

Meeting of the Dover Board of Health/Dover Water Resources Committee February 17, 2021

Held remotely via zoom

Present for the Board of Health:

Professor Gerald Clarke, Chairman; Stephen Kruskall, M.D., Kay Peterson, M.D., members

Present for the Water Resource Committee:

Professor Gerald Clarke, Chairman; Carol Lisbon, Justine Kent-Uritam, Ron Myrick, members

Guests:

Christopher Dwelley, Town Administrator; Karl Warnick, Dover Water Operator; Robert Zockoff

1. Meeting was called to order 12:01 pm
2. Jodi Lyn Cutler, Program Coordinator, presented an overview of the MassDEP Private Well PFAS Sampling Program.
3. Key points mentioned:
 - The PFAS 6 are the most used of the 'forever' chemicals
 - The testing standard is 6 parts per trillion
 - Testing is free for well owners accepted into the program
 - 20-40 private well owners will be chosen
 - All residents with private wells may apply, whether or not an invitation to participate was issued
 - Benefit of testing - knowing what is in your drinking water
 - Towns may not opt out; well owners may decide to participate or not
 - Program seeking potential PFAS sites such as landfills, fire fighting foam usage, manufacturing, etc.
 - A map of potential sites was presented to identify possible areas of interest
 - If contamination is found, the Bureau of Wastewater Clean-up will contact the well owner.
 - Currently there is no state funding available to well owners for remediation
4. Professor Clarke and Karl Warnick, Dover Water Operator, reviewed several addresses and indicated which were serviced by a public water system.
5. Information about the program will be sent out via email and social media.
6. Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm

Submitted by Karen R. Hayett