

From: Kathee Burke-Gonzalez
To: Si Kinsella
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Update of the Wainscott private well survey as of 11/16/17
Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 2:19:02 PM

Si,
For the record, the timeline by which members of the Town Board learned of the PFC's is as follows:

Friday, October 6th

The Supervisor is first advised by the County of the contamination and a call is scheduled for 2:30pm that afternoon with the NYS DEC, NYS Department of Health and Suffolk County Department of Health Services to brief both the Supervisor and myself, as liaison to Wainscott

Monday, October 9th

Town, County and State offices are closed for Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 10th

A follow up call is conducted

Wednesday, October 11th

Town finalizes plans to distribute water

County issues public statement

Throughout the process the Town has pressed our partners to release the information to the public as quickly as possible. For you to suggest that I don't take this seriously enough and to go on and accuse County Legislator Bridget Fleming and me of sitting on this information for six months is outrageous.

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From: Si Kinsella [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Update of the Wainscott private well survey as of 11/16/17

Importance: High

Kathee,
I don't believe you do fully understand our concerns. If you did, then you would've taken our concerns more seriously when likely PFC contamination in Wainscott was first brought to your attention at the Environmental Sub-Committee (ESC) meeting on March 24, 2017. You and Bridget Fleming were present at this meeting together with Senior Public Health Engineer Jason Hime and

Environmental Toxicologist Amy Juchatz. The most memorable – and revealing – comment came from SCDHS Health Engineer Jason Hime, who said that those drinking from private wells are “drinking at their own risk”.

At this same ESC meeting on March 24, I made reference to the Hannon Report (published January 3, 2017). I submitted testimony at this hearing on water quality and contamination chaired by NYS Senator Hannon (on September 12, 2016). Had you or Bridget Fleming taken the time to read the Executive Summary of the Hannon Report, you would have realized that aircraft-related activities are a known source of PFC contamination.

Although you and Bridget Fleming knew about potential PFC contamination near the airport in March, nothing was done for nearly six months and it was nearly seven months until Wainscott residents received the Health Advisory of October 11, 2017. It wasn't until after my emails in early September (attached), that wells were sampled.

As the Town Board member assigned to both the Hamlet of Wainscott and the East Hampton Airport (the presumed source of the PFC contamination), you should have given greater priority to the health and wellbeing of Wainscott residents, but due to failures by both the Town and SCDHS, Wainscott residents were unnecessarily drinking from contaminated wells for nearly seven months.

In your email to me of November 17 (below), you are refusing to release or to seek information from the SCDHS that pertains to the health of Wainscott residents for reasons of “privacy”, but neither the ESC nor I asked for private information (e.g. names or street addresses). We asked for information only pertaining to the extent of PFC contamination within Wainscott. I suggested a “heat map”, but the WCAC in its letter to the Town of October 16, suggested broad well locations with reference to important landmarks (i.e. East Hampton Airport, Montauk Highway, the former sand mine site, Georgica & Wainscott Pond, the Wainscott School). The Town's continued refusal to provide or to seek this information piles injury upon injury and further underscores the lack of concern the Town and the SCDHS has for Wainscott residents.

Furthermore, in your email (below), the second reason you use for not providing more detailed information (i.e. SCDHS has results for only 20% of wells), is inaccurate. I'm assuming you sent this email out in haste and perhaps you forgot that an hour beforehand you emailed a PFC contamination update where you confirmed that 52 of 145 well test results (36%) had been received. Regardless as to whether it's 26 of 122 wells (21% per Nov 2 update) or 52 of 145 wells (36% per Nov 17 update), the number of wells in both instances is enough to provide information pertaining to the nature and extent of the PFC contamination which to-date the Town and SCDHS are refusing to release.

Please consider this email to be a request for more transparency with regard to PFC contamination within Wainscott.

Regards,
Si Kinsella

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Si,

I completely understand residents' concerns and I share them as well.
Due to privacy issues, I don't foresee a map being issued at this time. Particularly when NYS/Suffolk County only have results for 20% of the wells in the survey area.

Be well,
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From: Si Kinsella [Redacted]
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Kathee,
Thank you for latest update on PCF Contamination within Wainscott.
At our November WCAC Meeting, we discussed providing to residents a map of the PFC contamination similar to a "heat map". Needless-to-say, many Wainscott residents are concern about their contaminated drinking water, but **there has been very little information trickling out from the Town/SCDHS. This is unacceptable.** Has the Town requested from the SCDHS such a map? Has SCDHS provided such a map?

Best regards,
Si Kinsella

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 17, 2017, at 2:04 PM, Kathee Burke-Gonzalez <KBurke-Gonzalez@EHamptonNY.Gov> wrote:

- Folks,
Below is an update of the Wainscott private well survey as of 11/16/17.
Status of the 246 Properties with Potential Wells
*Total number of wells sampled within survey area: 145
*Total number of homes/businesses refusing a sample within survey area: 2
*Total number that did not respond: 80

*Total number of developed properties with unoccupied buildings/residences: 0

*Total number of requests for sampling: 28

Analytical Results Summary for the 145 Wells Sampled

of wells with test results: 52

of wells with no detections of PFOS/PFOA: 24

of wells with detections, below the PFOS/PFOA HAL: 27

o 22 of the 27 wells are less than 20 ppt

o 5 of the 27 wells have detections ranging from 23.75 ppt to 56.9 ppt

of wells above the PFOS/PFOA Health Advisory Level (HAL)*: 1

of wells with PFOS/PFOA results that are pending: 93

*Please note that the USEPA has established the drinking water Health Advisory Level at 70 ppt

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