

PFAS Task Force Meeting Minutes

Moose Hill Council Chambers
Londonderry Town Hall
7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Present: Chainman Tom Dolan; Vice Chairman Robert Kerry; Members Craig Durrett, Brian Lockhart, David Robinson, James Doucakis, Kate MacDonald, Paul Lockwood, Tommy Garside, Ann Fenn, George Kadziolka; Staff: Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik

Call to Order

Public Comment: Chairman Dolan stated that given it's the first Task Force meeting, they won't be accepting comment from the public tonight. The committee members took turns introducing themselves and expressing what they would like the Task Force to accomplish. Chairman Dolan thanked the members for helping out the community.

The Committee reviewed the Task Force Charge. Chairman Dolan requested that K. MacDonald, given her background in public health and communications, shepherd the task of communicating with the public as to what the Task Force is doing and will do and she agreed. Chairman Dolan discussed meeting frequency. Chairman Dolan stated that while there are a lot of goals for the Task Force to accomplish, he would like to meet bi-weekly for now, and if needed, go to weekly meetings.

Chairman Dolan suggested that the Task Force should tackle certain tasks and asked for volunteers to work on each task. Tasks discussed:

- Chairman Dolan asked P. Lockwood and two other volunteers to take the lead in working with DES to educate the Task Force on the new water quality standards and to arrange a presentation (by DES) to the Task Force, as well as look into well testing options. B. Lockhart and T. Garside will assist with this task.
- Investigate potential mitigation solutions. J. Doucakis, G. Kadziolka and D. Robinson stepped up to manage this task. Once mitigation solutions are identified, the group should investigate use of the Town's purchasing policy (to take bids) in consultation with the Town's Finance Department.
- Communications with the public. Chairman Dolan asked K. MacDonald and A. Fenn to work on communications with the public, prepare educational materials and work with Town staff to get those on the Town website. C. Durrett volunteered to help with the communication task as well. Chairman Dolan suggested coming up with a "Frequently Asked Q&A" on the town website.

Chairman Dolan stated that these tasks are just to get things started. Chairman Dolan asked if a member would volunteer to be the committee secretary to take the minutes, and K. MacDonald volunteered.

Chairman Dolan indicated it was his intent to allow public comment at the next Task Force meeting. Chairman Dolan stated that the committee's job is to educate to community on the problem, and to recommend a solution to the Town Council.

Chairman Dolan stated that while they may look at public water as a solution down the line, the main focus at the moment is investigation and mitigation of residential well water. It was further discussed that if a town-wide public water system was a suggested solution, installation of a town-wide sewer system should be considered and evaluated, which of course would increase the ultimate cost and may be more of a 7 to 10-year solution.

Chairman Dolan and Vice Chairman Kerry thanked the volunteers again. Chairman Dolan briefly summarized the Right to Know law for the members, including what members can and can't do when it comes to communicating with each other, as all "meetings" under the law must be done in public.

Chairman Dolan adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

***These minutes were approved at the 4/21/21 Task Force Meeting.**