

**SELECT BOARD
JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF HEALTH**

Minutes of the meeting of June 25, 2024. The hybrid meeting took place in-person in Room A of the Meeting Trailer at 131 Pleasant Street and remote participation via Zoom Webinar. Select Board Members present were Brooke Mohr (in-person), Matt Fee (remote, arriving at 4:03 PM), Thomas Dixon (in-person), Dawn Holdgate (remote) and Dr. Malcolm MacNab (in-person). Also present were Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson (remote), Operations Administrator Erika Mooney (in-person), Assistant Town Manager Gregg Tivnan (in-person), Special Projects Manager Chuck Larson (remote), Solid Waste Manager Chris Lowe (remote), Sewer Director David Gray (remote) and Public Works Director Andrew Patnode (remote).

Board of Health members present were Dr. Malcolm MacNab, Ann Smith, James Cooper, Meridith Lepore and Kerry McKenna.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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. JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF HEALTH REGARDING PFAS (PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES) ISSUES.

Chair Mohr introduced the purpose of the meeting. She noted that general public comment will be accepted, using the standard “3-minute rule”. There was no public comment.

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. He reviewed the documents in the Board’s agenda packet. 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. He said 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. Mr. Larson indicated these issues are complex. 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. Ms. Lepore asked about monitoring public water supplies. Chair Mohr noted information on the Town’s website as to public water supply monitoring. Chair Mohr opened the discussion to the public.

Bruce Mandel spoke on concerns of Madaket property owners with PFAS detections in private wells, which he stated is connected to the landfill. 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 spoke on the disposition and storage of filters contaminated with PFAS; and, what people might be able to do to test themselves for PFAS contamination. Megan Perry spoke on the storage of PFAS contaminated material and public health

concerns. She said she 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. Chair Mohr advised that Ms. Perry exceeded three minutes of public comment. 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. She 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.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Health adjourned at 5:07 PM.

Mr. Dixon moved to adjourn the Select Board at 5:07 PM; seconded by Mr. Fee; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Fee – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Ms. Holdgate – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

Approved the 10th day of July 2024.

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JUNE 25, 2024 – 4:00 PM
MEETING TRAILER, 131 PLEASANT STREET
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS**

List of documents used at the meeting:

- II. AIS re: Town-wide PFAS Projects update