



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: August 10, 2022
Submitted by: Town Manager Paul T. Micali
Department: General Government
Speakers: Paul Micali

Date of Meeting: August 18, 2022
Time Required: 20 minutes
Background Info. Supplied: Yes: No:

CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognition/Resignation/Retirement:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Business:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TITLE OF ITEM

Merrimack Private Well Owners PFAS Grant Program Reimbursement Policy Follow-up Discussion

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council to discuss a Merrimack Private Well Owners PFAS Grant Program Reimbursement Policy for reimbursement for the installation of a Point of Entry System (POET), Point of Use System (POU) or hook-up to MVD public water.

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:	Warrant Article:	_____
Charter Article:	Town Meeting:	_____
Other:	N/A	

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Projector:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easel:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint Meeting:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Seating:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop:	<input type="checkbox"/>	None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Phone Number:	603-424-2331	Email Address:	pmicali@merrimacknh.gov

APPROVAL

Town Manager: Yes No: Chair/Vice Chair: Yes No:

Paul Micali

Subject: FW: PFAS Removal Rebate Program for Private Wells

From: DES: PFAS Rebate Program <pfasrebateprogram@des.nh.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 8:03 AM

To: Rousseau, Amy <Amy.E.Rousseau@des.nh.gov>

Cc: Relf, Paige <Paige.N.Relf@des.nh.gov>; Whipple, Joshua <JOSHUA.C.WHIPPLE@des.nh.gov>; Pasquale, John <John.P.Pasquale@des.nh.gov>

Subject: FW: PFAS Removal Rebate Program for Private Wells

AMY ROUSSEAU | PFAS Response Administrator - MtBE Remediation Bureau

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services | PO BOX 95, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03302-0095

• Email: Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov • Phone: 603.271.8801 • Cell: 603.848.1372

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From: Rousseau, Amy

Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 8:02 AM

To: Rousseau, Amy <Amy.E.Rousseau@des.nh.gov>

Cc: Relf, Paige <Paige.N.Relf@des.nh.gov>; Pasquale, John <John.P.Pasquale@des.nh.gov>; Whipple, Joshua <JOSHUA.C.WHIPPLE@des.nh.gov>

Subject: PFAS Removal Rebate Program for Private Wells

July 25, 2022

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Dear Resident,

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is providing rebates for costs associated with water treatment installation or public water system connections where per- and poly fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) concentrations in a private supply exceed the NHDES Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (AGQS). You are receiving this letter because we have identified your supply well as impacted with PFAS above AGQS. NHDES will provide a one-time rebate of up to \$5,000 per residential unit to eligible private residential well users for the installation of a treatment system (point-of-use or point-of-entry) designed to remove PFAS or up to \$10,000 per residential unit to connect to an existing public water system.

To be eligible for the rebate program, each applicant must be able to provide documentation of a PFAS exceedance and must not have received an offer of an alternate water source from a third party. Eligible PFAS exceedances include an exceedance of one or more NHDES AGQS for PFAS compounds. The current health based AGQS for PFAS compounds are as follows: **12 nanograms per liter (ng/L)** for perfluorooctanoic acid (**PFOA**), **15 ng/L** for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (**PFOS**), **18 ng/L** for perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (**PFHxS**), and **11 ng/L** for perfluorononanoic acid (**PFNA**). Any treatment remediation done prior to September 30, 2019, is *not* eligible.

A PFAS rebate application can be filled out [online](#). This program will be offered on a first come, first served basis. If the funding for the program is exhausted, you will be placed on a waiting list should future funding become available.

In addition to the application, you will need to register as a vendor with the State of New Hampshire for reimbursement. You can obtain a vendor code [here](#). Guidance on how to utilize the online vendor registry can be found [here](#).

NHDES is planning a webinar on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:30 pm to introduce and discuss the specifics of the rebate program, as well as to answer questions. You may register at this [link](#).

For questions, please review our [Frequently Asked Questions](#). If you have additional questions, please email pfasrebateprogram@des.nh.gov or call Amy Rousseau 603-271-8801.

Sincerely,
The PFAS Rebate Team
NHDES | 29 Hazen Drive | Concord, NH 03301

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MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: March 17, 2022
Submitted by: Town Manager Paul T. Micali
Department: General Government
Speakers: Paul Micali

Date of Meeting: March 24, 2022
Time Required: 20 minutes
Background Info. Supplied: Yes: No:

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Phone Number:	<u>603-424-2331</u>	Email Address:	<u>pmicali@merrimacknh.gov</u>

APPROVAL

Town Manager: Yes No: Chair/Vice Chair: Yes No:

Merrimack Private Well Owners PFAS Grant Reimbursement Program

Definitions:

- AGQS- Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards
MCL – Maximum Contaminant Level
MVD - Merrimack Village District
NHDES – New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
PFAS- Per- and polyfluoroalkyl Substances
PFHxS – Perfluorohexanesulfonic Acid
PFNA – Perfluorononanoic Acid
PFOS - Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid
PFOA - Perfluorooctanoic Acid
POET – Point of Entry Treatment
POU System – Point of Use
SGPP – Saint Gobain Performance Plastics

