

**HANDOUT**

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**July 26**

**2021**

The following list of documents are handouts of the Board of Selectmen Meeting for 7.26.2021

Memorandum from Town Administrator to Board of Selectmen dated July 21, 2021 re: PFAS Response Update

Memorandum from Town Administrator to Board of Selectmen dated July 21, 2021 re: Status Update on Alta River's Edge

Results and Analysis of Police Chief Search Survey as of Friday, July 23, 2021.



## TOWN OF WAYLAND

41 COCHITUATE ROAD  
WAYLAND, MASSACHUSETTS 01778

### MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Selectmen  
Board of Public Works  
Board of Health  
Finance Committee

From: Louise Miller, Town Administrator

Cc: John Bugbee, Assistant Town Administrator  
Thomas Holder, Public Works Director  
Don Millette, Water Superintendent  
Julia Junghanns, Health Director  
Michael McCann, Information Technology Director  
Ben Keefe, Public Buildings Director  
Linda Hansen, Conservation Agent

Date: July 21, 2020

Re: PFAS Response Update

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#### Short-term Solution

On June 30th, 2021, the Board of Public Works held a public meeting to deliberate the various options related to the short-term treatment of PFAS6 at the Town's Happy Hollow wellfield location. After careful consideration of all options, the Board members voted for a treatment option that, once implemented, will allow the Town to operate the Happy Hollow wellfield with non-detectable levels of PFAS.

#### PFAS Treatment Contract

The contract for the lease and installation of the equipment required for PFAS6 treatment is currently being negotiated. The Town has issued a notice of award to ECT2. As part of the contract negotiation, the logistics and cost of offloading the equipment are being evaluated based on the location and the weight of the cranes required to bring the equipment to the planned treatment location. While MassDEP has approved the short-term solution, the contract cannot be signed until the Town has received the permit.

The Public Works Director will work with the Conservation Agent to determine whether any modifications need to be made to the emergency certification permitting the work at Happy Hollow based on the size of the cranes required for offloading the equipment.

#### Winterization for the PFAS Treatment Equipment

A concrete pad with a building enclosure for the treatment equipment will be built to provide protection and winterization for the equipment. Tata and Howard is designing the pad and enclosure. Once the design is complete, the construction will be bid. Construction of the pad must be completed prior to delivery of the equipment and construction of the building will occur after installation.

### Sampling and Testing Cycle of the Town's Drinking Water Wells

Monthly sampling of the Town's drinking water wells continues. The test results appear stable at this time. They continue to be posted on the Town's website as they are received. MassDEP requires that public notices be distributed to households every quarter when the water supply exceeds regulated levels of PFAS6. This notice was mailed late last week and should be delivered by the end of July.

### Rebate Program

There are currently 626 households receiving water bill rebates based on the status of a member of the household being in a sensitive population for PFAS6 as defined by the MassDEP. We anticipate that rebates will continue through October, 2021, depending on when the treatment equipment becomes operational and the receipt of test results below PFAS6 regulated levels. The rebate program costs approximately \$20,000 per month.

### Follow-Up Work re Wax Products Discussed at Board of Health Meeting of February 2017

The Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for the wax that is believed to have been disposed of at the High School Wastewater Treatment Plant in February 2017 were obtained. The MSDS do not reflect the presence of PFAS6. However, because the PFAS6 compounds are not regulated in manufacture, the Health Director has asked for guidance from Mark Smith, director of MassDEP's Office of Research and Standards.

### Sourcing Map

The sourcing maps showing the location of testing wells is now available on the Town's PFAS web page. Weston and Sampson will begin testing ahead of finalization of a contract. Public Notice

### Other Updates

Public Works Director Tom Holder spoke at a Massachusetts Interagency PFAS Task Force about the impact of the PFAS6 regulations on municipalities.

