



Town of Wilmington

Board of Health

121 Glen Road
Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health

RE: COVID update

DATE: April 8, 2021

The data below is as of April 8, 2021. Obviously, these numbers are different as your reading this and they change every day.

Vaccinations:

0-19 Years	5,877	24%
20-29 Years	2,912	12%
30-49 Years	5,908	24%
50-64 Years	5,817	24%
65-74 Years	2,167	9%
75+ Years	1,779	7%
Total	24,460	100%

81 Active positives
2361 tested
3.4% positivity rate
200+ in quarantine

I am seeing the most cases coming from daycares, youth sports, organized and unorganized, coaches, instructors, participants, etc. This is a common trend across the Commonwealth. Contact tracing is a real challenge now that School is mostly back in session and the desks are closer than 6 feet. It has been a good collaborative effort between the Board of Health staff and the School Nurses. It has also been extremely busy but we are managing. Please everyone register for your vaccination. Vaxfinder.mass.gov

ROBERT G. PETERSON, JR.
20 FAIRMONT AVENUE, WILMINGTON, MA 01887

March 19, 2021

Christine R. Touma-Conway, Esq.
Town Clerk/RAO/Justice of the Peace
Town of Wilmington
121 Glen Road
Wilmington, MA 01887

Re: Resignation as Town Moderator

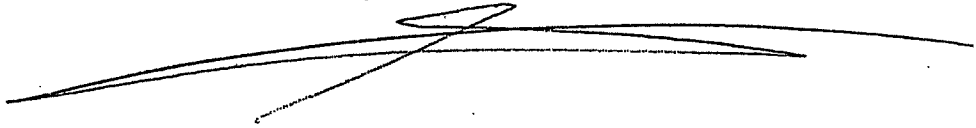
Mrs. Touma-Conway,

After much consideration, and after observing some of the recent operations of our town government, please accept this letter as my official resignation as Town Moderator for the Town of Wilmington, effective immediately.

It has been an honor to serve the townspeople of Wilmington over the past six years, and I look forward to my continued involvement in our Town as a private and very concerned citizen.

Thank you.

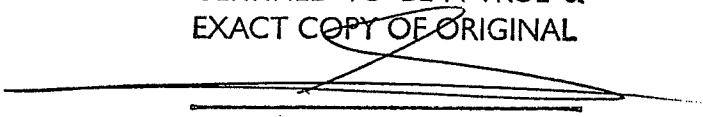
Sincerely,



Robert G. Peterson, Jr.

Cc: Mr. Jeffrey Hull

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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 1, 2021

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EPA Approves Cleanup Plan for the Olin Chemical Superfund Site in Wilmington, Mass.

WILMINGTON, MASS. – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved a final decision on a cleanup remedy for the Olin Chemical Superfund Site in Wilmington, Mass. The plan, contained in a "Record of Decision" (ROD), provides interim actions to remove ongoing sources of contamination in groundwater and final cleanup actions for addressing contaminated soil, sediments, and surface water at the Site.

"Issuing this final cleanup plan for the Olin Chemical Superfund Site is a major step towards ensuring that contamination at the site will not harm the health of people living near this site, and ultimately could allow for the site's reuse," **said EPA New England Acting Regional Administrator Deborah Szaro.** "EPA is proud to be part of the cleanup solution of this site for the citizens of Wilmington."

Highlights of the cleanup remedy are as follows:

- Begin cleanup of the aquifer by constructing and operating new groundwater extraction and treatment systems.
- Capture and treat oily waste and contaminated groundwater that flows into surface water by constructing and operating new multi-phase extraction and treatment systems.
- Construct and maintain caps and cover systems on areas of soil contamination, including an impermeable cap over the feature on the Olin property known as the "Containment Area."
- Excavate contaminated wetland soil and sediment, dispose excavated materials off-site at an appropriate approved facility, and restore impacted wetlands and floodplains.
- Prevent potential exposure to contaminants that pose inhalation risks in future buildings by requiring additional evaluations and/or engineering controls such as vapor barriers or venting systems.
- Implement land use controls (called "Institutional Controls") to protect the remedy and public health.
- Conduct long-term groundwater and surface water monitoring and periodic five-year reviews to ensure protectiveness of the remedy.

EPA added the Site to the Superfund program's National Priorities List in April 2006. The proposed cleanup is estimated to cost approximately \$48 million.

In parallel to the selected remedy, studies will continue to close remaining data gaps, including to improve the characterization of bedrock topography and fractures and further delineate the extent of groundwater contamination. These studies will be used to evaluate long-term groundwater remedial alternatives, leading to the selection in the future of a final cleanup plan for groundwater.

Prior to issuing this decision, EPA solicited public comment on the proposed cleanup remedy during the virtual public hearing and comment period from August through October 2020. During that time, the public was able to formally weigh in on EPA's proposed cleanup approach. EPA takes public comments into consideration in selecting the cleanup remedy. The *Responsiveness Summary* section of the ROD addresses all of the comments that EPA received during the public comment period.