Purpose:

To reduce exposure to PFAS in drinking water for private well owners outside the NHDES/ SGPP consent decree area and whose wells have exceedances of any one or more of the four regulated PFAS identified in the clean water drinking standards set by the state at RSA 485:16-e as may be amended:

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance	Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard [nanograms/liter; parts per trillion (ppt)]
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	12
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)	15
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS)	18
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)	11

The grant funds may be used to install either POET OR POU systems; OR to connect to MVD public water. The Town will reimburse homeowners up to \$6,500 for the POET OR POU systems OR connection to the MVD water system. **The \$6,500 cannot be combined with any other state, local, or federal grant opportunities available at the time of request for reimbursement. The private well must be located in Merrimack and must be outside the NHDES/SGPP Consent Decree Area (see attached).**

This reimbursement opportunity is grant funded and will be available on a first come, first served basis, and only as long as there are grant funds available.

How To Apply:

The homeowner must obtain and provide private well testing results, from NHDES or a NHDES approved lab that verifies an exceedance of one or more of the regulated PFAS. For the Town to consider reimbursement of private well testing costs, the homeowner must:

- **Submit a request for testing to NHDES** via its online (*see link) “Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well Testing Request Form” (or alternately, make a similar request via telephone or email to NHDES); AND
- **Receive a written *denial*** in response to the Well Testing Request Form (or telephone call/email) from NHDES, and submit a copy of that denial with the completed application. (It is customary for NHDES to respond via email to each submitted homeowner Well Testing Request Form.) AND
- **Pay out-of-pocket for private well PFAS analytical testing** that indicates an *exceedance of any one or more of the four PFAS AGQS*, and submit a copy of that paid invoice with the completed grant application.

The homeowner is to procure, arrange and pay for the installation of the POET or POU or MVD hook-up. The Town is *not* a party to any contract between the homeowner and the vendor. The private well owner must submit copies of a paid invoice for the POET or POU systems or public water connection cost, as well as the test results to show proof of exceedance. In case of hardship, the Town will review and consider applications on a case by case basis. If your well is located outside the SGPP Consent Decree area; testing showed an exceedance of one or more of the four regulated AGQS/MCL's; and you installed a POET or POU system, or paid to connect to MVD after 3/3/2021; you *may* be entitled to this reimbursement.

This reimbursement program will run from 03/3/2021 through 12/1/2026 or as long as grant funds are available.

This rebate payment is solely for reimbursement for the installation of a POET or POU system or hook-up to MVD public water; although well-testing costs under the conditions outlined above may be considered. Any and all future obligations or related expenses are 100% to be paid and are the responsibility of the homeowner. The Town does not accept any liability nor responsibility for installation or maintenance of the system and by accepting reimbursement funds from the Town, homeowners are agreeing to hold the Town harmless from any damages or liability related to the POET, the POET installation, POU, the POU installation, the hook-up to MVD public water and the operation of the POET or POU or hook-up.

Private (residential) well must be located in Merrimack, outside the NHDES/SGPP Consent Decree area (*see link) and exceed one or more of the four regulated PFAS AGQS identified in the Clean Water Drinking Standards set by the State of NH at RSA 485:16-e as may be amended.

The Town reserves the right to deny a grant fund application for good cause.

Documentation required with the rebate application include:

- € Certification that the applicant is not receiving alternate water from a third party
- € Certification that the installation complied with applicable state and local plumbing regulations and local permitting requirements
- € Analytical lab results showing an exceedance of one or more of the PFAS AGQS
- € Photo documentation of the installation
- € Filter model and serial number and/or specification sheets for media and equipment installed
- € Post-treatment analytical lab result showing PFAS below the AGQS
- € Proof of property ownership/ residency
- € Final paid invoice or final invoice from vendor/subcontractor, as applicable
- € Waiver of claims, if applicable

Return completed applications to the Town Of Merrimack Town Manager's office.

Town of Merrimack
Office of the Town Manager
Attn: Town of Merrimack, NH Private Well PFAS Grant Rebate Program
6 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack, NH 03054

If you have any questions please visit our web site or call (603) 424-2331.

Useful links:

Town of Merrimack website: <https://www.merrimacknh.gov/>

-Town of Merrimack PFOA-PFAS Updates:

<https://www.merrimacknh.gov/home/pages/pfoa-pfas-water-information-updates>

-NHDES website: <https://www.des.nh.gov/>

-NHDES PFAS FAQ's: https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/wp-content/uploads/PFAS-FAQs_MCL-Draft-11.04.19.v1.pdf

-NHDES PFAS Investigation: <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/>

-NHDES: Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well Testing Request Form
https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/?page_id=307

-NHDES "Laboratory Testing Guidelines for PFAS for Private and Public Drinking Water Supplies"; includes list of "Laboratories that Provide PFAS Testing Services that Are Accredited by NHDES": [pfoa-testing-labs.pdf \(state.nh.us\) https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/pfoa-testing-labs.pdf](https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/pfoa-testing-labs.pdf)

