

**SELECT BOARD  
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM  
TOWN HALL  
816 MAIN ROAD  
6:00 P.M.**

**6:00 p.m. Call To order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Under MGL Chapter 30A, section 20(f) – this meeting is being recorded.

**Welcome Comments from the Chair**

**Acknowledgments & Recognitions**

**1. Reorganization of the Board**

**2. Licenses & Permits**

- a. Request from New England Race Events, LLC to hold the Horseneck Half Marathon and 3.5 mile Run on Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 9am – 1pm, along with a request for a One Day Wine & Malt License for the event.
- b. Request from Yellowfin Events, LLC to hold the Bikes & Beers Cycling Event that partners with Buzzards Bay Brewing and Benefits the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Southcoast Bikeway Alliance on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 8am – 12:30pm.
- c. Request from the Holy Ghost Club of Westport, 171 Sodom Road for One Day All Alcohol Liquor Licenses for 179 Sodom Road:
  - Friday, May 17, 2024, for a Clam Boil from 5pm -10pm
  - Saturday, May 25, for a Graduation Celebration from 4pm - 9pm
  - Monday, May 27, 2024, for a Reunion from 12pm - 5pm

**3. Appointments and Resignations**

- a. Request from Ben Walbach to be re-appointed to the Economic Development Task Force.
- b. Request from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development (SRPEDD) to appoint a Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) member(s), Jim Hartnett and Michael Burris as alternate.
- c. Request from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development (SRPEDD) to appoint a Commissioner.
- d. Request from Craig Dutra, Select Board Member to be appointed as Select Board Representative to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- e. Request from the Cemetery Department to appoint David Anctil as Seasonal Laborer.
- f. Request to accept the resignation of Betty-Ann Mullins from the Westport Affordable Housing Trust Fund effective immediately.

**4. Action Items**

- a. Request from the Economic Development Task Force to authorize the 2024 Farmers Markets, consisting of the Summer Markets for 20 consecutive Saturday mornings from June 1 to October 12, 2024 from 9 am to 1 pm. The Winters Markets for five Saturday mornings on November 16 & 23 and December 7, 14 & 21, 2024, also from 9 am to 1 pm. Request to hang the banner advertising both events.
  - b. Request from the Westport/Macomber Parent Teacher Organization (WES/MAC PTO) to hang the banner promoting the Tough Kids Challenge from 5/13/24 – 6/9/2024. The event is being held on 6/9/2024.
  - c. Request from Carol Freitas, Veterans Service Officer to accept the \$25.00 donation from Mr. & Mrs. Edward Theberge in memory of Paul Krzyszton, Sr. for the Veterans Food Pantry.
  - d. Request to approve Kleinfelder Northeast Inc. Amendment #4B for \$45,350 – Funding Source Bristol County American Rescue Plan Act Funds. (test borings and permitting)
  - e. Request to accept the following donations to the Council on Aging totaling \$315.
    - Patricia Hernman \$15 Tax Help
    - Dolores Lemerise \$20 In Memory of Maria Silvia
    - Ora Caya \$5 Outreach
    - Dolores Fell \$25 Tax Help
    - Pacific Coast Congregation Church \$250 SDP Scholarships
  - f. Request to approve the Mass Audubon Plover Monitoring Contract for \$11,000.
  - g. Request to approve the following American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects:
    - Information Technology Upgrades \$100,000
    - Street Improvements
      - East Beach Road Repairs
      - White Oak Run Layout
      - Various Streets \$357,237
- Funding Source Bristol County ARPA \$457, 237**

**5. Discussion Items**

- a. Climate Resiliency Committee East Beach Recommendations
- b. Infrastructure Oversight Committee Update

**6. Town Administrator Report**

**7. Approve Minutes**

- a. March 25, 2024
- b. April 8, 2024

**8. Report on Bill Warrant**

**9. Selectmen Liaison Committee Reports & Suggestions for Future Agenda Discussion / Action**

**10. Comments and Statements**

**11. Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List**

**12. Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.**

**13. Executive Session** – pursuant to the provisions of MGL c 30A section 21(a), Chair declares an open meeting will have a detrimental effect to:

- a. Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining - Westport Permanent Firefighters Association, Local 1802
- b. Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining - Highway Department, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1701.
- c. Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining - Westport Police Association
- d. Laura Hadley vs. Town of Westport
- e. Approve Minutes
  - March 25, 2025

**Adjournment**

The Town of Westport does not discriminate based on disability and is committed to hosting accessible meetings. To request a reasonable accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact the municipal ADA Coordinator James Hartnett at [HartnettJ@Westport-ma.gov](mailto:HartnettJ@Westport-ma.gov).

**Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List**

**\*\*Committee members with terms that end in June should advise if they wish to continue\*\***

ADA Transition Plan Committee – 1 Vacancy

Agricultural Commission Alternate – 2 Vacancies (Alternate)

Bike / Walking Path Committee - 2 vacancies.

Economic Development Task Force - 3 vacancies

Fence Viewers – 1 vacancy.

Historical Commission -1 Vacancy and 3 Alternate Vacancies

Safety Regulation Board - 1 vacancy.

**\*\* Committees are kindly requested to advise who serves as chair, vice chair and clerk \*\***



# TOWN OF WESTPORT

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Westport, MA 02790

The Coastal Agricultural Resource of New England

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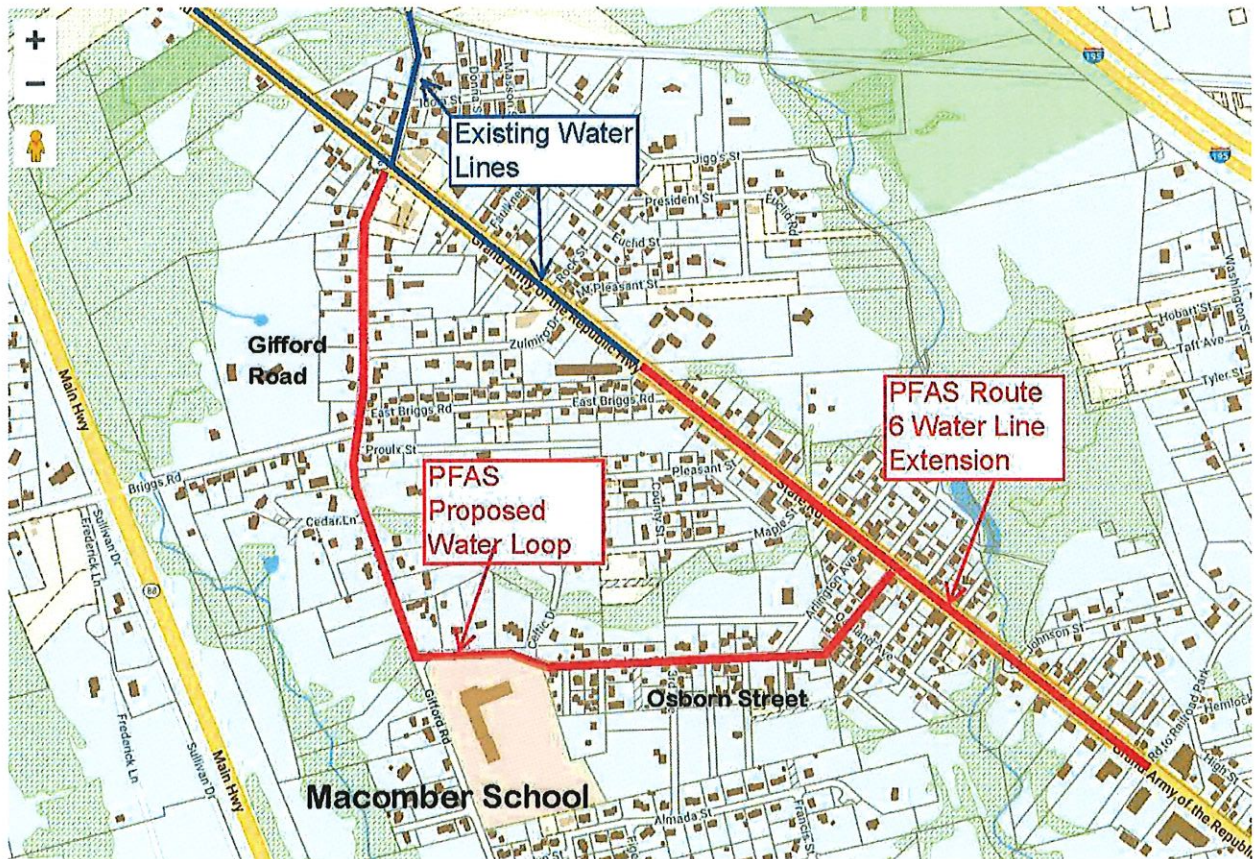
Town Administrator  
James K. Hartnett

