

SELECT BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of September 10, 2024. The joint meeting with the Board of Health took place via remote participation using Zoom Webinar. Members of the Board present were Brooke Mohr, Thomas Dixon, Matt Fee and Dr. Malcolm MacNab. Dawn Holdgate was absent.

Board of Health members present were Dr. Malcolm MacNab, Meredith Lepore, Kerry McKenna and Anne Smith. Jim Cooper was absent.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mohr called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

The Board of Health called to order at 5:00 PM.

II. MEETING WITH MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGARDING PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS)

Introductions

Chair Mohr introduced Town Manager C. Elizabeth Gibson. Ms. Gibson welcomes all panelists and attendees, and introduced the Facilitator, Catherine Carter.

Welcome and Agenda Overview

Ms. Carter welcomed all panelists and attendees, and noted that there will be no public comment, only questions from panelists. Ms. Carter noted that questions from the public were requested to be submitted to the PFAS@nantucket-ma.gov email address prior to this meeting. Forty questions were received and today's presentations were created to address as many questions as possible. She introduced Assistant Town Manager Gregg Tivnan.

Panelist Introductions

Mr. Tivnan introduced the panelists who will be taking part in the discussion this evening.

Town of Nantucket PFAS Cycle and Associated Projects

Manager of Strategic Projects Chuck Larson reviewed a presentation as contained in the Select Board's agenda packet. He provided a high-level overview of the PFAS cycle, as well as the work that the Town is doing to address PFAS issues, including an update on specific projects that are underway to address key points in the PFAS cycle, major Town accomplishments, and the resources associated with the Town's efforts. Meredith Lepore asked about updates to the accepted parts per trillion of PFAS allowed in drinking water. Mr. Tivnan said the Town follows Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) guidelines. Ms. Carter asked questions submitted by the public via email at this point regarding what the Town is doing to educate the public and why hasn't the Town sued PFAS manufacturers. Mr. Tivnan responded.

PFAS Projects: A Deeper Dive

Two of the Town's projects are particularly impactful and support a deeper level of discussion – the Landfill Groundwater and Surface Water Sampling project, and the Town's response to drinking water regulations and testing. Consultant Andy Miller of CDM Smith and Chief Environmental Officer John Hedden gave status updates on the Landfill and Groundwater and Surface Water Sampling project and the drinking water regulations and testing, respectfully, and highlighted the Town's next steps in the projects. Each presenter reviewed presentations as contained in the Select Board's agenda packet. Board of Health member Kerry

McKenna asked several questions pertaining to private well sampling, reporting and filter disposal. John Handrahan, Mass DEP Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Clean Up, responded that a homeowner only reports to the DEP if a private well tests over the allowable parts per trillion for PFAS. Mr. Dakers, Chief, Solid Waste Section, Bureau of Air and Waste stated that point-of-entry-treatment filters are not considered hazardous waste and can be disposed of with the Town's regular non-recyclable trash. Ms. Carter asked questions submitted by the public via email at this point. Various panelists responded.

Massachusetts DEP Update

Representatives of the MassDEP, including Gerard Martin, Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Clean Up; Mr. Handrahan; Angela Gallagher, Chief, Site Management Section, Bureau of Waste Site Clean Up; Navpreet Borowski, Environmental Analyst, Bureau of Waste Site Clean Up; and Mark Dakers, Chief, Solid Waste Section, Bureau of Air and Waste discussed current and future drinking water standards, specific projects that impact the Town, the MCP process at a high-level, and key focus areas for the Town to remain prepared, proactive, and in compliance with regard to PFAS and water quality standards. They reviewed a presentation as contained in the Select Board's agenda packet. Mr. Martin said the MassDEP cannot conclude that the landfill is affecting private area wells. He added that the Town has been proactive in PFAS monitoring at the landfill and that Nantucket is "ahead of the game" regarding PFAS.

Nantucket PFAS Action Group Update

Co-Founder Ayesha Kahn made various comments on PFAS.

Nantucket Land and Water Council Update

Environmental Program Coordinator Willa Arsenault reviewed a presentation on the Land and Water Council's PFAS Private Well Sampling Project.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dixon moved adjournment at 7:05 PM; seconded by Dr. MacNab; by roll call vote: Chair Mohr – Yes; Mr. Dixon – Yes; Dr. MacNab – Yes; so voted.

The Board of Health adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Approved the 18th day of September 2024

PANELIST LIST

Facilitator:

Catherine Carter, Vice President, Raftelis, Inc.

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection:

Gerard Martin, Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Clean Up

John Handrahan, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Clean Up

Angela Gallagher, Chief, Site Management Section, Bureau of Waste Site Clean Up

Navpreet Borowski, Environmental Analyst, Bureau of Waste Site Clean Up

Rachel Stevens, Environmental Analyst, Bureau of Waste Site Clean Up

Mark Dakers, Chief, Solid Waste Section, Bureau of Air and Waste

Jennifer Wharf, Environmental Analyst, Bureau of Air and Waste

Nantucket PFAS Action Group:

Ayesha Kahn, Co-Founder

Nantucket Land and Water Council:

Emily Molden, Executive Director

Willa Arsenault, Environmental Program Coordinator

Town of Nantucket Staff:

C. Elizabeth Gibson, Town Manager

Gregg Tivnan, Assistant Town Manager

Charles Larson, Manager of Strategic Projects

Roque Miramontes, Public Health Director

John Hedden, Chief Environmental Officer

Mark Willett, Water Department Manager

David Gray, Sewer Department Manager

Michael Cranson, Chief, Nantucket Fire Department

Andrew Patnode, DPW Director

Consultants:

George Aronson, Principal, Commonwealth Resources Management Corporation

Andy Miller, Associate, CDM Smith, Inc.

Emily Schick, Principal, CDM Smith, Inc.

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 – 5:00 PM
REMOTE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM WEBINAR
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS**

List of documents used at the meeting:

- II. AIS re: DEP & PFAS; Town of Nantucket PFAS-Related Accomplishments; PFAS Cycle presentation; Landfill PFAS Update presentation; Private Drinking Water & Well Regulations presentation; Town Regulations Chapter 386 – Wells; MassDEP presentation; Nantucket Land & Water Council presentation