

Town of Newington, NH  
Water Concerns Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 26, 2017 Town Hall

**Present:** Selectman Mike Marconi, Selectman Ted Connors, Many Newington Residents, Martha Roy, Town Administrator and Eleanor Boy, Recorder.

The meeting started at 6:35pm.

**Overview of PFOS/PFOA Situation at Pease:** The Air force has spent \$25 million to clean up PFOs at Pease since 2014, when the industrial chemicals were first discovered there. By the end of this year, they will have spent an additional 30 million on these efforts.

In May 2016 the EPA issued a Lifetime Health Advisory (LHA) about the dangers of PFOs.

The Air Force is currently constructing a ground water treatment plant that will prevent contaminated water from seeping into the bedrock and eventually into the wells in Newington.

The dangers of PFOs have only been known for five years and there is currently no information on how the PFOs in the well water, streams and ponds will affect animals, plants or the bay.

T. Connors thought that the Air Force should consider spending some of the millions of dollars to hook up Newington residents to Portsmouth city water. Portsmouth water has been tested and is PFC free.

The EPA has determined that the safe level for PFOs in the water is 70 parts per trillion (ppt).

In Newington, 40 wells have been identified and tested.  
12 of the 40 tested wells had no levels of PFOs  
20 of the 40 tested wells had levels between 3.6 ppt and 35 ppt  
1 tested well had a level of 67 ppt  
4 tested wells had levels between 89 ppt and 870 ppt

3 additional wells are currently being tested

North Newington has the majority of wells with some level of PFOs

The Air Force encourages people to contact the Agency For Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) for answers to their health questions. There are also many health studies on PFCs that can be googled.

People are still able to have their blood tested.

The next meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board will be October 24<sup>th</sup> at 630pm. It is located at 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Residents are encouraged to go and continue the conversation about the PFOs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Boy  
Recorder