To: Board of Selectmen  
From: Jim Hartnett, Town Administrator  
Re: Bi-Weekly Report

Date: April 22, 2024

## 1. MassDEP PFAS Grant

The Town has received grant approval from the US EPA and MassDEP for the Macomber loop in the amount of \$4,000,000. This is one of the largest awards in the state and is funded from the Bilateral Infrastructure Law. Funding will allow the Town to install new water lines on Gifford Road, Osborn Street and a portion of Route 6. (new water mains shown in red below)



This Grant will provide public water to the Macomber School and address PFAS contamination in public water supply wells along Route 6. Abutting properties will be encouraged but not required to tie in to the new water line.

2. EPA PFAS Drinking Water Regulations

On April 10, 2024, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Per-and Polyflouroalkyl Substances (PFAS) establishing maximum contamination levels. The State is required to establish regulations that are no less stringent than the federal standards within 2 years. This will impact public water supplies, which include many small wells servicing the general public.

3. Cherry Sheets

The House Ways and Means Committee presented their Budget Proposal for FY2025. After deducting the "Assessments and Charges" from the "Total Receipts" there is a slight increase of \$95,306 in total funding for Westport over the Governor's Budget. The budget has been sent to the Senate, so it is still early in the process but the early estimates are consistent with the Town's proposed Budget.



James Hartnett <hartnettj@westport-ma.gov>

# Westport EC-SDC Grant, PWS #4334090

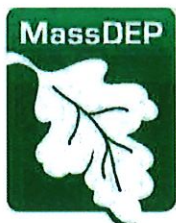
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Director-DWP, Program (DEP) <program.director-dwp@mass.gov>

Fri, Apr 5, 2024 at 4:03 PM

To: James Hartnett <hartnettj@westport-ma.gov>

Cc: "McLaughlin, James (DEP)" <james.m.mclaughlin@mass.gov>, "Schwartz, William (DEP)" <William.Schwartz@mass.gov>



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Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs

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April 5, 2024

James Hartnett  
Town Administrator  
Town of Westport  
816 Main Road  
Westport, MA 02790

RE: EC-SDC Grant, PWS #4334090

Dear Mr. Hartnett:

Congratulations on receiving a grant from the US EPA and MassDEP under the Emerging Contaminant for Small or Disadvantaged Community (EC-SDC) grant program funded from the Bilateral Infrastructure Law (BIL). PWS #4334090 project has been awarded \$4,000,000.00 for the work described in the approved Scope of Work.

EC-SDC grant funds are for reimbursement of eligible work completed, payment for new work that meets program eligibility criteria, or possibly a combination of both. We have included a Grant Contract Intake form; the information requested will autofill the contract documents necessary for this project. The Intake Form can be submitted using "Submit Form" on page 3. Alternatively, the document can be sent as an attachment to [program.director-dwp@mass.gov](mailto:program.director-dwp@mass.gov), Subject: EC-SDC Grant, PWS #4334090. MassDEP will review the information submitted, generate the contract documents, and return the following completed contract forms for signatures:

- Standard Contract Form (SCF)
- Contractor Authorized Signature Listing (CASL) (The CASL will be either the Sole Proprietors or Corporation/Municipality/LLC version as applicable.)
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Form
- W-9 Form
- Settlement and Release Form – (If expenses incurred between July 1, 2023, and full execution of SCF and has been approved by MassDEP.)

The documents can be signed electronically using DocuSign or Adobe sign; a traditional wet signature will also be accepted. More detail on signature formats will be sent along with the documents.

Please contact the Drinking Water Program at [program.director-dwp@mass.gov](mailto:program.director-dwp@mass.gov), Subject : EC-SDC Grant with any questions you may have.

