dawn Hodgegate (remote) and Dr. Malcolm MacNab (in person)

Select Board Chair Mohr called the Select Board meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Board of Health Chair MacNab called the Board of Health meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment:	Select Board Chair Mohr introduced the purpose of the meeting and noted that general public comments will be accepted, using the standard “3-minute rule”. There was no public comment.
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III. JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF HEALTH REGARDING PFAS (PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES) ISSUES.

Discussion:	Mr. Tivnan - Provided an introduction and overview of the Town’s PFAS activities since 2020, noting this is the 17th public update to the Board. Mr. Larson - Provided additional details on the projects contained in the agenda materials. Ms. Lepore - Asked about forms of treatment for PFAS. Mr. Larson - Responded and said that while technology has been proven to some extent in other locations of the country, different levels and types of PFAS may require different types of treatment. - Explained that Nantucket’s materials from leachate at the landfill and wastewater from the Surfside treatment facility are being tested using a certain type of “pilot” treatment. Discussion followed on the testing, the protocols for handling materials and how the Airport is handling PFAS materials. Andy Miller of CDM Smith, the Town’s consultant for PFAS projects - Explained further the differences between the Town and Airport projects, issues, protocols, treatment and disposal. Discussion followed as to thresholds of PFAS which do and do not require treatment. Dr. MacNab - Commented on Board of Health regulations involving testing private wells for PFAS and noted that what has not been determined is what happens when there is a positive test for PFAS in a private well.
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Chair Mohr

Noted information on the Town’s website as to public water supply monitoring

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Public Comment:	Chair Mohr opened the discussion to the public. Bruce Mandel - Highlighted concerns about unmined landfill cells contributing to PFAS contamination in Madaket. - Emphasized the need for the town to complete the mining of the unlined cells to protect residents. Mr. Lowe - Stated that ground water testing is underway at the landfill site with results indicating presence of PFAS and that the testing program is on-going in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Ayesha Khan - Stressed the importance of finding responsible ways to dispose of PFAS-contaminated filters. - Called for more proactive measures and strategic planning from the town. Megan Perry - Spoke on the storage of PFAS contaminated material and public health concerns. - Disagreed with Town Counsel’s opinion on the Board of Health not having any oversight of the Airport and urged the Board of Health members to request independent counsel. Linda DeRensis - Urged the Town to “be more proactive” at shipping PFAS materials off-island. Meg Ruley - Spoke on measures she would like to see the Town take on PFAS including response, education and funding. Ms. Lepore - Spoke on potential state legislation regulating PFAS. Joanne Skokan - Spoke on the need for resources to be provided to residents with respect to PFAS. Chair Mohr - Emphasized that PFAS issues are emerging, it is a very complex area and there is not clear guidance from the federal or state governments, which makes it difficult for the Town to respond quickly and definitively. - Added that Nantucket, as she understands it, is doing significantly more than many other communities and that the Town does have information on its website. Ms. Khan - Spoke again on the need to determine how to handle PFAS materials.

Action: Motion to Adjourn at 5:04 pm. (made by: Cooper) (seconded by: McKenna)
Roll-call vote: Carried 5-0// MacNab, Cooper, Lepore, Smith, McKenna (aye)

Action: Mr. Dixon moved to adjourn the Select Board at 5:07 PM; seconded by Mr. Fee.
Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes –
Motion carried.

Submitted by:
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