

**TOWN OF ARUNDEL, MAINE
SELECT BOARD MEETING**

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**Monday August 28, 2023
Arundel Municipal Building
7PM
Meeting Room**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Public Forum – Public comment on non-agenda items
- IV. Approve Minutes of August 14, 2023
- V. Committee and Board Reports
- VI. Manager Report
 - TIF info to Attorney
 - DEP& PFAS Investigation in Arundel
 - Signatures for Mass Gathering Permit
 - Confirm Department Head Recommendation
- VII. Business
 - Application for Liquor License for Vinegar Hill
 - Approval of Payable Warrant
 - Executive Session MRSA 405(6) (A) compensation of employee
- IX. Adjournment

TOWN OF ARUNDEL

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BUSINESS MEETING August 28, 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Select Board Members: The purpose of this summary presented is to give you some information over and above just the mentioning of the subject matter on the agenda. It is my hope that this information assists you in your decision making.

MANAGERS REPORT

-TIF in to Attorney: All materials to request an amendment to the Arundel Cottages TIF have been sent to the Attorney for review and comment before this material is sent to DECD for consideration.

-DEP & PFAS Investigation in Arundel: The Town was notified that the DEP is investigating into the presence of PFAS (Land Application) in Town. Six locations have been identified in Arundel that spreading had occurred dating back to 1986 that encompass some 265 acres of land.

-Signature Mass Gathering Permit: You approved at your last meeting for the permit for the Arundel Historical Society and I neglected to have you folks sign the Permit document.

-Confirm Department Head: I am seeking your confirmation of my approval of Andy Stevenson as Fire Chief for the Town of Arundel. Andy has assumed most of these duties since February 2023.

BUSINESS

-Application for On Premises Liquor License Renewal: Vinegar Hill Music Theatre is requesting approval of a renewal of their on-premises Liquor License. I notice in a review of the application that it appeared comments made on Item #19 on page #5 may have included areas to consume Liquor/Spirits that would be in conflict with approvals or lack thereof. The Planner and Code Enforcement Officer on my request provided a memo relative to my observation that confirmed my concern. I contacted the applicant via e-mail and let them know I would be recommending removal of those locations in the application yet to be approved in order for the Select Board to consider the renewal with the expressed limitations. As of this writing no contact to the Town by the applicant.

-Payable Warrant: Will be provided for review and action.

ADJOURNMENT



JANET T. MILLS
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



MELANIE LOYZIM
COMMISSIONER

TRANSMITTED VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 15, 2023

Town Office
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Re: Investigation of PFAS in Maine in Arundel

Dear Mr. Trefethen,

As a follow-up to the voicemail that I had left for you on August 15, 2023, this letter is to inform you that the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is initiating an investigation into the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from the land application of sludge in Arundel. This is part of the DEP's statewide investigation for the implementation of [2021 Public Law Chapter 478, An Act To Investigate Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance Contamination of Land and Groundwater](#), effective October 18, 2021.

The purpose of DEP's investigation is to identify sites statewide that are impacted by PFAS, identify drinking water supplies that are impacted above Maine's Interim Drinking Water Standard for PFAS, and provide impacted individuals with water that is below the standard.

Sludge application sites have been identified based on DEP licensing information. To designate the approximate schedule for sampling, the DEP prioritized all sludge sites across the state into four Tiers (I, II, III, IV) based upon the following criteria:

- The anticipated presence of high levels of PFAS in sludge applied at a location;
- The volume of sludge applied at a location; and/or
- The proximity of a site to drinking water supplies.

The investigation of Tier I sites began in December 2021. In August 2022, DEP began investigating Tier II sites. DEP has now begun researching and investigating Tier III sites. We anticipate this process will continue into 2024 and 2025. Please keep in mind that a site may include several physical locations and may also cross district, town, and county boundaries.

The DEP is working closely with the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) to identify sites with historical sludge application which are currently being used for the production of agricultural products. As a first step, DEP and DACF will work to verify application history and locations of spreading and stockpiles. DEP and DACF staff may

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Investigation of PFAS in Maine

reach out to municipalities to gather information that will help in our investigation. DEP will request permission to sample soils and groundwater from properties where sludge may have been land applied. DEP will also request permission to sample and test drinking water supplies from individual homeowners in the direct vicinity of the site(s) for certain PFAS.

DEP will share the sample results with DACF who may recommend modifications to farming practices based on a careful review of the data. DACF may also recommend additional sampling, including the testing of feed and other on-farm products, and the testing of additional soils to gain insight into any potential impacts that PFAS may have at farms.

PFAS are considered emerging contaminants and are not currently regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). In Maine however, emergency legislation became effective June 21, 2021, setting forth an interim drinking water standard of 20 parts per trillion for the sum of six PFAS (PFOA, PFOS, PFNA, PFHxS, PFHpA, and PFDA). This is described in [Resolve 2021, Chapter 82, Resolve, To Protect Consumers of Public Drinking Water by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Substances and Contaminants.](#)

We understand that you may have questions and concerns regarding our investigation. General questions about the investigation by DEP or that are being conveyed to you through your constituents should be directed to David Madore, Deputy Commissioner and Communications Director, David.Madore@maine.gov, 207-287-5842. You can also visit our webpage located at: <http://www.maine.gov/dep/spills/topics/pfas/index.html>. This webpage is updated as more information is made available.

If you have agricultural-related questions, please contact the Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, pfas.dacf@maine.gov, 207-287-4514. Thank you for your assistance in this important investigation.

Sincerely,

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