We commend you for the work you do to improve the quality of drinking water for residents of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,



Program Director  
MassDEP Drinking Water Program

Attachments: Grant Contract Intake Form



James Hartnett <hartnettj@westport-ma.gov>

# New EPA PFAS Drinking Water Regulations

1 message

Director-DWP, Program (DEP) <program.director-dwp@mass.gov>

Fri, Apr 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM



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April 12, 2024

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### New EPA PFAS Drinking Water Regulations

On April 10, 2024, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for six PFAS. The EPA regulations limit PFAS levels in Community (COM) and Non-Transient Non-Community (NTNC) public drinking water sources to the following:

PFAS	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Maximum Contaminant Level
PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid)	0	4.0 ppt
PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonic acid)	0	4.0 ppt
PFNA (perfluorononanoic acid)	10 ppt	10 ppt
PFHxS (perfluorohexanesulfonic acid)	10 ppt	10 ppt
GenX (hexafluoropropylene oxide)	10 ppt	10 ppt



<b>Mixture of 2 or more</b>	<b>PFNA</b>	1 (unitless) Hazard Index	1 (unitless) Hazard Index
	<b>PFHxS</b>		
	<b>GenX</b>		
	<b>PFBS</b> (perfluorobutane sulfonic acid)		

EPA provided the following timeline:

- Within three years of rule promulgation (2024 – 2027): Initial monitoring must be complete
- Starting three years following rule promulgation (2027 – 2029):
  - Results of initial monitoring must be included in annual Consumer Confidence Reports
  - Regular monitoring or compliance must begin, and results of compliance monitoring must be included in Consumer Confidence Reports
  - Public notification for monitoring and testing violations
- Starting five years following rule promulgation (starting 2029)
  - Comply with all MCLs
- Public notification for MCL violations

More information on the new EPA PFAS Drinking Water Regulation is available from EPA at [Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\) | US EPA \(https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas\)](https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas).

EPA is holding three informational webinars for communities, water systems, and other drinking water professionals about the final PFAS MCLs. The webinars will be similar, with each intended for specific audiences. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Drinking Water Program (DWP) recommends that COM and NTNC Public water Suppliers (PWS) attend the webinars, as relevant:

- April 16, 2024 (2:00-3:00 pm EDT) [Webinar Registration: General Overview of PFAS NDPWR for Communities](#)
- April 23, 2024 (2:00 - 3:00 pm EDT) [Webinar Registration: Drinking Water Utilities and Professionals Technical Overview of PFAS NDPWR](#)
- April 30, 2024 (2:00 - 3:30 pm EDT) [Webinar Registration: Small Drinking Water Systems Webinar Series on Final PFAS NDPWR and PFAS Drinking Water Treatment](#)

MassDEP will also invite PWS to a briefing in May; more details on the briefing will be provided soon.

#### **What action is MassDEP taking?**

States are required to establish regulations that are no less stringent than the federal standards within 2 years, with the possibility of an extension of up to 2 years. The current Massachusetts regulations, which established a PFAS6 MCL of 20 parts per trillion (ppt), will be revised to reflect the federal standards. In addition, the federal MCLs cover two additional PFAS (PFBS and GenX) that are not included in the current Massachusetts PFAS6 MCL and will need to be added to the MassDEP regulations. MassDEP's process to update our standards will include opportunities to review proposed amendments, provide written comment, and participate in public hearings.

MassDEP will also reach out to PWS that are potentially impacted by the new federal standard to provide additional information and technical assistance. Based on most recent sampling data, approximately 181 PWS (134 COM and 47 NTNC) will be impacted by the EPA MCLs (this includes 75 COM and 21 NTNC that are newly impacted PWS).

The EPA MCLs are not applicable to Transient Non-Community PWS (TNCs). However, the current MassDEP PFAS regulation required baseline sampling for all TNCs and health assessments by the MassDEP Office of Research and Standards, as needed. MassDEP will reevaluate and reach out to TNCs that previously received ORS determinations, as well as any other TNCs identified by ORS for evaluation based on the EPA MCLs, to determine the impact of the EPA MCLs and to provide technical assistance.

#### **What action should Public Water Suppliers take?**

MassDEP recommends that you review the PFAS results for your system and if your PFAS results are above the EPA MCLs, or you are concerned about the level of PFAS in your drinking water sources, please contact your MassDEP

regional contact (provided below) to schedule a meeting to discuss your results and approaches to remove PFAS from your drinking water supplies.

If you have any questions, contact your MassDEP/DWP Regional PFAS Contact listed below to schedule a technical assistance meeting.