The next phase is for EPA to begin discussions with Olin Corporation and the other Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) on the legal framework under which EPA will enforce the implementation of the selected remedy. These negotiations are expected to take six to nine months. Design of the groundwater extraction and treatment system and other components of the remedy will follow the conclusion of these negotiations and is expected to begin in early 2022. However, efforts to further characterize the topography of the bedrock, which will also be useful to identify the best place to locate groundwater extraction wells, are already underway as part of the ongoing groundwater data gaps investigations.

Background Information:

The Site is comprised of the Olin property, an approximately 50-acre parcel located at 51 Eames Street in Wilmington and adjoining areas that have been impacted by contaminant releases from manufacturing and waste disposal activities formerly conducted at the property.

Chemical manufacturing began at the Olin property in 1953. The facility was used to produce blowing agents, stabilizers, antioxidants, and other specialized chemicals for the rubber and plastics industry. Prior to 1970, chemicals were discharged into several unlined pits and ponds in the central portion of the property. The wastes percolated into the soil or overflowed into streams. As the liquid materials moved downward through the soil, they reached the groundwater table – because the liquids were denser than water, they continued to sink downward, pooling in a series of cascading depressions on the bedrock surface.

Ultimately, contaminated groundwater migrated nearly a mile to the north and northwest of the property and resulted in the Town of Wilmington placing its municipal drinking water supply wells in the Maple Meadow Brook aquifer off-line due to contamination from the Site.

While enough data has been collected to prepare an interim cleanup plan to control the major sources of groundwater contamination and address areas of soil, sediment, and surface water contamination on and around the Olin property, additional studies are ongoing to determine the full nature and extent of Site contamination in groundwater.

The Record of Decision is available for review on the Olin Chemical Superfund Site webpage at: www.epa.gov/superfund/olin





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March 26, 2021

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VIA ELECTRONIC AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

**RE: Olin Superfund Site Remediation –
Wilmington Childhood Cancer Study Results**

Dear Ms. Jennings:

I write to underscore the concerns raised by Wilmington's state and local officials, residents and community groups during the public consideration of remedial options for the Olin Chemical Site last fall. Specifically, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Bureau of Environmental Health this week released a summary of the long-awaited findings of its Wilmington Childhood Cancer Study concerning suspected connections between elevated incidence of certain childhood cancers and the release of NDMA at and from the Olin Site.

Those findings, which have been evaluated by three qualified peer reviewers, indicate a strong statistical, dose-responsive association between maternal/prenatal exposures to NDMA releases from the Olin Site and elevated incidence of childhood leukemia and lymphoma (which occurred at three to six times the expected rate in the 1990s). That association remained positive even after adjusting for other known risk factors. We enclose a copy of the DPH presentation slides.

The trauma to families affected by the carcinogens is immeasurable. The Study results validate those families' long-standing anxieties and suspicions, which have been shared by Wilmington's residents generally.

As you know, the discovery of NDMA in Wilmington's drinking water supply in 2003 forced the Town to close five of its nine wells and to procure on-going replacement of drinking water supply through the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Likewise, the detection of NDMA off-site led to the supply of bottled water for homes that are not connected to the public supply. It was only last year that, pressed by Wilmington and EPA, Olin agreed to construct a public water connection to the Cook Avenue neighborhood most impacted by its contamination.


In light of the Study's troubling findings, we appeal to you and EPA to redouble your efforts to adopt remedial solutions that are appropriately stringent. The findings underscore the importance of EPA scrutiny and follow-through not only in carefully selecting remedial solutions, but also in creating a thorough Record of Decision, assiduously monitoring compliance and promptly enforcing any further non-compliance.

We also call upon EPA to finally establish a federal standard for NDMA concentrations in drinking water. The Study's findings speak loudly to the need for a clear standard. Meanwhile, the lack of a standard must not be allowed to dictate remediation goals for the Olin Site. As we and others have said, remediation protocols need to be designed and executed with the goal of restoring the Town's drinking water. Wilmington's water must be a source of sustenance for its residents and never again unwittingly a medium for private contamination. We again urge EPA to incorporate in the interim remedial solutions for the Olin Site a target NDMA concentration for DAPL hot spot extraction that bears a more reasonable and robust relationship to the consensus level of 1,100 ng/L.

Such stringent environmental remedies and protections are crucial. This is evident from the delay in Olin's agreement to extend Cook Avenue water services, its complete failure to report major deterioration of the aging containment cap and the challenges faced by EPA while investigating this complex Site and as it presses Olin to undertake essential engineering measures.