-NHDES "NH Small Public Water Systems Contractors" (*The Town of Merrimack *does not* recommend or endorse any vendor or contractor. Interested homeowners who choose to contact contractors on this list may wish to check if "Advanced Radon Mitigation" is willing to offer Merrimack homeowners the state-contracted rate for POET.)

https://www.merrimacknh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif3456/f/news/nhdes_environmental_fact_sheet_-_nh_small_public_water_systems_contractors_-_2019.pdf

-NHDES & SGPP Consent Decree Area Map: https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Extent_PosterSize_20180321.pdf

-NHDES/NHDHHS "A Guide to Ensuring Safe Drinking Water" (Selecting the right drinking water treatment option) <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/wp-content/uploads/A-guide-to-ensuring-safe-drinking-water.pdf>

-Merrimack Village District (MVD): <http://www.mvdwater.org/>

-NH (DHHS) Department of Health and Human Services (PFAS):
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/pfcs/index.htm>

SGPP & NHDES Consent Decree Area -https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Extent_PosterSize_20180321.pdf

Private Well Owners PFAS Grant Program Reimbursement Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address Cont.: _____

Amount requested (attach receipt/final invoice/quote): _____

PFHxS – Perfluorohexanesulfonic Acid Level: _____

PFNA – Perfluorononanoic Acid Level: _____

PFOS - Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid Level: _____

PFOA - Perfluorooctanoic Acid Level: _____

I/We, the undersigned, hereby apply for the PFAS grant from the Town. I am currently not receiving alternate water from a third party and in consideration of receiving reimbursement from the PFAS Grant Program, understand, agree and covenant the following: This Program is a reimbursement program only that is subject to change without notice, and submittal of an application does not guarantee I will qualify for benefits. I/We are the owners of the above listed property; the selection of vendors, equipment, and contractors are solely at my/our discretion and the Town expressly disclaims any liability for those chosen by me/us; receipt of any funds from this Program is expressly conditioned upon me/us on my/our behalf and on behalf of all occupants of the above listed property releasing and holding harmless the Town, its employees, agents and officials from any liability in connection with my/our participation in the Program, including, without limitation, work performed by the vendors/contractors, the POET or POU, the POET or POU installation, the hook-up to MVD public water, and the success or failure of the installation or hook-up. I/We hereby agree to the foregoing statements and certify that the statements made by the undersigned on this application are true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. **All property owners must sign:**

Town Official Business Only:

Approved by: _____

Reimbursement amount approved: _____

Approved: April 14, 2022

Posted: April 15, 2022

while they wait for more income to come in, and DPW is in agreement with this plan as well. Mr. Casparius then spoke, stating that they need to increase the fees from \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents per plot to \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents in order to make a profit from the Community Garden and cover the direct expenses associated with running and maintaining this project. Councilor Woods asked how many non-resident plots they anticipate utilizing this year, in which Mr. Casparius stated he has not yet been able to secure the list of last year's plot holders, but historically the garden has only been about half full so they do not anticipate selling out. Mr. Micali stated that if they do see that the plots are going fast, they will ensure Merrimack residents get top priority for the plots. Councilor Healey asked how big the plots are, in which Mr. Casparius stated they are 10x10, 100 square feet.

MOTION made by Councilor Harrington and seconded by Councilor Healey to approve the increase of plot rental fee for the Merrimack Community Garden from \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents per plot to \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents and allow the Parks and Recreation Department to contribute to the Community Garden as presented.

MOTION CARRIES 6-1-0 with Councilor Woods in Opposition

2. Merrimack Private Well Owners PFAS Grant Program Reimbursement Policy Follow-up Discussion

Submitted by Town Manager Paul T. Micali

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Town Manager Paul Micali shared some updates on the PFAS Grant Program Reimbursement Policy, stating that he tweaked some of the language that was discussed at the last meeting, such as adding in the POU System and clarifying what will be provided, as well as some useful links to post on the website. He also shared that he needs a Motion from the Council stating that the Town of Merrimack will accept the grant if approved by Governor Council. Councilor Harrington stated that this was very well done, and she particularly liked how Mr. Micali separated the application and the explanatory page, making it easy for everyone to understand. She thanked him and Councilor Murphy for their efforts on this. Councilor Hunter asked about the application and qualification process, in which Chairman Koenig clarified that this is specifically for the water testing costs.

MOTION made by Councilor Murphy and seconded by Councilor Healey to approve the PFAS Grant Program Policy as presented; and the Town Council will accept the ARPA grant funding when approved by Governor Council, and the Town Manager to sign any and all necessary documents.

MOTION CARRIES 7-0-0

New Business

1. Second Quarter Financial Update

Submitted by Finance Director Tom Boland

The Town Council to be presented with the 2nd quarter 2021/22 budget year financial update.

Finance Director Tom Boland was present to discuss the 2nd quarter 2021/2022 budget update that is specifically looking at July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. He shared a PowerPoint that highlighted that in terms of expenses and revenues, wages, benefits, and payroll taxes comprise about 70% of the total appropriations, making this the focus of the presentation. He then shared a slide that had the wages (without overtime) for each department for the first six months of the fiscal year. Mr. Boland stated that each year,