Region	Name	Email Address
Western	Timothy Strzepa	<a href="mailto:Timothy.Strzepa@mass.gov">Timothy.Strzepa@mass.gov</a>
Central	Robert Bostwick	<a href="mailto:Robert.Bostwick@mass.gov">Robert.Bostwick@mass.gov</a>
Northeast	Amy LaPusata	<a href="mailto:Amy.Lapusata@mass.gov">Amy.Lapusata@mass.gov</a>
Southeast	William Schwartz	<a href="mailto:William.Schwartz@mass.gov">William.Schwartz@mass.gov</a>

You may also contact the MassDEP/DWP at [program.director-dwp@mass.gov](mailto:program.director-dwp@mass.gov) Subject: PFAS or 617-292-5770.

Thank you for your continued work to provide safe drinking water and protect public health.

Sincerely,



Yvette DePeiza, Director

Drinking Water Program

MassDEP Boston moved offices on November 28, 2022.



**Please note our new address: 100 Cambridge Street – Suite  
900, Boston, MA 02114**



The main Drinking Water Program number will continue to be 617-292-5770

To contact the Drinking Water Program email [Program.Director-DWP@mass.gov](mailto:Program.Director-DWP@mass.gov)

For Information on public drinking water visit <https://www.mass.gov/topics/drinking-water>

**FY2025 Preliminary Cherry Sheet Estimates  
Westport**

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>FY2024 Cherry Sheet Estimate</b>	<b>FY2025 Governor's Local Aid Proposal</b>	<b>FY2025 House WM Budget Proposal</b>	<b>FY2025 Senate Budget Proposal</b>	<b>FY2025 Conference Committee</b>
<b>Education Receipts:</b>					
Chapter 70	5,249,170	5,590,280	5,595,902		
School Transportation	0	0	0		
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	96,806	80,115	43,063		
Smart Growth School Reimbursement	0	0	0		

<b>Offset Receipts:</b>					
School Choice Receiving Tuition	0	40,000	40,000		
<b>Sub-Total, All Education Items:</b>	<b>5,345,976</b>	<b>5,710,395</b>	<b>5,678,965</b>		

<b>General Government:</b>					
Unrestricted Gen Gov't Aid	1,454,440	1,498,073	1,468,984		
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0	0	0		
Regional Public Libraries	0	0	0		
Veterans Benefits	216,584	242,323	242,323		
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	89,022	85,224	85,224		
State Owned Land	1,173,001	1,178,580	1,173,964		

<b>Offset Receipts:</b>					
Public Libraries	33,839	34,128	34,128		
<b>Sub-Total, All General Government:</b>	<b>2,966,886</b>	<b>3,038,328</b>	<b>3,004,623</b>		

<b>Total Estimated Receipts:</b>	<b>8,312,862</b>	<b>8,748,723</b>	<b>8,683,588</b>		
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PROGRAM	FY2024 Cherry Sheet Estimate	FY2025 Governor's Local Aid Proposal	FY2025 House WM Budget Proposal	FY2025 Senate Budget Proposal	FY2025 Conference Committee
County Assessments:					
County Tax	398,618	408,583	408,583		
Suffolk County Retirement	0	0	0		
Sub-Total, County Assessments:	398,618	408,583	408,583		

State Assessments and Charges:					
Retired Employees Health Insurance	0	0	0		
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	0	0	0		
Mosquito Control Projects	129,449	132,393	132,416		
Air Pollution Districts	6,597	6,762	6,774		
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	0	0	0		
Old Colony Planning Council	0	0	0		
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	12,860	15,280	15,280		
Sub-Total, State Assessments:	148,906	154,435	154,470		

Transportation Authorities:					
MBTA	0	0	0		
Boston Metro. Transit District	0	0	0		
Regional Transit	50,006	51,258	51,258		
Sub-Total, Transp Authorities:	50,006	51,258	51,258		

Annual Charges Against Receipts:					
Multi-Year Repayment Program	0	0	0		
Special Education	0	0	0		
Sub-Total, Annual Charges:	0	0	0		

Tuition Assessments:					
School Choice Sending Tuition	483,703	468,410	469,840		
Charter School Sending Tuition	679,654	513,904	351,998		
Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments:	1,163,357	982,314	821,838		

Total All Estimated Charges:	1,760,887	1,596,590	1,436,149		
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Total Receipts - Assessments & Cha	\$ 6,551,975	\$ 7,152,133	\$ 7,247,439		
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