### Federal Legislation

The House of Representatives passed the PFAS Action Act on July 21, 2021. The PFAS Action Act will:

- Roll back PFAS contamination in the environment by requiring cleanup of sites contaminated with PFAS chemicals, setting air emission limits, prohibiting unsafe incineration of PFAS, and limiting the introduction of new PFAS chemicals in consumer and industry products;
- Verify health risks by requiring comprehensive health testing for all PFAS chemicals, reporting of PFAS releases, and monitoring for PFAS in drinking water;
- Limit human exposure to PFAS by instituting a drinking water standard for PFAS that protects public health, including the health of vulnerable groups like pregnant women, infants, and children.

The Act is now pending in the United States Senate and has been referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.



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#### Operations and Maintenance Agreement – Wastewater Treatment Facilities

A draft Operations and Maintenance Agreement incorporating all the comments of the Wastewater Management District Commission was forwarded to counsel for Alta River's edge on July 9. The Town awaits a response.

#### Construction of Wayland Wastewater Infrastructure

The construction of the wastewater main is anticipated to begin August 16, with work on Route 20 scheduled to take place at night. The Town has contacted Eversource with respect to an electrical pole that Eversource planned to add in front of the so-called "municipal pad" to determine whether a pad mount and underground crossing on Route 20 would be feasible instead. The Town is also coordinating with National Grid with respect to work on Route 20. National Grid is replacing its gas line and bringing gas to the Alta River's Edge property.

#### Design of Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Tighe and Bond continues to work on the design of the wastewater treatment plant upgrades and the communication needs between the wastewater treatment plant and the infrastructure located on Alta River's Edge property. Work on the wastewater treatment plant upgrades is anticipated to begin in the fall.

#### Review of Costs for Demolition of Septage Facility and Soils Removal

The Town will be reviewing costs submitted by Alta River's Edge for demolition of the septage facility and for soils removal and site improvements. Previously unidentified asbestos containing material was found during the demolition of the septage facility so the Town does not anticipate any savings on this cost allowance. Soils removal and site improvement costs will be reviewed in multiple phases. A final number for soils removal and site improvements is not anticipated until the fall.

## Police Chief Profile Survey Results

The results of the Police Chief Profile Survey are below. A total of 207 responses were received as of Friday, July 23, 2021. To determine which characteristics and traits were deemed most desirable, a weighted average was generated based upon the number of votes each characteristic or trait received, with a “1” ranking being assigned a score of 10, and a “10” ranking being assigned a score of 1. The results are sorted in descending order, with the top-scoring characteristic or trait listed first, and the lowest-scoring characteristic or trait listed last.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total Score
<b>Honesty and integrity</b>	1590	180	80	70	6	10	0	3	2	3	1992
<b>Experience with community-based policing</b>	180	495	280	150	132	65	36	33	18	10	1588
<b>Demonstrated ability to manage police department</b>	130	414	272	204	96	120	32	39	18	10	1529
<b>Emergency management and planning</b>	20	279	320	186	162	90	64	48	24	14	1412
<b>Consciousness of the role the Police Chief has within the community and Town Government</b>	80	108	184	162	204	105	120	63	42	10	1277
<b>Ability to manage police employment-related issues</b>	0	45	128	96	168	165	136	93	40	24	1102
<b>Knowledge of Massachusetts Police Reform implementation</b>	50	108	136	90	108	115	116	63	58	38	1084
<b>Written and verbal communication</b>	10	108	112	114	120	110	124	69	40	45	1058
<b>Ability to effect organizational change</b>	10	99	88	120	96	110	60	81	104	32	1006
<b>Strategic planning skills</b>	0	27	56	60	150	145	140	129	68	21	1003

A comment box was included to allow respondents to provide open-ended input into which additional characteristics or traits that were deemed important. The most common open-ended responses included:

- Inclusivity, both within the department and community
- Compassion: someone who understands the relationship expectations between the Police Chief and the community
- Local connection with ties and/or roots to Wayland

There were also a number of responses questioning the need for hiring a Police Chief Search Consultant.