We and our consultant stand ready to discuss these matters further with you. We hope and trust that EPA will give this new and troubling data the attention which it clearly deserves.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager

Enclosure

cc: Board of Selectmen
Senator Bruce E. Tarr (*WITHOUT ENCLOSURE*)
Representative David A. Robertson (*WITHOUT ENCLOSURE*)
Representative Kenneth I. Gordon (*WITHOUT ENCLOSURE*)
Congressman Seth W. Moulton
U. S. Senator Elizabeth Warren
U. S. Senator Edward J. Markey
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Shelly M. Newhouse, Health Director (*WITHOUT ENCLOSURE*)
Valerie J. Gingrich, Planning/Conservation Director (*WITHOUT ENCLOSURE*)
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where all stakeholders are engaged in the development of the whole child.*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
**WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INVITATION TO MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING
AUTHORITY**

The staff of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has recommended that the *Wildwood Elementary School* be invited into the Eligibility Period at the upcoming April 14, 2021 MSBA Board meeting. This invitation comes as a result of the *2020 Statement of Interest* applications that Dr. Brand, Superintendent of Schools, submitted on behalf of the District and Town in the spring of 2020. These applications were supported by the Wilmington School Committee and Board of Selectman and proceeding forward with the MSBA is pending Board vote.

The invitation into the grant program represents a first but important step for our community in attending to not only the needs of the *Wildwood Elementary School*, but also our elementary school facilities as a whole, given that the Town has expressed interest in exploring some form of school consolidation.

Participation in the MSBA grant program is a lengthy process that generally takes between five to seven years before a new or renovated facility is completed. In addition, the process will involve considerable opportunity for community engagement and participation in decision making about what the community feels is best for their school facilities.

The MSBA serves as the primary grant program in the state to support individual community efforts in the repair/renovation or new construction of school facilities and most recently Wilmington partnered with the MSBA to assist with the construction of the Wilmington High School.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

All educational and non-academic programs, activities and employment opportunities at Wilmington Public Schools are offered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, National origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, homelessness, age and/or disability, and any other class or characteristic protected by law.

Dear colleagues:

The Senior Center Committee recently held four public interviews over the course of two nights; Wednesday, March 31st and Thursday, April 1st 2021. The committee interviewed four Architectural Design Firms; Catlin Architecture, Caolo & Bieniek, Dietz & Company and BH&A. Also in attendance was our OPM, Dan Pallotta of P3 (Project Planning Professionals) and Town Manager Jeff Hull. Each of the four candidates were very impressive and it was a very difficult decision for the committee to make. After careful consideration and a healthy amount of deliberation, the committee chose Dietz & Company. Mr. Pallotta will be sending thank you letters to each of the three firms that were not chosen, thanking them for their interest in working with the Town of Wilmington. Mr. Pallotta has contacted Kerry Dietz, President of Dietz & Company Architects, to inform her of the Town's desire to engage their services for feasibility and design of a new Senior Center. An appointment will be taking place within the next few weeks with Town Manager Hull, Dan Pallotta and Kerry Dietz to negotiate the terms of an agreement.

I will be sure to keep the board apprised of any further developments.

Thank you,

Greg Bendel

April 9, 2021

TO: Board of Selectmen

RE: Town/School Administration Building Update

Proposals for architect/design services for the Town/School Administration Building were due in the Town Manager's Office by Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Six firms have submitted proposals. Copies of the proposals are being distributed to committee members to review and rate. The committee is expected to meet via Zoom the week of April 26th to establish a short list of firms to interview.

Interviews are expected to be held with the selected firms after annual town meeting followed by a recommendation to the Town Manager.

Kevin Caira
Board of Selectmen



Wilmington, Massachusetts

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

April 9, 2021

TO: Board of Selectmen

RE: KP | Law Training

On April 7, 2021 Brian Riley, Esq., KP Law, presented a summary of the Conflict of Interest Law, Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 268A to department heads and some assistant managers. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached for your review. This presentation was the third of four training presentations that the Board requested that KP Law provide as part of their agreement with the Town for legal services. The fourth and final training for fiscal year 2021 will be a general overview of Massachusetts procurement laws. The date for this training has not yet been set but is expected to be scheduled in late May or early June. This session will be presented to department heads with significant purchasing responsibilities for goods and services, equipment or infrastructure and building construction.


Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager

Attachment

From: Connors, Niall S <niall.s.connors@verizon.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 4:12 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Verizon Fios TV - LFA Notification Caracol TV

Dear Municipal Official:

This is to notify you of a change to Fios® TV programming.

On or around May 15, 2021, Caracol TV SD (ch. 1706) will no longer be available in SD; however it will remain available in HD on Caracol TV HD (ch. 1711).

Verizon will begin notifying subscribers through the Fios® TV Message Center on or around April 15, 2021. A sample customer notice is attached.

Access to the Fios® TV channel lineup is available 24/7 online at [verizon.com/fiostvchannels](https://www.verizon.com/fiostvchannels).

We realize that our customers have other alternatives for entertainment and our goal is to offer the best choice and value in the industry. Verizon appreciates the opportunity to conduct business in your community. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Niall Connors

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